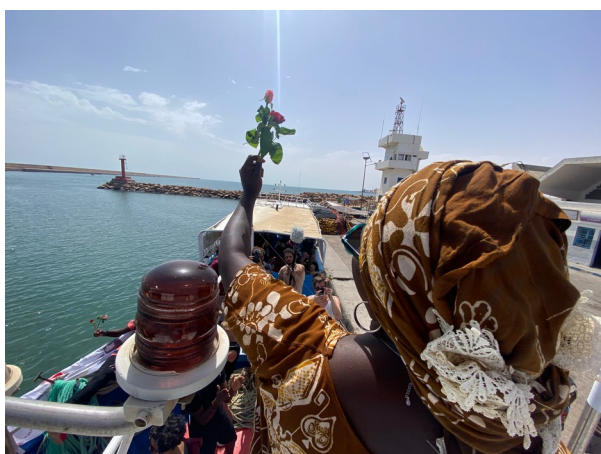




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DEAR FRIENDS!

The beginning of the year tempts us to take stock of 2022. Last year's statistics for Germany seem remarkable: around 1.2 million people seeking protection arrived here. Of these, around 1 million people from Ukraine who were able to enter freely and obtain a secure residence permit relatively easily. Almost 200,000 people from other countries - especially Syria, Afghanistan, Turkey, Iraq - have managed to reach Germany and have filed new asylum applications. This - excluding Ukraine - is the highest number since 2015! Their protection quota, i.e. the number of recognitions, is higher than ever at 56%. "Adjusted" for e.g. rejections due to Dublin procedures, it is even 72%. And then there are the cases won in court.



Zarzis, September 2022

These are impressive figures that reflect how, against all restrictions and obstacles - despite stricter visa regulations and despite increasing state violence at the European external borders - the "People on the Move" are asserting themselves in thousands of "small struggles" and that flight and migration movements still cannot be stopped.

While Frontex has been politically put on the defensive, its new boss has had to vow to do better and officially distance itself from the push-back policy, the anti-racist support networks have at least not become weaker. At the Transborder Summer Camp in July 2022, more groups and activists came

together than in the summer of 2019. The civilian rescue fleet (ships, search planes, hotline) in the central Mediterranean - another measure of continuity for the defence of human rights - also grew by a few more actors in 2022. So much for some positive highlights.



Genf, December 2022

A question that has recently raised and rightly throws any optimistic balance into a tailspin: can it be that while networking is steadily increasing, at the same time the border regime is becoming ever more brutalised? The racist massacre in Melilla in June 2022 as one piece of evidence, the persistently high death toll in the Mediterranean as another. Add to this continued push-backs at almost all external borders and a particularly

unleashed violence at the Greek-Turkish border. New right-wing and nationalist parties as government supporters - as in Sweden - or even post-fascists in power - as in Italy. In any case, the political map of the EU has not changed for the better or even the fairer in the last year. And we haven't even mentioned war and crisis, militarisation and climate emergency, increasing impoverishment and precarisation yet...

Well, it is precisely these "big" issues for which the platform for a Transnational Social Strike from 10 to 12 February 2023 in Frankfurt is creating discussion spaces. In order to talk and exchange in a transnational composition about how we assess the increasingly complex world social upheavals and contradictions, how we can and want to move and intervene in them. "Great leaps" are certainly not to be expected from this - or at least not in the short term. But perhaps a better placement and also encouragement for the many "small struggles" for freedom of movement and equal rights, which we will continue in 2023 in any case.

With solidarity greetings,
the Kompass crew



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2023

06.02.2023 TRANSNATIONAL: DECENTRALIZED COMMEMORATIONS



Around 6 February 2023, jointly coordinated, decentralised commemorative actions will take place in many cities in Europe and in North and West Africa: CommemorActions.

The occasion is 6 February 2014, when the Spanish Guardia Civil used rubber bullets and tear gas against migrants trying to swim from Tarajal in Morocco to the Spanish exclave of Ceuta, killing 15 people. They killed 15 people.

VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK YOU CAN FIND THE CALL AS WELL AS REPORTS FROM 6.2.2022, WHEN PARALLEL COMMEMORATION ACTIONS ALREADY TOOK PLACE IN MORE THAN 50 CITIES:

[HTTPS://MISSINGATTHEBORDERS.ORG/EN/NEWS](https://missingattheborders.org/en/news)

THE FOLLOWING LINK PROVIDES THE LOCATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 6 FEBRUARY 2023:

[HTTPS://MISSINGATTHEBORDERS.ORG/EN/INDEX.PHP?P=NEWS/2023/COMMEMORAZIONE-EVENTI](https://missingattheborders.org/en/index.php?p=news/2023/commemorazione-eventi)

10.-12.02.2023 FRANKFURT: TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL STRIKE MEETING "WE WANT MORE: STRIKE WAR AND CLIMATE CRISIS!"



TreMeeting of the Transnational Social Strike Platform, Frankfurt 10-12 February 2023 - Location: Studierenden-Haus der Goethe Universität, Mertonstrasse 26, 60325, Frankfurt am Main.

A separate workshop on "Migration as a social movement" is planned for Saturday (11.2.23) in the afternoon from 4 - 6 pm:

"how to fight for the freedom of movement and against institutional racism within and beyond Europe?" An inviting comment from kein mensch ist illegal Hanau: "Certainly for us, who are active in anti-racist networks, this workshop is a special point of reference and discussion, in which we also want to participate in a preparatory way. But we think that the continuous transnational cross-over approach of the TSS platform offers a variety of ideas and connecting points that make it worthwhile to participate in the conference in Frankfurt. The following titles of the meetings and workshops demonstrate the spectrum of the planned discussions and how attempts are made to establish lines of connection between the different struggles: "Fighting the war politics, for a transnational politics of peace"; "End of the month, End of the World - Same struggle - Exchanges and experience of climate movement(s)"; "Striking Social Reproduction - The challenges of the transnational feminist movement - How to organise as 'essential workers'"; "STRIKE AS A LEVERAGE: Building power in times of war and climate crisis - Prospects for new transnational movements".

"Connecting struggles" is and remains a central claim in the search for overall social change. In anti-racist conferences of recent years, such as in autumn 2021 at the simulta-



neous Convergences in Palermo and Dakar or also at the Transborder Summer Camp in summer 2022, "transversal workshops" were also on the agenda. "Connecting struggles?" was also the guiding question of publications where we were involved in two online publications within the framework of "In which society do we want to live?!" (see https://welche-gesellschaft.org/trossenstek_01/). But again and again we notice how difficult it remains to follow this claim for continuous cross-over discussions or even to implement it more permanently in common practices. This makes the efforts of the TSS to keep creating transnational spaces to bring different struggles into common and cross-over discussions all the more significant and valuable to us in the face of complex realities and challenges."

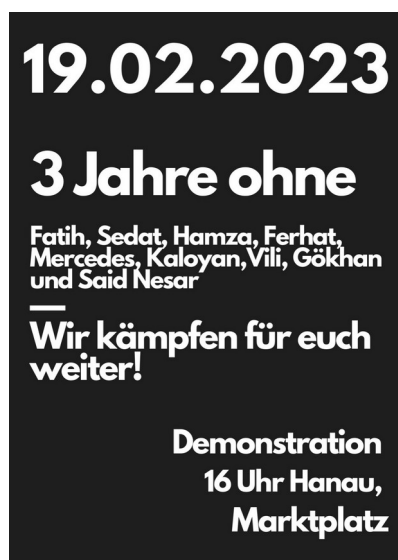
THE CALL FOR THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2022/11/17/WE-WANT-MORE-STRIKE-THE-WAR-AND-THE-CLIMATE-CRISIS-TSS-MEETING-IN-FRANKFURT-10-12-02-2023/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/2022/11/17/we-want-more-strike-the-war-and-the-climate-crisis-tss-meeting-in-frankfurt-10-12-02-2023/)

A FIRST PROGRAMME (INCLUDING REGISTRATION FORM!) FOR THE CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT IS ALSO PUBLISHED ON THE TSS WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/EVENT/TRANSNATIONAL-MEETING-IN-FRANKFURT/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/event/transnational-meeting-in-frankfurt/)

19.02.2023 THREE YEARS AFTER THE RACIST TERRORIST ATTACK IN HANAU THREE YEARS WITHOUT YOU!



"On 19 February 2023, we count 1095 days since we lost Ferhat, Hamza, Said Nesar, Vili Viorel, Mercedes, Kaloyan, Fatih, Sedat and Gökhan to a racist murderer. Years, months and days pass, but the pain continues to grow.

19 February 2020 - on that day our loved ones were brutally ripped from our lives. The wounds that day left in us will not heal. Years, months and days will pass - the pain remains.

Since 19 February 2020, we also know that our loved ones were not just a part of our lives. All over the country, people showed their connection with them. They gave of their time, their lives, their ideas and their strength to bear the grief and anger together

and to keep the memory alive.

We have promised that we will not rest. For three years we have carried your names everywhere.

We tell your stories,
we lament what happened,
what is not said,
and what was not prevented.

In these three years, we have talked to all the political leaders. We were in Frankfurt, in Wiesbaden, in Berlin. We met with open doors and open ears. But not open hearts.

We were promised justice. And yet, on the third anniversary, we must continue to ask for consequences that still do not exist. The committee of enquiry that was supposed to ans-



wer our questions is not doing justice to its mandate. We ask ourselves, how long will Hessian authorities continue to cover up, how long will they remain silent, how long will they continue to ignore?

Today, almost three years later, we know: the limit of justice is consequences.



There is still no memorial on the market square, we continue to fight for there to be a memorial on the market square in Hanau.

We have done our own research and clarification and our joint exhibition with Forensis will be in the Hanau town hall from 1 February to 18 March.

On the anniversary on 19 February 2023, we will commemorate in silence at the cemeteries in Hanau, Offenbach and Dietzenbach. The official commemoration will take place at the market square. We will demonstrate together with the Hanau Youth Alliance from 4pm. From 9.30 pm we will gather with you at the crime scenes at Heumarkt and in Kesselstadt, so that we are not left alone.

We call on you to stand with us again on 19 February.

Organise rallies, demonstrations and commemorative actions in the streets and squares of your towns and villages. To remember is to change."

From 1 February to 18 March 2023, the exhibition "Three Years of Remembrance and Enlightenment" will be presented in the foyer of the New Town Hall. This exhibition was created in cooperation between the independent investigation agency Forensic Architecture /Forensis and us relatives, survivors as well as the Initiative 19 February Hanau.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY, THE EXHIBITION AS WELL AS THE FIRST TEXTS TAKING STOCK OF THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE OF THE INITIATIVE 19 FEBRUARY HANAU: [HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG](https://19feb-hanau.org)

24.-26.02.2023 OSNABRÜCK: WE`LL COME UNITED

"Dear all, as you already know, we are organising a We'll Come United networking meeting in Osnabrück from 24-26 February 2023. The main purpose of the meeting is to share how we will continue as Welcome United and how we will keep the network together. But there will also be space for sharing about our current issues and struggles...."

PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH REGISTRATION: NOLAGER-OS@RISEUP.NET

27.+28.02.2023 NIAMEY (AND ONLINE): CONFERENCE FROM ALARM PHONE SAHARA



Substantive review of Law 036-2015 in Niger - for freedom of movement and human rights in the Sahel-Saharan region
Hybrid and in-person conference!

KOMPASS
ANTIRA-NEWSLETTER
02/2023



„Dear comrades in struggle,

Alarme Phone Sahara would like to invite you to a conference in Niamey/Niger on the 27th and 28th February 2023, in order to strengthen with you a transnational campaign for the substantive revision of the Nigerien "anti-passenger" law 036-2015, as this law is a central element of the repressive and murderous regime of externalised borders.

ORGANISATIONAL ATTENTION: Alarme Phone Sahara (APS) as a small activist network does not have great financial means. The organisation of the conference in Niamey is a big challenge for Alarme Phone Sahara. In this sense, APS can only guarantee to finance the costs of tickets and accommodation for a small number of people who are actively working in Alarme Phone Sahara and in the campaign for the revision of law 036-2015. Any other comrades in solidarity who want to join the conference are very welcome - but you will need to seek to fund your own travel and accommodation costs through your own organisations and networks. We will let you know if Alarme Phone Sahara finds additional funding to support more participants! Thank you for your understanding and solidarity!

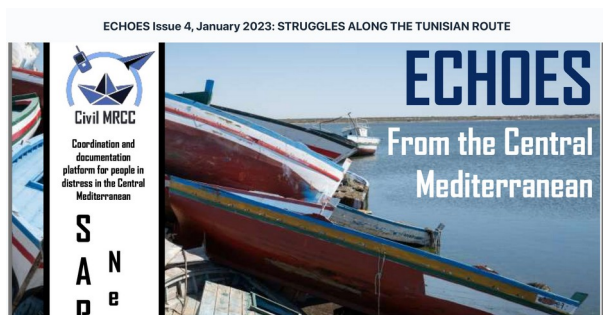
We will make every effort to organize the event as a hybrid conference. Nevertheless, we are of course happy about a large number of participants on site in Niamey.

Alarm Phone Sahara: daily support work & political pressure from civil society

As many of you know, in line with the principles of "sensitise, document, rescue", Alarme Phone Sahara carries out daily support work in Niger for migrants and refugees on the Sahel-Saharan routes, whose lives, security and rights are threatened daily by the effects of an externalised border regime. An important part of the work is also to raise awareness and mobilise against the anti-migration policies of this regime. In this framework, we want to intensify our work against the law 036-2015 in force in Niger from now on. ..."

FULL INVITATION, PROGRAM AND MORE - CONTACT US FOR ANY QUESTION CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE: APSNIGER@PROTON.COM

[HTTPS://ALARMEPHONESAHARA.INFO/EN/](https://alarmephonesahara.info/en/)



CENTRAL MED: ECHOES NO. 4

"Echoes" is a critical review between 20 and 30 pages long, published every two months, addressing actors of solidarity at sea as well as any person interested in border struggles. The main goal of this publication is to make visible the

impressive cooperation that already exists between organizations and networks present in the Mediterranean through maritime rescues carried out by NGO ships, aerial monitoring flights with civil aircraft, as well as through the Alarm Phone hotline, which has supported over 5.000 boats in distress since 2014."

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[HTTPS://CIVILMRCC.EU/ECHOES-FROM-THE-CENTRAL-MEDITERRANEAN/ECHOES4-JAN2023/](https://civilmrcc.eu/echoes-from-the-central-mediterranean/echoes4-jan2023/)

CENTRAL MED: ALARM PHONE ANALYSE CONTESTING BORDERS IN A RACIST ENVIRONMENT



In 2022, the Alarm Phone was alerted to 673 boats in distress in the central Mediterranean region. In view of 27 distress cases in 2018, 101 in 2019, 173 in 2020, and 407 in 2021, 2022 was by far the busiest year the Alarm Phone has experienced in this region. This increase in alerts to boats in distress reflects an overall increase in crossings

as well as a growing awareness of the Alarm Phone among communities 'on the move'. About 105,000 people have arrived through the central Mediterranean route, a considerable increase to the 67,500 people who arrived in 2021, the 34,000 in 2020, and 11,500 in 2019. This increase highlights that despite European efforts to build up, finance, and equip the so-called Libyan coastguard over recent years, and despite intensifying cooperation between European and Tunisian authorities, people continue to succeed in escaping across the sea.

The vast majority of people arriving in Italy arrived autonomously or were rescued only a few nautical miles off Italian coasts. People on the move have adapted to European forms of non-assistance where they cannot expect to be rescued by European authorities over considerable distances, especially in the Maltese Search and Rescue (SAR) zone. According to the UNHCR, only 430 people were rescued to Malta, showing once more the reluctance of the Armed Forces of Malta to engage in rescue operations.

Despite the high number of arrivals, tens of thousands of people were not able to reach Europe, being abducted at sea and returned to the places they tried to escape from. Tunisian coastguards have repeatedly engaged in dangerous interception operations, some of which have ended deadly. According to the Forum Tunisien pour les Droits Économiques et Sociaux (FTDES), about 29,000 people were returned to Tunisia until the end of October 2022. The IOM estimates that about 24,700 people were returned to Libya from the sea.

The withdrawal of European rescue assets and the systematic non-assistance of boats in distress at sea have cost lives at sea. The IOM estimates that 1,377 people have died or disappeared in the central Mediterranean in 2022 – of course an undercount as many deaths and disappearances are never accounted for. Family members regularly contact Alarm Phone in their desperate search for their loved ones and many, including families in Zarzis/Tunisia, have taken to the streets to protest EU border violence and demand answers from the European and Tunisian authorities about their missing children. From 3



to 5 September, we joined the CommemorAction in Zarzis, as a meeting space for relatives, friends and community members of people who went missing or lost their lives at the EU borders, as well as for civil society organizations willing to support them and amplify their voices.

As in previous years, the civil fleet has sought to fill the deadly rescue gap created by Europe but was regularly hampered by European authorities. Especially since the election of the fascist Meloni government in Italy, the civil fleet has faced numerous attacks and restrictions. Shortly after coming to power, the government tried to prevent the NGO vessels Ocean Viking, Geo Barents, Rise Above, and Humanity1 from disembarking rescued people at Italian harbors. After failing to implement a new strategy whereby only those considered 'vulnerable' would be allowed to disembark, the government tried a different approach, issuing a decree in December 2022, passed in January 2023. The decree includes a provision that would force NGO rescuers to move immediately to a port after a single rescue operation, thereby considerably cutting down their operational time and wasting their rescue capacity. Moreover, already in December, several rescue NGOs were instructed by the Italian authorities to disembark the rescued in northern Italian harbors, thus extending their absence from the deadliest areas in the central Mediterranean Sea.

Despite these attacks on the civil fleet, the Alarm Phone has successfully cooperated with NGO rescuers on numerous occasions, leading to the rescue of over 100 boats in distress over the last year. Together with the civil aerial assets, the Civil Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre, and the civil fleet, we have documented and frequently prevented European forms of non-assistance and pushbacks. Also in 2023, we will continue to enact our solidarity with people on the move and fight the EU border regime that causes thousands of deaths every year."

FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/01/18/CONTESTING-BORDERS-IN-A-RACIST-ENVIRONMENT/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/01/18/contesting-borders-in-a-racist-environment/?post_type=release_type=post)

UNHCR IS UNFAIR – PROTEST DAYS IN GENEVA

„On the 9th and 10th of December 2022, a solidarity alliance formed by 'Refugees in Libya' and 'Solidarity with Refugees in Libya' gathered in front of the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva to call on the UN agency to live up to its legal mandate of providing adequate protection and assistance to refugees in Libya and elsewhere.

Press conference, 09 December 2022

The press conference was opened by the spokesperson of the a Refugees in Libya movement, David Yambio: "I am here today representing the thousands of people still locked up in camps in Libya. We are talking about people regularly registered as refugees with UNHCR who have been prevented from fair access to the asylum process."

Lam Magok, a fellow activist who himself was trapped in Libya for five years, continued his testimony: "We are human beings like everyone else. We are like Ukrainians. There are no A and B migrants".

Azeb Ambessa spoke for the Alliance Solidarity with Refugees in Libya and United4Eritrea: "The transnational movement was born shortly after the start of the protest in Tri-



poli to amplify the voices and demands of Refugees in Libya”, and added that “the European Union’s border regime is complicit as a financier in torture, killings, and rapes that take place every day in the detention centres in Libya”.

The press conference was closed with a contribution of Muhammad al-Kashef, lawyer, activist of the Alliance ‘Solidarity with Refugees in Libya’, and co-founder of Refugees’ Solidarity Movement in Egypt. He scandalised his lands”.

The press conference livestream is available on our YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/live/6yr0vcAGTD0>

A delegation meets UNHCR officer in Geneva

Following the press conference, a small delegation of the alliance was invited to speak to Alex Tayler, Senior Liaison Officer for the Middle East and North Africa at the UN. In the conversation, David Yambio and Muhammad Al-Kashef were stressing the demands of the UNFAIR campaign – to be found in the context page of the website:

<https://unfairagency.org/unhcr/>

10th of December 2022 – International Human Rights Day

The protest continued with a march from ‘Place des Nations’ to the ‘Place des Navigations’ on 10th of December – the United Nations ‘75th International Human Rights Day’. The crowd crossed the city, chanting slogans like: “We are here, and we will fight – Seeking asylum is everybody’s right!” and “UN Agencies – Stop ghosting refugees” until arriving at Place de la Navigation, in the middle of the Paquis neighbourhood where 80% of houses are inhabited by ‘foreigners’. Here the demonstration was concluded with various artistic and musical performances and a promise of this only being the start for something bigger to come. You can find a more detailed report about the action days and media coverage here.

[HTTP://UNFAIRAGENCY.ORG](http://unfairagency.org)

ANOTHER REPORT ON THE ACTION HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.MIGAZIN.DE/2022/12/19/GEFLUECHTETER-UNHCR-SPIELE-LEBEN/](https://www.migazin.de/2022/12/19/GEFLUECHTETER-UNHCR-SPIELE-LEBEN/)

THE HUMAN DESPITE ALL



From the abyss of Libyan detention to the forging of commonality through struggles

Why am I joining a demonstration in solidarity with migrants and refugees in Libya in front of the UNHCR in Geneva on the 9th and 10th of December? What

may seem like the simplest of questions conjures a series of far more challenging ones. At stake are nothing less than the recognition of the depth of the wounds born by those who have been denied their humanity in Libya, how and why this should concern us all, and what humans might become in struggling together against and across the boundaries that cut across our life in common....”

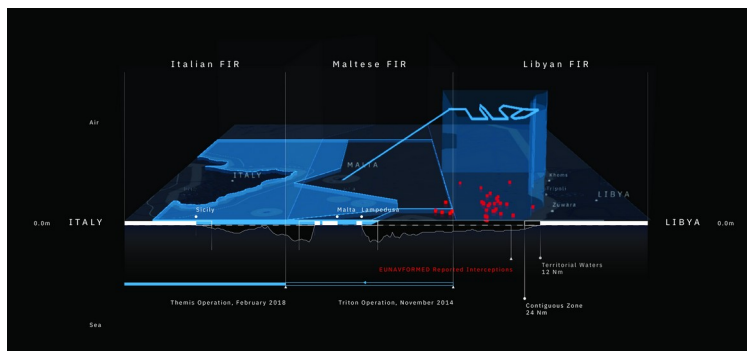
ARTICLE FROM CHARLES HELLER FROM BORDERFORENSICS:

[HTTPS://WWW.BORDERFORENSICS.ORG/PROPOSITIONS/THE-HUMAN-DESPITE-ALL/](https://www.borderforensics.org/propositions/the-human-despite-all/)



BORDER FORENSICS ON FRONTEX DRONES IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Airborne Complicity – Frontex Aerial Surveillance Enables Abuse



Over the last year, we have partnered with Human Rights Watch to investigate the use by the EU's border agency, Frontex, of aerial surveillance in the central Mediterranean.

The aircraft, several

planes and a drone operated by private companies, transmit video feeds and other information to a situation centre in Frontex headquarters in Warsaw, where operational decisions are taken about when and whom to alert about migrants' boats. Frontex aerial surveillance is key in enabling the Libyan Coast Guard to intercept migrant boats and return their passengers to Libya, knowing full well that they will face systematic and widespread abuse when forcibly returned there....

THE MULTIMEDIA FEATURE PRESENTING THE RESULTS OF OUR INVESTIGATION IS AVAILABLE HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.HRW.ORG/VIDEO-PHOTOS/INTERACTIVE/2022/12/08/AIRBORNE-COMPLICITY-](https://www.hrw.org/video-photos/interactive/2022/12/08/airborne-complicity-frontex-aerial-surveillance-enables-abuse)

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COURT OF ROME RULING ON THE SHIPWRECK OF 11 OCTOBER 2013

Italian coast guard and navy are responsible for the death of 268 refugees due to failure to provide assistance. The court confirms once again: People in distress at sea must always be rescued from drowning!

The Court of Rome recently ruled that the Italian coast guard and navy were guilty of manslaughter and negligence resulting in failure to rescue, and were thus ruled responsible for the death of 268 refugees on the shipwreck that took place off Lampedusa in 2013. However, the three human rights organisations PRO ASYL, borderline-europe and WatchTheMed/Alarm Phone react with mixed feelings to this recent judgement. The two people accused, Captain Leopoldo Manna and Frigate Captain Luca Licciardi, were not convicted because the case was time-barred, as the trial was brought beyond the limitations period. (...)

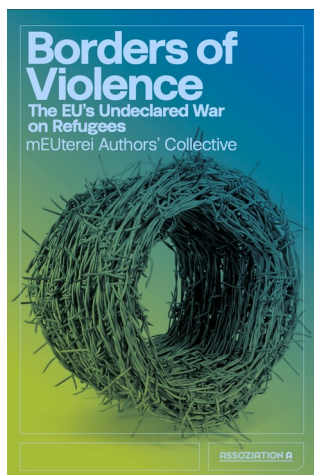
„Distress calls at sea must be taken urgently and rescue operations must be launched without delay. This is the central message of this lawsuit, which is not only directed at the Italian coastguards but at all coastguards and rescue forces in the Mediterranean“. In addition, it must now be examined whether the Italian state can be obliged to pay compensation to the victims in a civil law procedure. ...“

COMMON PRESS RELEASE HERE:

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/01/19/LANDMARK-COURT-RULING-ON-2013-SHIPWRECK/](https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/01/19/landmark-court-ruling-on-2013-shipwreck/)



PUBLICATION: BORDERS OF VIOLENCE



„Some months ago, the publication of "Borders of violence - The EU's undeclared war against refugees" was already announced, a feminist collaborative work by activists, lawyers and researchers from Alarm Phone, borderline-europe, BMVN, luventa, Josoor, Louise Michael and Safe Passage Foundation (back then only in German). We're happy to announce that the book has now been translated into English and is available here as a pdf for free download:

http://www.assoziation-a.de/dokumente/mEUterei_Borders_of_Violence.pdf

The book was published on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to the EU last year.

The project emerged with the aim of obtaining a comprehensive and detailed documentation and summary of European border violence that goes beyond individual news articles and homepages of individual organisations. It was written to bring together the numerous experiences and specific knowledge of the various actors involved and to collect and document the multitude of places, methods and thus the systematics of European border violence in one book...."

OVERVIEW FIGURES ON 2022

"At the end of 2022, 28.6 million people were living as refugees outside their country, according to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) - 24 per cent more than in the previous year. The strongest driver was Russia's war of aggression on Ukraine: almost eight million refugees from Ukraine were taken in by Europe. According to estimates, about one million of them live in Germany. In addition, Germany took in around 200,000 asylum seekers from other countries in 2022.

Eight out of ten protection seekers who entered Germany in 2022 came from Ukraine. The majority of these are women and children. In addition, around 244,000 people from other countries have applied for asylum in Germany - around 218,000 for the first time. Most of them come from Syria (70,976 first-time applications), Afghanistan (36,358), Turkey (23,938) and Iraq (15,175). In about eleven percent of the cases, these were children of refugees born in Germany. This means that around 193,000 protection seekers from other countries actually entered Germany - about 58 per cent more than in the previous year.

How do refugees come to Europe?

War refugees from Ukraine are allowed to enter the European Union freely. Most refugees from other countries, on the other hand, have to cross the EU's external borders irregularly - usually via one of the dangerous routes that lead through the Mediterranean Sea. In 2022, most of the refugees arrived in Europe via the so-called central Mediterra-



nean route: around 100,000 people reached Italy and Malta, about 32,000 people Spain (incl. Canary Islands) and just under 22,700 Greece and Cyprus. About half of the people who reached Europe via the Mediterranean came from three countries: Tunisia (about 33,000 people), Egypt (about 29,000 people) and Bangladesh (22,000). The Mediterranean routes remain extremely dangerous: according to estimates by the International Organisation for Migration, more than 2,000 people died during the crossing in 2022.

How many have received protection in Germany?

Refugees from Ukraine do not have to apply for asylum in Germany. They receive so-called temporary protection. Around 860,000 people have received or applied for this. Of the people from other countries who applied for asylum in Germany in 2022, more than half received a positive decision (around 128,500 people). However, if one excludes the applications that were rejected for formal reasons (for example, because another EU member state is responsible for the asylum procedure), the protection rate was around 72 per cent. ..."

FULL TEXT WITH OVERVIEW GRAPHS:

[HTTPS://MEDIENDIENST-INTEGRATION.DE/ARTIKEL/DIE-WICHTIGSTEN-ASYLZAHLEN-2022.HTML](https://mediendienst-integration.de/artikel/die-wichtigsten-asylzahlen-2022.html)

REVIEW

OURY JALLOH DEMONSTRATION ON 7.1.2023

by Umbruch Bildarchiv



"More than 2000 people demonstrated through Dessau on Saturday (7.1.23) in memory of Oury Jalloh. 18 years ago Oury Jalloh was physically abused in police custody, fixed on a mattress and set on fire. The Initiative in Memory of Oury Jalloh presented a new expertise on the fire at the beginning of November 2021. For the first time, it shows a reconstruction of the fire in an

original replica of the cell in which Oury Jalloh burned to death. The pictures emphatically show that a fire scene as it was found on 7 January 2005 could only have been created with the help of accelerants. Oury Jalloh's brother has been waiting for a decision on his constitutional complaint to the Federal Constitutional Court for over 3 years. The demonstration led to the police station at Wolfgangstrasse 25 along the sites of the cover-up and to burke investigations, including the district court, the regional court and the Dessau public prosecutor's office. Here, empty lighters were thrown in front of the entrance and poured out. They are symbolic of the blatant manipulation and disregard of important pieces of evidence for the murder of Oury Jalloh."

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