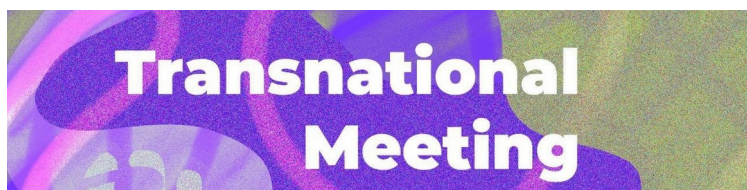




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## DEAR FRIENDS!



Transnational Social Strike in Frankfurt, We'll Come United in Osnabrück, Alarm Phone Sahara in Niamey: three conferences that took place

shortly after each other in February, representing three very different networking processes and yet connected in many ways.

The Transnational Social Strike Platform links struggles against war and climate crisis, against precarisation and border regimes. In the Frankfurt meeting with activists from over 15 countries, the migration workshop posed the question of how local and specific struggles against exclusion and exploitation can work together in a common perspective.



From 2017 to 2019, We'll Come United formed a strong, nationwide alliance against racism, deportations and camps; in mixed organisation, up to 30,000 participants were mobilised for joint demonstration parades. At the meeting in Osnabrück, activists from more than 10 cities discussed in a productive atmosphere which contents and structures could be used to reorganise the network.

Alarm Phone Sahara has stood for solidarity with refugees and migrants on the desert routes in Niger for many years. The conference

took place in transnational composition with activists from North and West Africa as well as Europe. The externalisation of EU border policy plays a central role in the struggle against the criminalisation of migration there.

Out of current cause we weave another reality into this preface: the escalating situation in Tunisia. An increasingly dictatorial president is copying racist conspiracy theories of European fascists on the alleged "population exchange" in the North African context and blows the whistle on the hunt and criminalisation of sub-Saharan (transit) migration. The fact that the foreign minister and the post-fascist prime minister of Italy were guests shortly before is probably no coincidence. Especially since they have offered their colleagues in Tunis to issue more visas for Tunisian seasonal workers in return for Tunisia pushing back boat people and other "irregular migrants".



It remains the case that we can only fight against the escalation of violence at the external and internal borders of the EU, against the hierarchisation of rights in the North-South differences, against the "divide and rule" policy of a global apartheid regime, if we organise ourselves with local roots in transnational networks. We should value the three conferences mentioned above as modules, as spaces for thinking and collective moments: on the way to common perspectives that we have to create anew again and again.

With best wishes for solidarity,

the Kompass team



## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR MARCH 2023

### RACIST AND FASCIST ATTACKS – CALL FOR DONATIONS FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN TUNISIA

In recent weeks, Black people in Tunisia face a repressive wave of arbitrary arrests and police and state violence as well as physical attacks by organized and non-organized civil groups. Targeting people coming from Central and West African countries, the already existing racism in the country has escalated. People have been seriously injured and houses have been set on fire. They have suddenly been fired from their jobs, families have been evicted from their homes, others could not leave their houses for several days because they are afraid of being attacked, being controlled and being detained. An unknown number of people has been forcibly disappeared.

The violence has dramatically increased after the publication of a press release by President Kaïs Saïed which was issued after a National Security Council meeting on the 21 February. The press release refers to conspiracy theories about migration, using the narrative of the „great replacement“ that „changes the demographic composition of Tunisia“ and is calling for „urgent measures to stop this phenomenon“. Its publication catalyzed a surge in acts of hate and violence against sub-Saharan communities in Tunisia who suffer from this terror.

The situation can only worsen in the coming days and weeks as people are forced to hide in the streets and support is criminalized by the state. The people urgently need material support to access medical care, safe accommodation, safe transportation, basic needs such as food and electricity, as well as financial support to compensate for their sudden loss of income. We call for international solidarity to support sub-Saharan people in Tunisia.

**SUPPORT HERE:** [HTTPS://KONNECT.NETWORK/ADMIN/MONEY-POT/63FB4BEE195649D7EFC37FE3](https://konnekt.network/admin/money-pot/63fb4bee195649d7efc37fe3)

**THE CALL IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES AND FURTHER LINKS:** [HTTPS://MIGRATION-CONTROL.INFO/RACIST-AND-FASCIST-ATTACKS-CALL-FOR-DONATIONS-FOR-BLACK-PEOPLE-IN-TUNISIA/](https://migration-control.info/racist-and-fascist-attacks-call-for-donations-for-black-people-in-tunisia/)

### FROM 17 MARCH IN WUPPERTAL: SERIES OF EVENTS ON 25 YEARS OF THE CARAVAN



„For 25 years we have been defending ourselves against the attacks on our lives. For 25 years we have organised solidarity from below, beyond any state structures, the bourgeois parties of the Federal Republic or well-meaning helpers. We have lost numerous sisters and brothers. They were murdered in police cells, in their homes or on the

streets by the police, they were humiliated or drowned at the external borders of Europe. We have lost our families and friends in the countries we have had to leave. More



wars have been forced on us through lies and manipulation. Family members have left us because the prevailing order of the world gives them no chance to live. Yet we are still here, even though the harsh cold wind in Central Europe has since tried to discipline us and teach us what is right or wrong.

We look back with self-confidence and want to share and celebrate our experiences with you. We also do not want to hide our scars that adorn our souls and our bodies. These have also shaped us. We want to mark the way to our 25th anniversary with some local meetings. At these meetings, we not only want to discuss and deliberate, but also eat together and think about how we can expand our solidarity in the future and lay the foundations for the next 25 years..."

**Two events** in March 2023 20 Uhr Marienstraße 52 | Wuppertal:

Friday | 17 March 2023 | 8 pm: We have no choice, but a voice!

Friday | 31 March 2023 | 8 pm: We are here because you are destroying our countries!

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND FOR ALL EVENTS: [HTTP://THECARAVAN.ORG/NODE/4773](http://thecaravan.org/node/4773)**

#### **EVENT SERIES: "BLACKBOX DEPORTATION: HOW GERMANY AND THE EU ILLEGALIZE PEOPLE" (MARCH 21 – MAY 09, 2023)**

Within the framework of five events taking place between March 21 and May 09, 2023, the newly founded network Soli-Asyl Würzburg wants to create awareness for the theme complex of deportations in Germany and Europe. Participants will gain insights into the background, current strategies, instruments, and consequences of the European and German policies of isolation and externalization. Not least also possibilities and practical examples of resistance will be shown. The organizers consider the formation of a critical awareness of the topics discussed to be just as important as raising awareness of the realities of life for migrants and illegalized people in Germany.

**ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN WÜRZBURG. PARTICIPATION IN ALL EVENTS IS FREE OF CHARGE.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE NETWORK SOLI-ASYL WÜRZBURG AND ON THE CONTENTS OF THE EVENT SERIES CAN BE FOUND HERE:**

**[HTTPS://SOLIASYLWUE.NOBLOGS.ORG/VERANSTALTUNGEN/BLACKBOX-ABSCHIEBUNG](https://soli asylwue.noblogs.org/veranstaltungen/blackbox-abschiebung)**



## FREE EL HIBLU 3 - DROP THE CHARGES!



### Activities for the fourth anniversary at 25. und 27. March 2023

Saturday, March 25th at 11:00-12:00

EH3 Concert, Law Courts, Valletta:

(TBC: look out for a FB event soon)

Join us in Valletta in front of the Law Courts to celebrate the El Hiblu 3 and to protest the ongoing and unjust case against them! There will

be a few speeches and some music from ManaTapu members and others.

Monday, March 27th at 11:30 Press Conference, Law Courts, Valletta: Join us for the 4th Anniversary Press Conference. Speakers will include Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President Emeritus of Malta; David Yambio, Refugees in Libya and others.

The mobilization in these days will also include a social event/party and a strategical meeting around the central question: How to get Maltese authorities to drop the charges?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND CONTACT HERE: [HTTPS://ELHIBLU3.INFO/](https://elhiblu3.info/)**

### JOINT PRESS RELEASE BY SEA RESCUE ORGANISATIONS ON THE SITUATION IN THE HOTSPOT IN LAMPEDUSA

„In less than a week, some 5,000 people have arrived. It is hard to imagine what it is like to stand at the Favaloro pier and not have room to walk, or to see the Coast Guard patrol boat shuttling back and forth, having to maneuver carefully to make room for parallel rescue operations by two patrol boats from the Guardia di Finanza, as well as the Swedish Frontex and Carabinieri patrol boats. And it is even harder to imagine what it might feel like to be confined with another 3,200 people inside the contrada Imbriacola hot-spot, which is built to host 389. On Saturday night, a woman died inside the hotspot. She is not the first one, in last months. What is not hard to imagine, is that the conditions in which she was forced to survive contributed to her death. The ritual farewell – the body wrapped in white sheets – does not bring justice for her death, or for that of another person, whose lifeless body arrived last night on board of one of the last Coast Guard rescue ship.“

**FULL TEXT HERE:**

**[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/02/21/THREE-THOUSAND-PEOPLE-IN-THE-LAMPEDUSA-HOTSPOT/?POST\\_TYPE\\_RELEASE\\_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/02/21/three-thousand-people-in-the-lampedusa-hotspot/?post_type_release_type=post)**

### OPEN LETTER FROM SEA RESCUE ORGANISATIONS TO THE NEW FRONTEx DIRECTOR: „FIRST ACT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR NEEDS TO BE THE TERMINATION OF FRONTEx OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN SEA“

„As of yesterday, you are the new Executive Director of Frontex.

Your agency has been involved in the countless scandals, entailing the attempts to hide the agency's involvement in the innumerable violations of the human rights of the peo-



ple on the move. These scandals range from the involvement in the pushbacks in the Aegean, and exchanging Whatsapp messages with the so-called Libyan Coast Guard, to manipulating internal reports on human rights violations and lying at least 11 times to the European Parliament.

On the 19th of January 2023, you declared, during a press conference, that you are “not the type of director who builds a fence around Frontex”, but that you rather “want to open the doors”, and that “NGOs were more than welcome to give their information to us”.

Furthermore, you claimed that “we are going to restore trust by being very transparent about what we are doing and how we are doing it. We are going to do our jobs in accordance with the law and in accordance with what member states want. There should be absolutely nothing to hide”.

We, civil organizations engaged in the Search and Rescue (SAR) activities, seize this opportunity to ask you to live up to your promises. We thus demand replies to the following questions...”

**FULL TEXT AND DEMANDS HERE:**

**[HTTPS://MEDITERRANEARESCUE.ORG/EN/NEWS-EN/FIRST-ACT-OF-THE-NEW-DIRECTOR-NEEDS-TO-BE-THE-TERMINATION-OF-FRONTEx-OPERATIONS-IN-THE-CENTRAL-MEDITERRANEAN-SEA/](https://MEDITERRANEARESCUE.ORG/EN/NEWS-EN/FIRST-ACT-OF-THE-NEW-DIRECTOR-NEEDS-TO-BE-THE-TERMINATION-OF-FRONTEx-OPERATIONS-IN-THE-CENTRAL-MEDITERRANEAN-SEA/)**

## REVIEWS

### COMMEMORATIONS AT 6TH OF FEBRUARY 2023

Around 6 February 2023, jointly coordinated, decentralised commemorative actions took place in many cities in North and West Africa as well as in Europe: CommemorActions. The occasion was 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.



*Credit: CommemorAction in Cameroon*

As example a short report from Tripoli in Lebanon:



„On 6th of February for the first time a CommemorAction event took place in Tripoli, Lebanon. Survivors, family members, activists and human rights defender came together for a symbolic gesture at Tripoli harbor to commemorate the 182 persons that disappeared or deceased in 2022 when trying to flee the countries crisis in boats towards Europe. After the ceremony, a press-conference took place with the survivors, families, their lawyers and different activist groups who support the process of accountability and justice regarding the horrible shipwrecks of last year.“

Parallel commemorActions took place in:

Cameroon: Douala; Morocco: Layoune, Oujda, Rabat, Tanger; Niger: Agadez; Senegal: Dakar; Togo: Sokode; Tunisia: Tunis, Zarzis;

Austria: Vienna; France: Brest, Briançon, Calais, Douarnenez, Lannion, Lyon-sur-mer, Marseille, Nantes, Paris, Redon, Renne, Toulouse; Germany: Berlin, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Magdeburg; Greece: Athens; Italia: Messina, Milano, Prato, Lampedusa; Malta; Netherlands: Nijmegen; Spain: Ceuta, Asturias, Barcelona, Bilbao, Irún-Behobia; Switzerland: Zurich.

## 19 FEBRUARY: THREE YEARS AFTER THE RACIST TERRORIST ATTACK IN HANAU

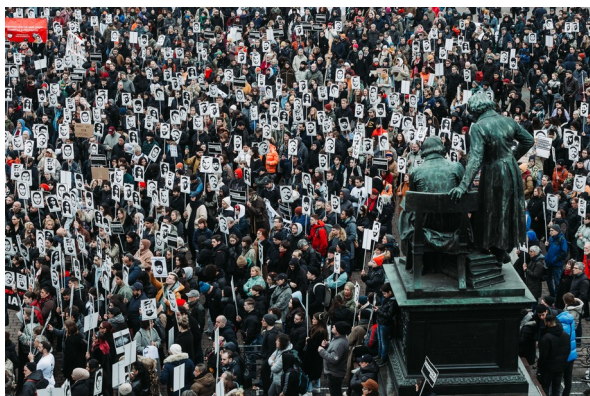


The 19 February Hanau initiative writes after the 3rd anniversary:

"Thank you to everyone who took part in commemorative actions and demonstrations yesterday in Hanau and almost 100 other cities to mark the third anniversary of the racist terrorist attack.

Up to 4000 people followed the alliance's call and gathered at the

central rally on Hanau's market square. Relatives and survivors of the attacks from Munich and Halle also spoke and emphasised the importance of joint resistance against racism and anti-Semitism.



In our photo gallery we have captured impressions from yesterday. The struggle for remembrance, justice, clarification and consequences continues. To remember is to change!"

[HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/02/20/DANKESCHOEN-2/](https://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/02/20/DANKESCHOEN-2/)

THE EXHIBITION OF FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE, WHICH HAS BEEN ON DISPLAY IN



HANAU IN THE FOYER OF THE TOWN HALL SINCE 1.2. AND UNTIL 18.3., HAS BEEN VISITED (UNTIL 2.3.) BY OVER 2500 PEOPLE, SEE [HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/01/30/PROGRAMM/](https://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/01/30/PROGRAMM/) FINALLY, THE INITIATIVE HAD PUBLISHED ANOTHER NEWSLETTER IN WHICH SEVERAL TEXTS ON THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS STILL RUNNING UNTIL MAY 2023, WERE PUBLISHED, SEE [HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/02/01/SAYTHEIRNAMES-NEWSLETTER-09/](https://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/2023/02/01/SAYTHEIRNAMES-NEWSLETTER-09/)

## 27/28 FEBRUARY IN NIAMEY: ALARM PHONE SAHARA CONFERENCE



*Die Lanceurs d'alerte berichten über untragbare Zustände, denen Migrant\*innen im Niger ausgesetzt sind. Credit: Andreas Grünewald/Brot für die Welt*

When jihadist forces for a short time occupied northern Mali in 2012 and triggered an escalation of violence that continues to this day, the neighbouring country of Niger finally became the main transit country for migrants and refugees from Central and West African countries

on their way to North Africa. As a result, the Niger government passed Law 2015-036 in 2015 under massive pressure from the EU, which led to a comprehensive criminalisation of all previously legal support services for migrants - with the consequence that not only tens of thousands of people lost their livelihoods, but also the crossing through the desert became increasingly dangerous. Against this background, Alarme Phone Sahara, which originally emerged from Afrique-Europe-Interact, invited participants to a hybrid conference on 27/28 February 2023 in Niamey, the capital of Niger, where two things were presented and discussed: On the one hand, a lawsuit filed by Alarme Phone Sahara against the law before the Court of Justice of the West African Economic Community ECOWAS, and on the other hand, the manifold effects of the law, also far beyond Niger (conference programme: <https://alarmephonesahara.info/en/blog/posts/transnational-conference-on-criminalization-of-migration>). Despite the difficult framework conditions, the conference was a great success, also in view of the fact that the participants came not only from different currents of Nigerien civil society, but also from numerous countries (including 30 to 50 permanently connected online participants).

**ALARME PHONE SAHARA WILL PUBLISH A DETAILED REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, SO WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO REFER YOU TO A VERY GOOD BLOG POST WRITTEN BY A BREAD FOR THE WORLD STAFF MEMBER WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.BROT-FUER-DIE-WELT.DE/BLOG/NIGER-KRIMINALISIERUNG-DER-MIGRATION-MUSS-  
ENDEN/#PRETTYPHOTO\[PP\\_GAL\]/0/](https://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/blog/niger-kriminalisierung-der-migration-muss-enden/#prettyphoto[pp_gal]/0/)**



## OUTLOOK



### **1 TO 6 MAY IN BERLIN: CAMP AGAINST DEPORTATIONS AND DETENTION**

At the BERlin Airport the government is planning to build a Deportation Center starting this year (to be finalized by 2025) and every month mass-deportation charterflights silently take place. We want to break the silence and organize the "Stop Deportation! Protest Camp" close to the BER Airport from 1st til the 6th of June 2023.

**[HTTPS://ABSCHIEBEZENTRUMVERHINDERN.NOBLOGS.ORG/CAMP-2023/](https://abschiebezentrumverhindern.noblogs.org/camp-2023/)**

### **END OF JUNE IN BRUSSELS: SOLIDARITY WITH REFUGEES IN LIBYA**

After the action days in Geneva in December 2022, see <http://unfairagency.org/>, the Solidarity Alliance together with Refugees in Libya is planning a next mobilisation to Brussels. From 28 June to 1 July 2023, there will be talks with the UNHCR there and with members of the EU Parliament, as well as protest actions and a conference. More on this in the next Kompass.

