

Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

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DEAR FRIENDS,



Friday, 2 June 2023, in the big tent of the No-Deportation Camp at Berlin Schönefeld Airport: Rex Osa from Refugees for Refugees Stuttgart introduces a young woman who is online on a big screen. From Lagos! Two weeks before, she and her family had been deported from their hometown Kempten to Lagos in a

Frontex charter. The 17-year-old student reports how she, her mother and her three siblings were torn from their lives. Immediately afterwards, a working group was formed in the camp to launch a return campaign: https://bringthemback.noblogs.org/.

With up to 1000 (day) participants and a final action with 700 demonstrators, the No Deportation Camp was better attended than the organisers could have expected. The camp site had to be fought for in court (until two days before the start!), but the infrastructure was well equipped. Many young and newly interested people took part in dozens of workshops, most of which were very well attended, and the media interest was remarkable, at least regionally: https://abschiebezentrumverhindern.noblogs.org/presse/.



Two other events with public attention should be briefly presented in this intro:

On the one hand, Lamin Sarr, a migration activist from Barcelona and co-founder of Topmanta, presented the legalisation campaign "la Iniciativa Legislativa Popular (ILP)" to the Spanish Congress in Madrid

on 10 May 2023. The background to this is that a broad alliance called "Essentiale" managed to collect 700,000 (!!) signatures within a year, thus forcing the parliament or a working committee to deal with the initiative. https://www.immigrationspain.es/en/mass-regularization-2023/

Secondly, David Yambio, spokesperson for Refugees in Libya, had the opportunity to tell the Italian Parliament about his experiences in Libya on 7 June 2023 in Rome. The background here is that the parliament is discussing the annual decree on the financing of all foreign missions of the Italian armed forces. It includes two missions of cooperation with the so-



called Libyan Coast Guard and Navy under the 2017 agreement between Italy and Libya. For the first time, a voice of affected people on the run were directly heard on this.

https://twitter.com/RescueMed/status/ 1666455260007727106? cxt=HHwWhIC87dmOuKAuAAAA

Appropriate to this: whoever wants to support Refugees in Libya and strengthen their

demands "From Tripoli to Brussels" - on 1 July 2023 there will be the best opportunity to do so in the "capital of the EU institutions": https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/call-to-bruxelles

With solidarity greetings,

the Kompass Crew

P.S.: For internal organisational reasons, this newsletter is published in the middle of this month. The next issue for the summer (July and August 2023) will follow in mid-July.



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR JUNE/JULY 2023

FROM 15-18 JUNE IN BERLIN: YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS TO THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS



From 14.6.2023 to 16.6.2023, the Conference of Interior Ministers (IMK) will take place in Berlin. We will be there and organise a parallel conference of young refugees with a protest and cultural programme so that our voices are heard!

Appeal of the alliance "Courage for anti-racist migration policy"

From 14.6.2023 to 16.6.2023 the IMK will take place in Berlin. At this meeting, ministers and senators will decide on the lives, perspectives and futures of people who are not at the table to speak for themselves and their situation.

German policy towards refugees continues to focus on deterrence. The everyday consequences for refugees are a life in mass accommodation, work bans, deportations, racist police violence and social exclusion.

We demand a real change of course. For this we need YOU: Come to the demonstration on the occasion of the Interior Ministers' Conference in Berlin!

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE, THE "GALA EVENING WITH ELECTION OF THE DEPORTATION MINISTER" AND THE DEMONSTRATION HERE: TTPS://WWW.IMK-PROTEST.DE/ HTTP://JOGSPACE.NET/2023/03/24/DEMO-UND-JOG-KONFERENZ-BEI-DER-IMK-2023-IN-BERLIN/

BRING THEM BACK! - CAMPAIGN TO BRING A FAMILY BACK FROM LAGOS TO KEMPTEN

#BringThemBack - Bring back the Ovbiagele family!

On 16 May 2023, coordinated EU-wide deportations to Nigeria took place once again. Thus, 40 people, including five children, were also deported from Germany. Among the minors were 17-year-old Victoria Ovbiagele, her twin brother Victor and her two siblings Miracle (14) and Godsent (11).

At the time of the deportation, Victoria already had a signed training contract at the Zerboni drama school in Munich. All she needed to fulfil her dream of training was her imminent secondary school leaving certificate. Her brother Victor, who was completing a vocational preparation year, also had a training place in sight. (...) "Since the seventh grade, I have made a special effort at school. I thought that with a good school leaving certificate I would have better chances for the future. Now I have been ripped out of my life in the middle of my final exams." - Victoria Ovbiagele

The deportation that has taken place presents the family with glaring challenges and knowingly exposes them to life-threatening situations. At the moment, they are staying in a temporary shelter run by the Deportees Emergency Reception and Support initiative



in Lagos, which offers deported people a temporary place to develop initial perspectives. (...) In the course of the violent deportation, the children were taken away late at night in handcuffs like serious criminals and severely traumatised. Despite the fundamental requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has also been ratified by Germany and which puts the best interests of the child first, the German authorities have not refrained from their brutal and irresponsible actions to this day. The international children's relief organisation UNICEF has also repeatedly confirmed the disproportionate and massive psychological consequences of deporting minors. Against this background, and in solidarity with all people affected by deportation, we call on the competent authorities and political leaders to arrange for the immediate return of the Ovbiagele family to Germany and to grant all their members the right of residence to which they are entitled..."

HTTPS://BRINGTHEMBACK.NOBLOGS.ORG/

AGAINST THE "CEAS REFORM" OF THE INTERIOR MINISTERS IN THE EU COUNCIL

The EU interior ministers adopted the planned CEAS reform on 8 June.



Lager auf Samos

A horror scenario looms - and this with the support of the German government: refugees reach a state at the EU's external border. They ask for asylum. Immediately they are detained. From that moment on, all they see of Europe are walls, barbed wire and security personnel. This is now to become reality in the EU. Because the

"Ampel"-coalition has changed its position, which was anchored in the coalition agreement: Interior Minister Nancy Faeser now wants to agree to the planned border procedures after all.

What is referred to in the debate as "asylum procedures at the external borders" has nothing to do with a fair process based on the rule of law. Instead, refugees can expect a fast-track procedure, at the end of which many will be deported directly to a so-called "safe third country" because their asylum application is rejected as "inadmissible". Without a substantive examination of the reasons for their flight..."

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24 JUNE IN MELILLA: FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RACIST MASSACRE CARAVAN OF MELILLA 2023. RIGHT TO MIGRATE, RIGHT TO LIVE

"This year, the Caravan focuses on Melilla because, one year after the massacre at the Barrio Chino border crossing with Nador, the most serious incident to occur at a Spanish border in recent history remains unpunished, as it did previously in Tarajal: 73 dead, 322







23 de junio a 1 de julio

injured, 77 disappeared and 470 massively returned to Morocco, according to the Moroccan Association for Human Rights. The Spanish and Moroccan governments are responding with opacity, failure to provide assistance and a rush to bury the bodies in anonymous

graves. 300 Sudanese remain imprisoned in Nador, many of them sentenced to violence and years in prison because of the raids before 24 June. Others are subjected to misery and relentless police persecution on the Moroccan streets, while Sánchez boasts of stemming the flow of migrants in cooperation with Morocco, ignoring all the human costs... "

FULL CALL AND PROGRAMME IN SPANISH:

HTTPS://ABRIENDOFRONTERAS.NET/MELILLA2023/MANIFIESTO2023/

28.-30. JUNI IN BRUSSELS: WE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO STOP KILLING - A NON-STOP PERFORMANCE BY ALARMPHONE

28 of June from 12 noon until 30 of June 2023 at the Place Luxemburg Brussels Contact: ap-read-in@riseup.net



We, the Alarmphone Creative-Action-Group, invite you to our first action. Join our non-stop performance in Brussels in front of the European Parliament from 28 June to 30 June.

"We kindly request you to stop killing" is an attempt to deal with the systemic indifference we face in matters of life and death on the Mediterranean Sea. Every year since 2014, the Alarmphone

sends out thousands of SOS-Emails alerting authorities to boats in distress at sea. Thousands of standardized words, numbers and GPS-Coordinates, reporting urgent situations of distress and the too long wait for interventions. Thousands of repeated kind requests for rescue, too often unreplied.

We are not as kind and polite as it may sound! We are not as patient as it might seem when it goes again: "Dear officer on duty...". We are angry! We are tired! We are desperate! We want answers! We will keep on fighting for the end of border violence and freedom of movement for all!

In front of the EU Parliament we will read aloud all the Emails that the Alarmphone has written to authorities from January first and the first case of 2023 until the day of the read-in at the end of June. We will read these Emails at the place where the repetitive, deadly spectacle of bureaucracy and foreclosure policies that keep people waiting in distress at sea is made. This is where we won't stop reading. Day and night. This is where we kindly request to stop killing!





Our read-in will be accompanied and interrupted by a realtime alarm - the first public appearance of the Alarmbox that reports about current and ongoing distress situations in the Mediterranean.

HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/P/CS1UQKQOS7V/?IMG_INDEX=1

29 JUNE TO 2 JULY IN BRUXELLES: MOBILISATION FROM AND WITH REFUGEES IN LIBYA - FROM TRIPOLI TO BRUXELLES - AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF REFUGEES IN LIBYA!

Call for a demonstration in Brussels on 1st of July 2023



Brussels is at the centre of European decision-making, with the headquarters of EU-Council, the EU-Commission and its parliament. It is also the heart of EU border politics and the site of UNHCR, IOM and Frontex offices, which are involved in migration and refugee "management". Here, in this capital, we can find the main actors who are responsible for the endless suffering and death at the borders of Europe. We are

calling for a mobilization in Brussels at the same week as EU leaders meet for their EUcouncil-summit on 29th and 30th of June, in order to confront these institutions and agencies with the voices and demands of refugees who have survived or are still experiencing their inhuman border policy.

Today thousands of people are stranded, exploited, imprisoned, and killed in Libya. European money has outsourced its control of its borders, with ongoing complicity of militias and with the UNHCR passively watching. Similar refugee rights violations happen in other North African countries, particularly in Tunisia, where people with a sub-Saharan background have been confronted, since February 2023, with a wave of racist intimidation, attacks, and repression.

With our demonstration on Saturday, 1st of July in Brussels, we will bring the protest and demands to the UNHCR, the IOM and Frontex and to the European Parliament....

Provisional program:

–Thursday, 29 June 2023

• Press conference in the morning to take position against the EU border politics and to announce the counter summit & protest for the next two days;

–Friday, 30 June 2023

• Counter summit during the day with workshops on demands of Refugees in Libya and other self-organized refugee protest movements in North Africa

• Public event in the evening with the Film from Sara Creta;

-Saturday, 1 July 2023

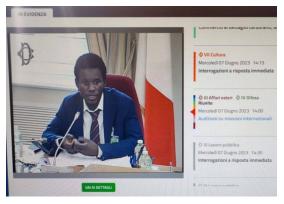
• Protest march or rally, from UNHCR head-office via IOM and ICMPD and Frontex-Building to EU parliament;

–Sunday, 2 July 2023 • Departure day...



CONTACT AND REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE: HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/WN1WKPFWAM2FRP2X6 FURTHER INFORMATION: HTTPS://WWW.REFUGEESINLIBYA.ORG/ HTTP://UNFAIRAGENCY.ORG/

DAVID YAMBIO IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT IN ROME



Since one week the Italian Parliament has started the discussion around the yearly Decree on financing all the missions abroad of the Italian military forces. The Decree includes two missions of cooperation with the so-called Libyan Coast Guard and Navy, in the framework of 2017 Memorandum of Agreement between Italy and Libya. That discussion is taking place in the joint Defence and

Foreing affairs Commision of the Chamber of Deputies. Considering the possibility to invite concerned external actors for hearings regarding the current situation in the scenarios of those missions, some left-wing opposition MPs proposed to hear both Refugees in Libya and civil SAR NGOs. That possibility created this historical and political opportunity to get the direct voice of the people on the move entrapped in the Libyan hell of detention camps, abuses, violences, tortures, rapes, enslavement and captures at sea, for the first time officially listened in the Italian Parliament. **COMPLETE VIDEORECORDING OF THE HEARING IS AVAILABLE HERE:**

HTTPS://WEBTV.CAMERA.IT/EVENTO/22687



INICIATIVA LEGISLATIVA POPULAR (ILP) - LEGALIZATION CAMPAIGN - IN SPAIN

"A popular initiative for mass regularization reaches Congress During the past weeks, there have been many rumors and news about a big movement that seeks the regularization of more than 500,000 foreigners who are currently in Spain without a valid residence permit or visa (that is, under an irregular situation).

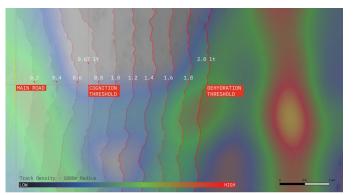
What during 2022 led a Senegalese citizen who has been living in Spain for more than 20 years to start collecting signatures has now become a law proposal that has reached the Congress of Deputies for its voting.

This is because the Spanish regulation allows the opening of a popular legislative initiative that the government must debate as long as the population achieves more than half a million signatures (which has been fulfilled).



As we have mentioned, this proposal has the main purpose of achieving a massive regularization of foreigners. That is to say, to allow many of those who are in Spanish territory in an irregular situation to obtain their residence and work permit directly...." FULL TEXT : HTTPS://WWW.IMMIGRATIONSPAIN.ES/EN/MASS-REGULARIZATION-2023/ KAMPAGNENBÜNDNIS: HTTPS://ESENCIALES.INFO/ MEDIEN-LINK MIT VIDEO DER REDE IM KONGRESS IN MADRID: HTTPS://WWW.ELDIARIO.ES/DESALAMBRE/LAMINE-SARR-PORTAVOZ-MOVIMIENTO-LLEVO-CONGRESO-REGULARIZACION-MIGRANTES-HEMOS-SUFRIDO-TIPO-RACISMO-LLEGAR_1_10196452.HTML

NEW INVESTIGATION FROM BORDERFORENSICS: THE DEADLY EFFECTS OF BORDER CONTROL IN NIGER



A law on the "Illegal Trafficking of Migrants" passed in Niger in 2015 and implemented thereafter with the fundamental support of European states, institutions and agencies, has led to a humanitarian crisis for migrants and Nigeriens seeking to cross the desert.

The investigation published today by Border Forensics relies on innovative methods of geospatial analysis to generate new evidence of the way these policies and practices have increased the risk of loss of life.

In the aim of thwarting migration across Northern Niger to Libya, the Nigerien government and European authorities have criminalised migrant services providers (transporters, hosts, brokers, etc.), who had until then constituted a vital cross-Saharan infrastructure of mobility, and established new forms of border controls. These have not stopped mobility in the region but have rather forced drivers' trajectories into more remote areas of the desert, creating dangerous and often fatal conditions when a vehicle breaks down or drivers abandon their passengers and flee to avoid apprehension. (...) Border Forensics' investigation mobilizes these ground-breaking geospatial and remote sensing methodologies to investigate the relation between bordering practices, spatial shifts in migrant trajectories and increased danger of crossing of Niger's Sahara desert. The report applies these methods to a multi-sited case study along a section of the route connecting Agadez, in Northern Niger, with Sabha, in Libya: the civilian town of Séguédine, the military outpost of Madama, and the Toummo checkpoint at the Niger-Libyan border. Border Forensics' analysis of each site reveals a clear pattern that links increased border control and shifts in migrants' trajectories, leading to the latter moving deeper into the desert, where chances of survival are greatly diminished in the recurring events of vehicle failures, abandonment, or running out of water. The investigation makes the increased danger encountered by migrants visible and measurable in terms of one of the greatest risks faced in these cross-Saharan journeys: a life-threatening state of dehydra-



tion in less traveled and less visible areas. The correlation observed between the level of invisibility of alternative tracks used by migrants to avoid border control and the level of potential danger encountered along these post-2015 tracks suggests a causal relations-hip...."

FULL PRESS RELEASE HERE: HTTPS://WWW.BORDERFORENSICS.ORG/UPDATES/08-05-2023-PRESS-STATEMENT-NIGER-INVESTIGATION/

FULL REPORT HERE: HTTPS://WWW.BORDERFORENSICS.ORG/INVESTIGATIONS/NIGER-INVESTIGATION/

ECHOES NO.6: HIGHLY CONTESTED SPACE IN THE CENTRAL MED



While the welcoming of refugees from Ukraine demonstrates that another approach with free movement and free choice is always possible, the racist policy of externalising and brutalising the European border regime in the south blatantly continues. At the same time, an increasing number of boats reached close to Italian shores without any support, an expression of a contested space in which the autonomies of migration remain constantly alive.

Despite and against the post-fascist Meloni government, which is backed up by EUpolicies, money and Frontex operations, people exercise their right to move against all risks, obstacles and state-led border crimes. Italian Coast Guard units are forced to coordinate rescues in international waters, while the civil fleet appears with even more rescue ships than last year. We have to expect a "hot" summer - beyond the climate crisis - and the future is unwritten. In any case, the struggle to abolish the inhuman borders will continue. ...

Content: The Italian contradiction; Navigating the SAR challenges and coordination issues off eastern Libya; LEGAL FRAGMENT The Asso Ventotto case; AMPLIFYING VOICES "If we stay, we are going to die"- refugees protesting in front of the UNHCR office in Tunis; CRIMINALISATION El Hiblu 3 four years on! MOBILISATIONS; Joint statement on Tunisia / Refugees in Libya / Performance in Brussels "We kindly request you to stop killing



REVIEW

AFRICA DAY WITH COMMEMORACTION IN TENERIFE



In La Laguna, Tenerife, several hundred people came together at the university for Africa Day on May 25th. They discussed the legacy and present of African culture on the Canary Islands, their colonial history and concrete experiences of racism on Tenerife. The dangerous journey from West Africa to the Canary Islands was also discussed and the many victims of European repression

at this EU border were remembered.

Because every year hundreds of people who make the journey across the Atlantic die or get lost on what is probably the deadliest route to Europe. But in Europe, where sole responsibility for these many victims is to be located, people prefer not to have anything to do with the dead of its murderous border regime.

People on the move, relatives and activists oppose this silence by publicly commemorating the dead and missing at CommemorActions, demanding clarification, telling their stories of the life-threatening crossings and experienced repression, and resisting the inhuman reality European borders come together.

With this in mind, a patera (small boat) was inaugurated on the campus of the University of La Laguna for Africa Day, as a memorial and to commemorate the many dead on the Atlantic route.

The many present from Las Raíces, the nearby largest refugee camp in the Canary Islands, all share that they survived the Atlantic crossing in a patera themselves. The reactions at the sight of the patera were correspondingly strong.

In a subsequent event, individuals talked on stage about their experiences on their way, about brutal state violence, about desperation, hopelessness, but also about strong solidarity in the face of the repression that Europe is bringing against them. All contributions presented in Arabic, French and Wolof were simultaneously translated into the same languages as well as Spanish and English.

STOP DEPORTATION! PROTEST CAMP IN BERLIN SCHOENEFELD

"The camp against deportations at BER is a complete success. Finally, 700 people took part in a demonstration demanding an end to all border controls.

One speaker is particularly clear: "This damn deportation is breaking your soul," he says. Because: "Many of those affected fall into a lack of prospects after such a traumatizing experience." With a loud demo on Monday afternoon in Schönefeld, around 700 people protested against the violence in a system of border controls and deportations. "Do you



really think we'll all come to Saxony or Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania when border controls are abolished?" says the man, who, like all the speakers, is a refugee himself or has been affected by racism - and elicits loud laughter.

The demo has just arrived at a special property. Here, within sight of BER Airport, a private investor is to build a deportation center on behalf of Brandenburg. Officially, the planned building is called "Entrance and Exit Center". The initiative "Prevent deportation center BER" had been mobilizing since Thursday with a protest camp...."

FROM THE TAZ ON JUNE 6TH, 2023: HTTPS://TAZ.DE/PROTESTCAMP-GEGEN-ABSCHIEBUNGEN/! 5936176/

FURTHER INFORMATION: HTTPS://ABSCHIEBEZENTRUMVERHINDERN.NOBLOGS.ORG/AKTUELLES/

OUTLOOK

FROM 21 - 27 AUGUST IN THE NETHERLANDS: NOBORDER CAMP - ABOLISH FRONTEX



This summer, somewhere in the Dutch-occupied territories, at a location yet to be announced, the fifth edition of No Border Camp will take place. It will be a week full of

actions, workshops and discussions around the topic of migration, its repression and its liberation.

As the name of the camp suggests, we dream of a world without borders. A world in which the detention, deportation and exploitation of migrants is unthinkable. But we won't let these dreams be limited to our imagination. We fully intend on realising these dreams in the here and now, unapologetically, together. This means exploring intersecting areas of struggle like climate justice, anti-racism and anti-militarism, and strengthening the connections between them.

We hope to bring the undocumented and documented together to exchange knowledge, share stories, forge connections and build a strong, collective resistance to borders everywhere.

The location will be announced shortly before the start of the event. Make sure to keep an eye on our website and social media!

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR WORKSHOPS OR ACTIONS? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ORGANISE? MAIL US AT NBC-2023@RISEUP.NET!



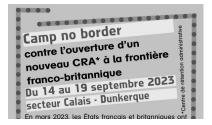




FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST TO 3RD IN LEIPZIG: MEETING OF WELCOME UNITED

Welcome United organized a well-attended workshop at the Stop Deportation Camp in Berlin and will meet again as a network in Leipzig at the beginning of September.

CONTACT: MAIL@WELCOME-UNITED.ORG



FROM SEPTEMBER 14TH TO 19TH IN CALAIS/DUNKERQUES: NOBORDER CAMP AGAINST NEW DEPORTATION PRISON

CONTACT: CAMP2023@ANCHE.NO



FROM OCTOBER 27TH TO 29TH IN BOLOGNA: NEXT MEETING OF THE TRANSNATIONAL SOCIAL STRIKE PLATFORM

https://www.transnational-strike.info/

TRANSNATIONAL CALENDAR: HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET/

