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DEAR FRIENDS,

"A highly contested space" was the title of the 6th edition of the publication "Echoes from the Central Mediterranean", which we presented in the last Kompass. We want to dedicate our introduction to the persistent struggle at this external EU border and first adopt the following lines from https://www.maldusa.org/en/:



Iron-Boats on the Route from Sfax to Lampedusa, Credit Pilote Volontaire





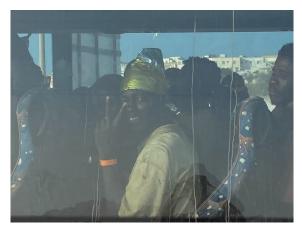
Arrivals in Lampedusa on Day and Night, Credit Maldusa

"Lampedusa - 29th of June 2023: on this day 46 boats from Tunisia and Libya arrived on the island. Only during the last days of June more than 4000 people risked the dangerous routes and reached Italy to ask for protection and looking for future perspectives in Europe.

Bruxelles - 1st of July 2023: spokesperson for Refugees in Libya, for Refugees in Tunisia and from Alarm Phone Sahara in Niger came together in front of EU-institutions to accuse the death and suffering in these countries as a consequence of the EU-policy of border externalization.

Caltanissetta - 2nd of July 2023: about 50 people imprisoned in the repatriation centre rioted against the injustice of detention and the threat of deportation by setting fire to mattresses inside the halls and climbing on the roof of the building."





Bus Transfers to the Hotspot of Lampedusa

The persistently high numbers of arrivals, especially on Lampedusa, have forced the Italian government to shorten transfer times in order to avoid a complete overload of the hotspot, the closed camp on the island. Most of the arrivals can travel on to Sicily or the Italian mainland within 72 hours.

At the same time, there is exceptionally positive news from Libya at the beginning of July. 225 people who were involved in the historic cycle of protests in Tripoli at the end of 2021 and who have been detained in the Ain-Zara camp since January 2022 - over 17 months! - in the Ain-Zara camp, have finally been released. Crucial to this appears to be the continuous protest of Refugees from Libya (https://www.refugeesinlibya.org/), whose spokesperson had repeatedly reiterated the demand for the release of the imprisoned Ain-Zara comrades-in-arms at countless events and demonstrations in Europe - including in December 2022 in front of the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva. As mentioned above, Refugees from Libya mobilised to Brussels at the end of June, and in the same days that the situation in Ain-Zara was again scandalised there at a press conference and in lobby talks in the EU Parliament, the feedback from those concerned came that the UNHCR was re-registering to initiate the release. Congratulations on this important milestone victory.





Transfer by ferries from Lampedusa to Sicily, Credit Maldusa

Fittingly, and in conclusion, another quote from the Maldusa post: "On land and at sea, let's keep building and extending antiracist and antifascist infrastructures for freedom of movement to welcome and to support people on the move in their powerful struggles for freedom. Let's be inspired by these struggles rather than being intimidated by political repression. People's passion for freedom is much stronger than any border and prison."

With this in mind,

Solidarity greetings from the Kompass crew

P.S.: One day after the editorial deadline, on 16.7.23, the so-called "Team Europe" - van der Leyen, Rutte and Meloni - visited Tunis for the second time in a short time in order to try to pay the Tunisian President Saied for an even more rigid and brutal border policy with almost one billion Euros ...



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR JULY/AUGUST 2023

MALDUSA ON THE SITUATION IN LAMPEDUSA





From the report on 2. Juli 2023: "Last week thousands of people passed through Lampedusa, forced to transit the island hotspot. On Wednesday 28th of June, on 24 different boats, more than 1200 people arrived; on Thursday 29th of June, with 46 boats, more than 2000 people entered the hotspot.

With a maximum capacity of 389 places, during the nights of Thursday and Friday, the hotspot came to accommodate more than 4000 people despite the continuous and consistent transfers to other centres in Sicily.

Since the Italian Red Cross took over the management of the facility, it has been evident that more adequate means of transporting people have been made available: buses to replace the 9-seater vehicles in which up to three times as many people were loaded and,



Wall-Painting in Lampedusa 2023

above all, military ships for the transfer to Sicily. In addition to patrol boats of the Coast Guard and the Guardia di Finanza, the Navy patrol boat 'Cassiopea' was deployed several times during the week, managing to transfer around 1,200 people in a single day. In the last week, transfers even took place within 24 hours after arrival in Lampedusa and, on the days between 28 and 30, some people were transferred directly to Sicily, without going through preidentification in the Lampedusa facility...."

FULL REPORT HERE:

HTTPS://WWW.MALDUSA.ORG/L/LAMPEDUSA-BETWEEN-ARRIVALS-AND-TRANSFERS-LAST-WEEK-AND-FUTURE-DEVELOPMENTS/

UAND FURTHER BRIEF REPORT FROM 15.7.23 HERE:

HTTPS://WWW.MALDUSA.ORG/L/ON-THE-MOVE-LAMPEDUSA-ARRIVALS-AND-TRANSFERS/
UNHCR FIGURES TO ITALY WITH THE NEW RECORD NUMBER OF 76.325 ARRIVALS UNTIL 16. JULI 2023,
SEE HTTPS://DATA2.UNHCR.ORG/EN/SITUATIONS/MEDITERRANEAN/LOCATION/5205



Press conference in EU_Parlament

REFUGEES IN LIBYA -PROTESTS IN BRUSSELS AND THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF THE COMRADES IN THE LIBYAN PRISON OF AIN-ZARA

After the collective protests in December 2022 in front of the headquarter of the UNHCR in Geneva Refugees in Libya and



the support alliance mobilized for the end of June 2023 towards the European capital. "From Tripoli to Brussels - amplifying the voices of Refugees in Libya" was the title of four days of meetings and camping, of lobbying and demonstrating.

It started on 28th of June with an exchange-meeting with selforganised local actors from Brussels, mainly collectives of Sans Papiers, who are struggling for their right to stay and for housing. A women's collective was also present and they finally also joined the demonstration a few days later with strong speeches and slogans. The 2nd day of 29th of June was characterized by a press conference inside the European parliament and lobbying talks with parliamentarians.



Protest vor den EU-Institutionen

The 3rd day was dedicated to a "counter summit" in reference to the official EU council summit, which also discussed about the migration pact, including the deportations to so-called third safe countries (like Tunisia) again. The last day, 1st of July, started with the closing assembly in which the content of each workshop was summarized and concluded with a rally, joined by local movements of migrants and Sans Papiers. The demonstration with

about 150 participants crossed the capital of the European Union, passing the headquarters of its institutions and the offices of the executors of the brutalization of migration policies: the Council of the EU, the Commission, Parliament, UNHCR, IOM, Frontex, ICMPD.

The Release of the Comrades, who were imprisoned in Ain Zara since January 2021



Aus dem ersten Bus aus Ain-Zara...

On 30th of June, at the end of the countersummit, the hoped-for news already arrived to the transnationally composed conference: Officials from UNHCR Libya had surprisingly visited the center of Ain Zara with an assessment on the detainees as starting point for a release process. It was hard to believe and first it remained unclear, under which conditions the release should hap-

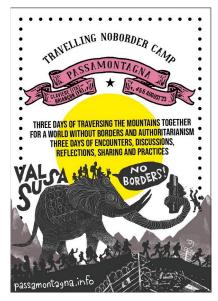
pen. But in the days after it could be clarified. Agreements have been signed, in which the conditions and methods of release were fixed: transfer to an urban area, financial assistance (in the form of cash and credit cards) for the accommodation and the purchase of non-food items, individual medical interventions based on specific needs. On 11 July 2023, after more than 500 days of living in dehumanizing conditions, 74 people found their freedom again. It was the first of two more groups, who were released in the following two days.

The joy of seeing the comrades free was great and obviously the tenacity of the representatives of Refugees from Libya and the supporting activities of the solidarity network and the UNFAIR-campaign had an impact. But concerns for the future of the released



remain until they are evacuated. Today they are in a similar condition as they were a year and a half ago. Most of them come from Sudan, a country once again plagued by civil war. Libya is still a hell. More than 20,000 people are held in its official and unofficial detention centers. The closure of all concentration camps and the evacuation to safe countries still remain an imperative. The fight will go on.

DETAILED REPORT ON THE RELEASE AND THE BACKGROUND BY MEDITERRANEA SAVING HUMANS (IN ITALIAN) HERE: HTTPS://MEDITERRANEARESCUE.ORG/IT/NEWS/LA-STORIA-DI-UNA-LOTTA-STRAORDINARIA



4-6 AUGUST IN THE SUSA VALLEY IN ITALY: PASSAMONTAGNA - TRAVELLING NOBORDER CAMP

4-5-6 August 2023 Claviere (ITA)- Briancon (FR) Three days towards a world without borders and authoritarianism Three days of meeting and discussion, of sharing reflections, experiences and practices. Three days of struggle against borders...

HTTP://www.passamontagna.info/

21. - 27. AUGUST IN NETHERLANDS: NOBORDER CAMP



This summer, somewhere in the Dutch-occupied territories, 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 everyone is able to move freely, without risk of detention, deportation or exploitation. A world without Frontex. 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. And between us. Because solidarity is our weapon.

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.

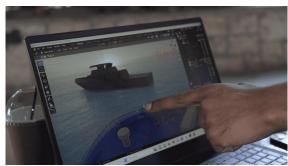


THE LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENT. MAKE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

HTTPS://NOBORDERCAMPS.EU/

THE PYLOS SHIPWRECK - FORENSIC ARCHITECTURE UND WEITERE LINKS

Investigation by Forensic Architecture



Credit Forensic Architecture

"On 14 June 2023, the Adriana, a boat leaving Libya for Italy with hundreds of migrants on board, sank inside the Greek Search and Rescue (SAR) zone in the Mediterranean Sea. This would become the deadliest migrant shipwreck in recent history. Our digital reconstruction of the boat's trajectory reveals inconsistencies in the Hellenic Coast Guard's (HCG) account and

indicates that over 600 people drowned as a result of actions taken by the HCG. In the hours following the shipwreck, conflicting accounts about the incident began to circulate. The HCG denied responsibility, claiming that people onboard resisted offers for assistance, and that the boat capsized due to a sudden shift in weight. The survivors unanimously contest this account, blaming the HCG for multiple failed attempts to tow the boat, which ultimately destabilised it and led to its capsizing.

The incident took place at night and in international waters inside the Greek Search and Rescue (SAR) zone, meaning Greece was the coastal state responsible for initiating the necessary search and rescue operations. The wreck now rests 5,000 metres under sea level in the 'Calypso Deep', the deepest point in the Mediterranean, rendering its retrieval impossible. The only witnesses to the shipwreck are the 104 survivors of the migrant boat and the crew of a small open sea patrol vessel operated by the HCG, number $\Pi\Pi\Lambda\Sigma$ 920, the same vessel accused by witnesses of the fatal towing...."

FIND THE FULL REPORT AND A VIDEO WITH A RECONSTRUCTION OF TESTIMONIES HERE: HTTPS://COUNTER-INVESTIGATIONS.ORG/INVESTIGATION/THE-PYLOS-SHIPWRECK

Up to 600 people drown off Pylos, Greece – only days after EU leaders agreed to further erode the right to asylum

Open letter by over 180 human rights organizations and initiatives together with Tima Kurdi, aunt of Alan Kurdi.

"Today on World Refugee Day, we jointly demand full and independent investigations into the events, clear consequences for those responsible, an end to the systematic pushback practices at the European borders, and justice for the victims.

10 years after the two shipwrecks off Lampedusa, Italy, killing around 600 people and causing an immense public outcry, up to 600 people drowned off Pylos, Greece, in the Mediterranean Sea. On June 14, 2023, once again, the European border regime killed people exercising their right to seek protection. We are shaken! And we stand in



solidarity with all survivors and with the families and friends of the deceased. We express our deep condolences and grief...."

FULL TEXT HERE: HTTPS://SEA-WATCH.ORG/EN/UP-TO-600-PEOPLE-DROWN-OFF-PYLOS-GREECE-ONLY-DAYS-AFTER-EU-LEADERS-AGREED-TO-FURTHER-ERODE-THE-RIGHT-TO-ASYLUM-2/

Statements of Alarm Phone on the Pylos Massacre:

Europe's "shield": Hundreds presumed to have drowned off Greece https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/06/14/europes-shield/?post_type_release_type=post One month after the disaster off Pylos: "I need to find them some justice" https://alarmphone.org/en/2023/07/13/one-month-after-the-disaster-off-pylos/? post_type_release_type=post

SEA EYE 4 - SSOLIDARITY STATEMENT AGAINST BOAT DETENTIONS ITALIAN PENALTIES AGAINST SEA-EYE ARE STATE INJUSTICE!



The boat from 30.5.23 - Credit Sea Watch

"(...) On 30 May 2023, the SEA-EYE 4 was on its way to Ortona, still several hundred kilometers away, with 17 people who had been rescued the day before. The SEA-EYE 4 was ordered by the Coast Guard to sail to this port as quickly as possible, according to the so-called Piandosi Decree, which came into force in February 2023. In this situation, the SEA-EYE 4 received the SOS email from the Alarm Phone hotline at around

10:00. A boat with about 400 people (with the designation AP0741) was in distress in the Maltese search and rescue zone.(...)

The only right decision

Against the backdrop (of an illegal push back of a boat one week before with 500 people in the same area) the captain of the SEA-EYE 4 decided to follow the distress case AP0741 and interrupt the route to the north for the purpose of providing assistance as quickly as possible. At any moment, the engine of the overloaded cutter could have failed as well and the 400 people might have faced the same fate as the 500 people the week before, or even worse they could have sunk like the very similarly built boat near Pylos.

Around noon on 30 May, the Seabird 2 reconnaissance aircraft of Sea-Watch was able to locate the boat with the 400 people. The Seabird confirmed the distress at sea in its SOS emails to the authorities. At that time, the SEA-EYE 4 was still about 300 km away from the distress case's last position. Also, because contact with the boat was lost for several hours in the evening and at night, the SEA-EYE 4 missed the boat, which did not report to the Alarm Phone again until the next morning near the Italian search and rescue zone. The SEA-EYE 4 had initially found another boat in distress and rescued a further 32 people on its way to AP0741. With a total of 49 people rescued, the SEA-EYE 4 finally headed north to Ortona.



The punitive measures...

Back in port, Sea-Eye was informed, with a reference to the new Italian law of 24.02.2023, that the SEA-EYE 4 would be detained for 20 days in Ortona and that the organisation would have to pay a fine of 3333,- euros because, after having rescued 17 people in the Libyan search and rescue zone, the ship had rescued another 32 people in the Maltese search and rescue zone and had not proceeded as quickly as possible to the port of Ortona.

... a scandal of state injustice

We consider this punishment and the decree issued by the Italian government for this purpose a scandal. It serves solely to deter and criminalise rescue ships – rescue ships that try to intervene as effectively as possible where EU state coastguards have deliberately produced an often-deadly void for years.

Sea-Eye had made the only correct decision on 30 May: to rush to the aid of a sea emergency to which the two organisations signing here had alerted as quickly as possible, especially as a renewed illegal push-back attempt was to be expected. To punish this noble behaviour can only be described as cynical and inhumane."

JOINT STATEMENT BY SEA WATCH AND ALARM PHONE FROM 25TH OF JUNE2023, FULL VERSION HERE: HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2023/06/25/ITALIAN-PENALTIES-AGAINST-SEA-EYE-ARE-STATE-INJUSTICE/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST

CRIMINALIZATION OF MIGRATION IN GREECE - STUDY BY BORDERLINE-EUROPE



"... — The report examines a total of 81 trials of 95 people who were arrested and tried in Greece for smuggling in eight different locations, namely in Komotini, Thessaloniki, Rhodes, Samos, Lesvos, Crete, Syros and Kalamata;

- Arresting boat / car drivers or other individuals on board for the offence of smuggling is a routine practice by law enforcement, with little regard for the actual involvement or intention of the accused;
- Smuggled people themselves, including asylum seekers, are systematically convicted of smuggling because they (allegedly) drove or assisted in driving the boat or car;
- At least 1374 people were arrested for smuggling in 2022;
- Arrests and preliminary investigations are

riddled with gross human rights violations; including arbitrary arrests, violence and coercion, little to no access to interpretation or legal support as well as problems in accessing the asylum procedure during detention;

— 84% of the cases are subjected to pre-trial detention, lasting an average of 8 months. As of February 28, 2023 there are 634 people in pre-trial detention for smuggling.



- Judgements are issued on the basis of limited and questionable evidence, such as the testimony of a single police or coast guard officer; the police or coast guard officers who provided the testimony on which the indictments were based did not appear in 68% of all documented cases to be cross-examined;
- On average, trials last for 37 minutes, which drops to 17 minutes in trials with state-appointed lawyers; the shortest trial we documented lasted 6 minutes;
- Trials lead to an average prison sentence of 46 years and a fine of 332.209 Euros; 52% of all convicted people are serving a prison sentence of 15 years to life;
- As of February 28, 2023 there are 2154 people who are detained in Greek prisons with the accusation of smuggling (which remains the second largest group per crime); nearly 90% of them are third-country nationals (1897).

THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY CAN BE FOUND HERE:

HTTPS://WWW.BORDERLINE-EUROPE.DE/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/READINGTIPS/CRIMINALISATION_OF_MIGRANTS-STUDY_BY_BORDERLINE_EUROPE_EN.PDF

FLOWS OF RACISM AND EXPLOITATION - JOURNAL FROM THE TRANSNATIONAL MIGRANTS COORDINATION



"(...) This journal, involving collectives, anti-racist activists, and migrants from Greece, the Balkans, Italy, and Turkey as well as transnational infrastructures active on migration, not only shows the increasingly racist evolution of the European Union and its policies but, more importantly, makes clear the need to address the connections between the different conditions, political, social and material, that migrants are facing aiming to develop a collective force between migrants and anti-racist, feminist collectives which recognize this violence and exploitation as a piece of their own struggle for freedom. (...) The set of articles collected here shows the urgency of a transnational perspective of struggle against a European Union that has now

cast aside even the most formal discourse on rights, against the cynicism that considers migrants' lives as second-order lives on which violence can be exercised with impunity. Thus, this journal makes it clear that now more than ever there is a need to break the isolation, finding the strength to overcome the difficulties that this harsh political phase imposes in the common struggle for freedom of movement, for an unconditional European resident permit, for freedom from exploitation and patriarchal violence, and for access to housing, health, and education for all migrants."

THE JOURNAL WITH COMPLETE INTRODUCTION AND ALL TEXT CONTRIBUTIONS HERE: HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2023/06/30/PDF-FLOWS-OF-RACISM-AND-EXPLOITATION-TRANSNATIONAL-MIGRANTS-COORDINATION-JOURNAL/



TAZ ON THE RIOTS IN PARIS

The anger from the suburbs

A teenager died in France after being shot by police, riots broke out. Why can't the country find an answer to the anger of the youth?

HTTPS://TAZ.DE/KRAWALLE-IN-FRANKREICH/!5942144/

REVIEW

HANAU - INITIATIVE 19 FEBRUARY - LAST DAY IN THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY



Am On 7 July 2023, the last public session of the committee of enquiry (UNA) on the racist terrorist attack in Hanau took place in the Hessian Parliament in Wiesbaden. For several hours, Peter Beuth had to answer questions on all the issues and the police failures surrounding 19 February 2020. A few weeks after the attack, the Hessian Minister of the Interior had fantasised about "excellent police work", which

amounted to a mockery of the relatives and survivors. He demonstrably lied about the technically under-equipped and understaffed emergency call centre and tried to cover up this organisational failure. Beuth was and is decisively responsible for racist structures within the Hessian police and thus also for the 13 of the 20 SEK officers deployed in the night of the crime in Hanau who were involved in right-wing extremist chats.



As expected, Peter Beuth also refused on 7 July to admit serious failures and misconduct on the part of the Hessian police and to accept political responsibility for them. To date, "Hanau" has had no legal or personnel consequences, despite all the obvious mistakes and scandals.

In society, the persistent educational work of the relatives and survivors has

achieved a lot and exposed the

excessive demands, the mistakes as well as the structural racism in the police and authorities.

About 300 people took part in the rally and demonstration to the Hessian Ministry of the Interior on 7 July.



The end of the UNA does not mean the end of the struggle for complete clarification. There will be no peace without consequences.

FURTHER INFORMATION:HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG

RWANDA DEPORTATIONS FROM UK UNLAWFUL

"Court rejects UK government's Rwanda deportation plans -

Blow to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak: His government's plan to reduce the number of migrants in the UK via a deportation agreement with Rwanda is against the law, according to a court ruling...."

HTTPS://WWW.SPIEGEL.DE/AUSLAND/RUANDA-ABSCHIEBEPLAENE-DER-BRITISCHEN-REGIERUNG-VON-GERICHT-ALS-RECHTSWIDRIG-VERWORFEN-A-01C6A7D0-EFF3-40B0-BBB5-CF818AA93A89

OUTLOOK



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

Welcome United will meet again as a network in Leipzig at the beginning of September.

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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/

