

Solidarity with all refugees – against borders and tightened asylum laws

Demonstration in Munich

Saturday, 24 October 2015

Start: 13:00 | Odeonsplatz, Munich

Thousands of people from the areas of civil war and poverty in the middle east have been coming to Munich in the last weeks. Hundreds of helpers welcomed them warmly at the Munich central station with water, food and clothes. Without this self-organized help and the spontaneous solidarity of many people from Munich, the supply for the arriving refugees probably would have collapsed. The fact that governmental organizations even failed to provide basic parts of the supply, like e.g. water, in the first place seems against this background like an intentional enactment of a crisis: the voluntary humanitarian help is instrumentalized by the German politics to give the impression of an exemplary helpful country, which now has got to its limits.

While many people organize spontaneous help and practical support for refugees everywhere in Germany, further actions of seclusion are prepared and massive restrictions of the asylum law are continued. This is not the first attack on the already constrained right of asylum, but the continuation of a restrictive policy, which profits well of the current situation.

Against such policies, „Refugees Welcome“ now has to mean: Open permanent perspectives to stay. This involves to stand against tightening of asylum laws, which at the moment is enforced by CDU/CSU, SPD and the Green Party.

Stop the tightening of asylum laws! Close the „Balkan-Camps“!

The federal government, in cooperation with the Landesregierungen, has decided on a massive tightening of asylum laws called „Asylverfahrensbeschleunigungsgesetz“ by the end of September.

On top of the extension of the so called „Countries of Safe Origin“ it has been decided that people in the „Erstaufnahme“ only get non-cash benefits. People who legally have to leave the country and are threatened by deportation will only be provided with a “physical” subsistence minimum. Additionally, it will be legally forbidden, to announce deportations. By this, the practice of deportation assaults, which has been harshly criticized for years, will now be a legal standard.

Furthermore, asylum seekers will have to live in the “Erstaufnahme” for up to six months, so the reality of living in crowded mass-camps is artificially prolonged. People from the so-called Safe States of Origin will even have to stay in the “Erstaufnahme” for the whole time of their asylum procedure.

The Bavarian government already enforces these measures. In September, the first “special camps” for people from the Balkan states and other “Safe Countries of Origin” has been opened. In this camps, the asylum application are processed in a accelerated procedure, without any advice or legal support for the refugees. Montenegro, Kosovo and Albania are added to the list of the “safe countries”, even though certain groups of people are facing massive discrimination and persecution there. It is a political scandal, that “Special Camps” for people from the Balkans, who are in big parts Romani, are opened in the country, that murdered hundreds of thousands Romani people during the National Socialism.

No borders! Freedom of movement is everybody's right!

The reason that so many people die on their way to Europe are not gangs of “human traffickers”, but the European borders policies. A more and more connected EU- police and military machine makes the routes of flight increasingly dangerous. This machine intentionally aim at people, who have no legal ways of entering

and at those, who help them to cross the borders.

Politicians demand Camps at the borders of Europe and right behind to expand deterrence and control. There, far from any chance to participate and self-determine their lives, refugees shall be collected and be sorted out concerning economic or moral-image reasons.

Not the refugees are the problem! Name and fight causes of flight!

All these measures won't stop people from moving - to escape war, famine, persecution, racial or patriarchal repression or the destruction of the environment and their basis of existence – or simply in search for a better life. This is not only caused by weapon export or so called “Peace Missions”. The distinction between real and economic refugees cynically ignores global structures of violence: The exploitive logics of profit and competition on the capitalist global market, which Germany benefits from extraordinarily, destroys all the economic and ecologic basis of existence in great parts of the world.

Houses are burning, the state deports

In the ongoing crisis of capitalism, deteriorations of work and living conditions are also enforced in Western Europe. By all parties together with economic lobbies, the society is restructured according to the ideology of competition, performance and profit in all spheres of life. All against all - “us” against “them”. This strengthens nationalism, racism, sexism and homophobia. Reactionary and fascist parties and ideas become increasingly popular. Racist mobilizations bring thousands to the streets in Germany, while racist terror is booming again. From January to September 2015 alone, there have been more than 60 arson attacks on housings of asylum seekers. Forced to life in the camps by the “Lagerpflicht” refugees are an exposed target for those, who thinks the deadly policy of seclusion is not going far enough.

Ferries, not Frontex – Solidarity with all refugees!

The situation is unbearable. We want free choice of residency for everyone, the stop of Dublin III – Deportation and patronizing quota-regulations. We want a solidary society without racist exclusions – but it won't come on it's own. The events of the past month have shown a broad public, how refugees have to fight to overcome borders and thereby change the political circumstances – even against the ruling interests. We stand in solidarity with all refugees and their struggles – and take our protest to the streets on the 24th of October.

Open borders for everybody – Refugees are welcome here

Against the tightening of asylum laws

Provide legal routes of flight – right to stay for everyone

No military against refugees – Abolish Frontex

Stop weapon exports

Come to the streets together!

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