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A "readme" of the campaign against deportation, deportation prisons and deportation camps

Deportation - why?

Many people get active against deportation if they know the concerned families or people. Others support refugees' struggles for the right to stay. They do this in most cases with a lot of effort and at a high cost of time, often with civil disobedience. The demand for a general end of all deportations, however, is only seldom supported. Because finally many accept that the state can allow or prohibit certain persons to live here. The state decides to only let in the "useful" ones, and once more get rid of all the "unwelcome". Furthermore it claims presumptuously to settle who is in need of protection and who is not. By means of military to repulse refugees, the strategists of self-isolation declare war on the refugees.

We are not willing to think according to that logic. As a matter of principle, we deny the European governments' right to defend at all costs their (and our) privileges.

Out of the nationwide linking-up of groups dealing with deportation prison, the idea of a campaign against deportation prison and deportation arose. Be-

cause we don't want to stop halfway and only demand the abolition of the most obvious and most brutal domestic self-isolation institutions - the deportation prisons. Still in the state of planning, this idea merged with plans to scandalize the new deportation camps (put euphemistically: "departure centres") in connection with kein mensch ist illegal / no one is illegal. Because the context is clear: Together with the deportation camps becoming part of the red-green immigration act, which has the effect of increasing the value of the deportation camps from being a pilot scheme to being a nationwide institution, the want for information rises on the one hand, and on the other hand the necessity of trans-regional resistance grows. Because deportation camps widen the state control of refugees and migrants to be able to deport them more efficiently. That way, a new form of camp is coming into the European system of locking up and controlling migrants, which establishes another state force institution as a supplement of the deportation prison.

"Deportation prison and deportation camps must be abolished", - but how?

In spite of the fact that the ways of approach to and view upon the topic are partially different, the groups concerned with deportation prison and deportation camps have the same problem in common: The necessary presence inside the prisons and camps uses up our capaci-

ties nearly completely, so that there is almost no time left for political public relations. The assistance for the imprisoned or residents is often the last possible attempt to protect refugees and migrants against exclusion and deportation. That activity in solidarity must be

accompanied by escorting public relations. Only in that way, our work's original intention - the critics of deportation, deportation prison and deportation camps in general, and the demand for conditions where they were unnecessary - can be launched.

Up to now, our public relations are limited mostly to the local area, and very

often is based on extreme "isolated cases", in order to receive any attention at all. But trans-regional, it is barely perceptible, and has up to now only small influence on official imprisonment orders, prison regulations, and deportations (or even their suspension).

Instructions for use

The campaign against deportations, deportation prisons and deportation camps offers a broad umbrella organisation for everybody who can identify with its motto and background. By using the common mottos, logos, posters and especially the contents, the local groups' and initiatives' various activities are perceptible as parts of a consistent frame. Let's make a fuss in decentralized, simultaneous, erratic actions, to make deportation prison and deportation camps prominent! Prominent as to be what they are: core parts of a policy of exclusion and social stigmatisation of refugees and migrants. There is no limit to creativity of actions. Whether demonstrations, blockades, symbolic actions, events, etc. right in front of or inside deportation prisons and camps, district courts, foreigners offices, airports and ministries of the interior, or information events for the wide public: Every action directed against the policies of keeping people away, sort them out, survey

them and deport refugees and migrants, and against the extensive string of responsible persons, are in place in the campaign.

Our first step on a not yet determined way is to establish publicity. Publicity therefore, because the practice of deportation camps and their status amongst the self-isolating politics has not yet been noticed sufficiently, and all initiatives of political groups to scandalize the deportation arrest up to now have not bore no fruit. Deportation prison and deportation camps shall be concealed no more, but become a public matter. We want to denounce publicly the conditions beneath human dignity and offending against the human rights that the refugees are suffering from in Germany. Thereby, considerably more people can be induced to outrage at deportation prisons and deportation camps, and to take part in their abolition.

To mark the beginning, we call for an "open day" on 2nd November 2002!

Keep yourself up-to-date at www.abschiebehaft.de, support initiatives and groups locally, and have the courage to oppose deportations, deportation prisons and deportation camps!

Information material about the campaign against deportation, deportation prison and deportation camps: posters, fly-outs, stickers etc. can be received from:

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