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DEAR FRIENDS!



The last weeks in and around Afghanistan prove that and how state racism and failure of authorities are intertwined and can still be increased. Seehofer and Co. still wanted to forcefully enforce deportations when the Taliban had long since been on the advance. Now, civil society evacuation efforts are being sabotaged by the German Foreign Office, as documented in recent days by the

impressive "Kabul Air-bridge" initiative.

We have known it for years from the Mediterranean: the border regime lets die and organizes illegal pushbacks, while civilian rescue actors are blocked or even criminalized. Deterrence is everything, because "A new 2015 must be prevented." This appears to be the mantra not only of the openly agitating racists but also of the mainstream parties, even if their disaster in Afghanistan could not be covered up.

"Our autumn of solidarity began six years ago in the 'summer of migration 2015', when the wall of Fortress European was torn down from refugees at the EU external borders!" Thus, on the other hand, begins the call of a broad anti-racist alliance to the Indivisible demonstration next Saturday in Berlin. A few weeks before the federal elections, it is once again important to give the progressive pole as much visibility as possible and to put pressure on all levels: "Unnegotiable" for human rights and freedom of movement. The broad welcome in 2015 was one of the few moments in which openness prevailed. Despite and against all roll-back and all

**#ANTIRAPOWERBLOCK
#KÄMPFEVERBINDEN**

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ANTIRASSISTISCHEN
POWER-BLOCK**
AUF DER #UNTEILBAR DEMO

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repression against the flight and migration movements in recent years: the society of the many will not be stopped.

The Turkish government has been building a wall on the Iranian border for months, targeting Afghan refugees in particular. The Greek government with its ongoing border-crimes at the Evros and in the Aegean Sea serves as a "European shield" (Van der Leyen!). We should use the mobilizations of the coming days and weeks to denounce again and again this mendacity and to denounce the crimes that cause so much suf-

fering and death in addition to the war in Afghanistan.

Last Saturday, when the Alarm Phone received the Human Rights Award from Pro Asyl, the last sentences of an activist were as follows: "We end every commemoration (of the dead in the Mediterranean) with a promise: to move on after a moment of pause, to tear down the borders and build another, a Europe of welcome."

In this spirit,
the Kompass team



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

KABUL AIR-BRIDGES AND AFGHANISTAN INFORMATION

Update 08/29/2021

"We almost didn't believe it ourselves anymore, but last night we were able to get 189 people on buses with U.S. assistance through numerous check points into Kabul airport. From there they were flown out on a U.S. military plane and are currently waiting in Doha and Riyadh to continue their journey.

Despite the obstructionist attitude of the German Foreign Office and the German Ministry of the Interior, we never gave up on the people who were scheduled for evacuation on our plane. For the last two days we have been desperately searching for ways to get them into Kabul airport and evacuated without the support of the German government before the window of opportunity finally closes and we have succeeded.

Latest Info: <https://www.kabulluftbruecke.de>

Further information on Afghanistan

<https://thruttig.wordpress.com>

Petition by Pro Asyl:



Thousands of desperate people left behind: this is the bitter result of the German evacuation operation from Afghanistan. These are family members of Afghans living in Germany. Local staff of German institutions, many of whom were employed by sub-

contractors. They are people who have fought for democracy and human rights. Many of them have ties to Germany. Their names are known. These people must be brought to safety!

The measures planned after the end of the evacuation do not go far enough. We demand from the federal government:

- The continuation of the evacuation from neighboring countries
- Written assurances of admission for people at risk
- Humanitarian visas for local staff & others in accordance with § 22 sentence 2 AufenthG (Residence Act)
- Fast and unbureaucratic family reunification to beneficiaries of protection living in Germany

A federal admission program for Afghan*s at risk (also from neighboring states) in accordance with § 23 para. 2 AufenthG and approval of state admission programs

<https://aktion.proasyl.de/afghanistan/>

<https://www.proasyl.de/news/die-zurueckgelassenen/>



Further information for people from Afghanistan:

<https://www.fluechtlingsrat-bayern.de/https-www-fluechtlingsrat-bayern-de-update-afghanistan/>

04.09.2021 BERLIN: COME JOIN THE ANTIRACIST BLOCK OF THE #UNTEILBAR #INDIVISIBLE DEMO

YALLAH, AVANTI, HAYDI - LET'S GO INTO A SEASON OF SOLIDARITY! LET US CONNECT ANTIRACIST STRUGGLES AND FIGHT FOR AN INDIVISIBLE SOCIETY FOR ALL!

"Our Autumn of Solidarity started six years ago during the "Summer of Migration 2015", when the wall of European isolation was torn down by refugees at the borders of the EU! On September 4th 2021, we are continuing our Autumn of Solidarity at the mass demonstration of the #Indivisible alliance. We are keeping up the pressure - with our countless antiracist, decolonial, queer-feminist, antifascist, and migration, housing and climate-related political and social struggles. IF YOU WANT TO SIGN THIS CALL, E-MAIL US AT AKTIONANTIRA@-

POSTEO.NET In 2015, our siblings set out to cross national borders, overcome the highly militarized border guard organization 'Frontex' and to demand their right to free movement and asylum. Meanwhile, the majority of society got ready to bid them "Welcome" in solidarity! Migrant organizations, refugee initiatives, solidarity networks and other initiatives and groups were founded to support migrants in arriving safely and living and working in humane conditions in Almanyia. A lot has happened since the Summer of Migration 2015! On the one hand, our antiracist-indivisible struggles, our voices, networks and migrant life in Almanyia have become stronger, but on the other hand, we were faced with political pressure, oppression and violence!



INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, ANTISEMITISM AND

RIGHT-WING TERRORISM KILL! After the fire at the overcrowded refugee camp Moria on Lesbos in September 2020, Seehofer and the likes have vehemently refused to take in refugees who were now houseless in life-threatening circumstances, and to evacuate these inhumane camps. They even forbid the German states from taking in refugees under their own voluntary asylum programs. These racist politics further legitimized letting people die in masses in the Mediterranean, while perspectives for long-term residence are dismantled, and deportation policies are strengthened here. Sea rescue is being criminalized - Germany and the Berlin Senate are deporting people to Afghanistan, the most dangerous country in the world, in the middle of lockdown. These policies add further fuel to

dismantled, and deportation policies are strengthened here. Sea rescue is being criminalized - Germany and the Berlin Senate are deporting people to Afghanistan, the most dangerous country in the world, in the middle of lockdown. These policies add further fuel to



the fire of rightwing hostility in our parliaments and on the streets! Terrifying right-wing terrorist attacks in Almanyia have demonstrated to everyone without mercy that racism kills inside the country, too. AfD politicians spread racist and antisemitic conspiracy myths and act as parliamentary wing of right-wing terror. Migrant lives are not safe, because there was never a de-nazification of German authorities..."

FULL CALL IN MANY LANGUAGES HERE:

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG/DE/KOMMT-ZUM-ANTIRASSISTISCHEN-BLOCK-DER-UNTEILBAR-DEMO-AM-4-9-2021-IN-BERLIN/](https://www.welcome-united.org/de/kommt-zum-antirassistischen-block-der-unteilbar-demo-am-4-9-2021-in-berlin/)

15.-19.09.2021 PALERMO & DAKAR CONVERGENCES

For Palermo about 180 activists have registered, for Dakar about 30. And everything looks like that both network meetings can take place simultaneously and connected via internet as planned. In preparation are two parallel meetings of different actors of civil society and social movements, which - "from the Sea to the Cities" - are involved in support, rescue and solidarity structures, especially in the Mediterranean region, but also in North and West Africa on the routes of refugees and migrants. During four days, "practices and visions" of the struggle for the right to freedom of movement will be discussed together, different experiences of at least the last ten years will be evaluated and concrete plans for the future will be made.

DUE TO CORONA, FURTHER REGISTRATIONS ARE NOT FEASIBLE AND ONLINE PARTICIPATION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE. BUT THE MEETING WILL BE DOCUMENTED QUITE EXTENSIVELY AFTERWARDS ON [HTTPS://TRANS-BORDER.NET](https://trans-border.net)

ZAPATISTAS ON EUROPEAN TOUR - DATES IN GERMANY



Due to visa denials, the original plans of the Zapatista tour could only be carried out in a very reduced way, but at least the following dates for the coming weeks are still on the schedule for Germany:

5.9.21 Hamburg - Fútbol Rebelde:

The Zapatista women's soccer team "Ixchel Ramona" will play against, or better with, the Women's Allstars of FC St. Pauli: <http://girazapatista-stpauli.de/> The Compas have accepted the invitation, but we don't know for sure yet if their entry will actually be possible by then.

7-13.9.21 Munich - Mobilitätswendecamp: The Network of Rebellion is organizing the program in the "Zapatista tent" and is represented in the "Kurdish tent". Exact program will follow, we hope that the

Compas will be able to participate.

11.9.21 Leverkusen - Demo against Bayer & Monsanto

8.10.21 Actionday at Heckler & Koch



16.10.21 Frankfurt/Main - nationwide demo for life and against capitalism

FURTHER INFORMATION: [HTTPS://WWW.YA-BASTA-NETZ.ORG/TERMINE/](https://www.ya-basta-netz.org/termine/)

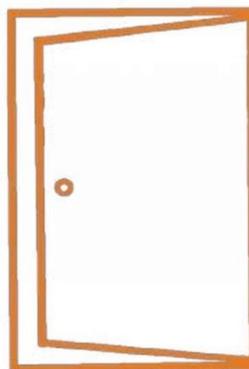
09.10.2021 IN MANY CITIES: NO LAGER NOWHERE! AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL!

Schutz für die, die Schutz suchen - Nur in der eigenen Wohnung!

Stellt euch vor, #LeaveNoOneBehind wird wahr. Alle Menschen an den EU-Außengrenzen werden evakuiert - nach Gewalt, Angst, Krankheit, Bränden, nach Jahren. Viele kommen nach Deutschland. **Und was finden sie hier vor?**

Sie kommen erneut in Lager. Dort werden ihre Taschen durchsucht, ihre Zimmer kontrolliert, Securities werden gewalttätig, Polizist*innen kommen und schieben Menschen ab. Erneut: Gewalt und Angst. Alte Traumata kommen nicht zur Ruhe, neue Krankheiten entstehen - Orte, schwankend zwischen Tristesse und Gewaltezess. Der Bedarf an umfassender Gesundheitsversorgung, sowohl psychisch als auch physisch, ist bereits bei der Ankunft hoch und kann schon an diesem Punkt nicht gedeckt werden. Je länger die Aufenthaltszeiten in den Lagern, desto größer wird er.

Der in der Pandemie erforderliche Infektionsschutz ist derweil unmöglich einzuhalten. Beratung zum Asylverfahren, zu Gewaltschutz, zu besonderen Schutzbedarfen ist eingeschränkt oder gar nicht zu erreichen. Das alles ist von der Bundesregierung und den Landesregierungen so gewollt. Auch hier können es inzwischen Jahre sein, in denen sich Schutzsuchende erneut in einem Lager wiederfinden müssen.



Deswegen fordern wir: Lager abschaffen!

Alle Menschen haben ein Recht auf Wohnung, gleich welchen Aufenthaltsstatus sie haben.

Call for the germanwide #NoLagerNowhere day of action on October 9, 2021 "Lager mean racist violence, deprivation of rights, administration, isolation and exclusion. It must not go on like this! We want housing for all! We call for a germanwide day of action on October 9, 2021. Decentralized but together, to fight and abolish Lager structures. Together we want to carry our demand into the public: No Lager, nowhere! No Lager, nirgendwo!"

FURTHER INFORMATION: [HTTPS://LAGER-WATCH.ORG/](https://lager-watch.org/)

NEW REPORT FROM ALARM PHONE ON WESTERN MED

«Tangier is open»? - Political calculations along the routes to Spain



„At least for the international media, the last three months on the routes to Spain were remarkable for the large number of crossings around 18 May. In just a few days more than 10,000 people crossed the border into the enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. We describe these events in more detail in part 1 of this report. Like all parts of the report, it is based on the constant work of Alarm Phone activists in the Western Mediterranean region and beyond.

The report documents the continuing violence and repression against travellers and their ongoing resistance against it. The border crossings in May are no exception to those dynamics. People on the move are still instrumentalised in (political) power plays. Whatever the rhetoric deployed at the state level, the reality is



that people on the move are deceived, detained, deported and denied access to proper housing. Self-organised infrastructures are destroyed (see for example parts 3.4 and 3.6). Repression in Morocco is always high and even intensified after the May-crossings (see 3.2). This is why, with the exception of these few days in May, many people have abandoned the traditional jumping off points like Nador (see 3.3). Others, like the Rifean harra-ga, face interceptions at sea by the Marine Royale, the Moroccan Navy (see 3.7). The Atlantic route to the Canary islands (see 3.1) remains the most frequented passage to Spain. This despite the continuous expansion of the repressive apparatuses in North-West African countries funded by European countries. The deadly outcome of these policies can be seen in the shocking numbers of dead and missing people (see part 4). In defiance of this politics, people keep on moving (see part 2) and protesting. We are enthusiastic supporters of their campaign to abolish Frontex (see part 3.5)...

FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2021/07/27/TANGIER-IS-OPEN-POLITICAL-CALCULATIONS-ALONG-THE-ROUTES-TO-SPAIN/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/07/27/tangier-is-open-political-calculations-along-the-routes-to-spain/?post_type=release_type=post)

NEW REPORT FROM ALARM PHONE ON CENTRAL MED:

Interceptions and Death at Sea: Europe's Answer to Migrant Struggles for Freedom



„In the first half of 2021, the period that is covered in this analysis, the Alarm Phone supported 193 migrant boats in distress in the central Mediterranean Sea. These boats carried approximately 13,750 people on board. While many of them reached safety in Europe, not least due to the courageous intervention by civil rescuers, thousands were intercepted at

sea and forcibly returned to Libya or Tunisia. Overall, as noted by the UNHCR, 20,532 people on the move reached Italy by sea – a substantial increase compared to 6,949 people in the same period in 2020. Only 244 people reached Malta via the sea, down from 1,699 sea arrivals in the same period the year before. At the same time, over 15,000 people were intercepted at sea and returned to Libya, a dramatic increase given that fewer than 12,000 people were returned in this way in the whole of 2020. Over the same period of time, about 8,000 people were returned to Tunisia.

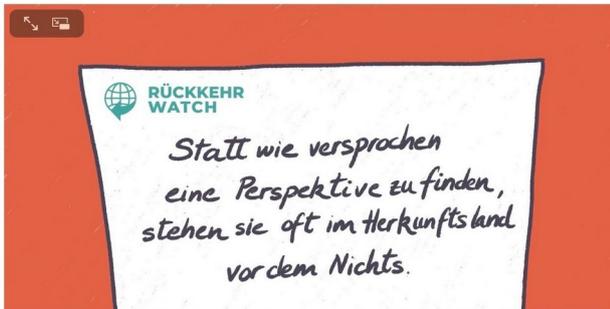
It is, and will forever remain unclear how many people have died in the central Mediterranean Sea in the first six months of this year. While official accounts speak of about 760 deaths, the Alarm Phone has recorded 24 shipwrecks, with hundreds of fatalities. Several of these shipwrecks were not officially confirmed and thus the deaths are left out of formal statistics.

In this Alarm Phone analysis, we first provide a detailed month-by-month chronology in order to archive developments and events that are not thoroughly documented elsewhere. We then turn to the role of merchant vessels in conducting rescue operations but also illegal returns to Libya. Finally, we offer testimonies that we have received from people in Libya, who face the violent effects of EU border policies and enforcement practices....“



FULL REPORT HERE: [HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2021/08/28/INTERCEPTIONS-AND-DEATH-AT-SEA-EUROPES-ANSWER-TO-MIGRANT-STRUGGLES-FOR-FREEDOM/?POST_TYPE_RELEASE_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/08/28/interceptions-and-death-at-sea-europes-answer-to-migrant-struggles-for-freedom/?post_type=release_type=post)

MEDICO INTERNATIONAL: RETURN-WATCH



"The EU and the German government are increasingly focusing on "voluntary" return - we have asked experts and those affected about Afghanistan, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Mali, Northern Iraq and Iraq, Syria and Germany: Is return assistance more humane than deportation? Answers to these and other questi-

ons can now be found on our trilingual website:

German: <https://www.freiwillige-rueckkehr.de/>

English: <https://www.return-watch.org/>

French: <https://www.return-watch.org/fr/>

At [freiwillige-rueckkehr.de](https://www.freiwillige-rueckkehr.de), Rückkehr-Watch gathers journalistic background articles and political positions. Two short films and numerous stories and portraits of returnees describe the framework of return assistance and show the diversity and complexity of return and reintegration experiences. Together with experts, Return-Watch discusses the context of the return assistance trend; explains how the German programs for return assistance are structured and implemented in central countries of return assistance, how those affected experience the application and counselling for return, out of which complex situations they decide to accept the offers, and which difficulties they face after their return. The interviews with them show: A decision to return with the help of official programs usually has little to do with voluntariness.

The research and documentation project takes a critical look at these programs and tells the stories of those who are worse off after their return than before. It documents the progressive use of development policy to prevent migration and criticizes the pressure to leave, the lack of alternatives and the policy of false hopes. At the same time, the website also bundles the resistances against this policy. Because the desire and the right to a life in security and dignity cannot be driven away.

[HTTPS://WWW.FREIWILLIGE-RUECKKEHR.DE](https://www.freiwillige-rueckkehr.de)

NEW ISSUE TROSSENSTEK: MIGRATION-CLIMATE JUSTICE-INTERNATIONALISM



In welcher Gesellschaft wollen wir leben?!

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"With the Trossenstek we want to continue to tie links and connections, but also address substantive differences and political conflicts, as

well as explore possibilities for action at the level of everyday struggles...A thematic



focus asks about the connection between struggles of anti-racist movements and the climate justice movement....In addition, there is an interview with afrique-europe-interact, which focuses on the importance of climate change for flight and migration. It asks what the slogan "Climate change is racist" actually means exactly. Backgrounds and potentials of the network for joint action from the North and the South are addressed in both contributions.

From the South to the North, a delegation of Zapatistas arrived these days. Some of them had already set out at the beginning of May and sailed to Europe - to reverse the colonial symbolism. They bring many social revolutionary thoughts with them... Focusing on the struggles of women in Rojava and critical perspectives on the social left in Germany, we conducted an interview with CENI e.V., the Kurdish Women's Office for Peace. ..."
[HTTPS://WELCHE-GESELLSCHAFT.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2021/07/RUNDBRIEF-TROSSENSTEK_1.PDF](https://welche-geellschaft.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/rundbrief-trossenstek_1.pdf)

REVIEWS

WE`LL COME UNITED SUMMER MEETING IN BRANDENBURG



More than 80 activists from Berlin, Brandenburg, Saxony, Thuringia, Hesse and Bavaria met in Brandenburg for a weekend in August to exchange information about the situation in their cities and to discuss perspectives. One focus was the struggle in and against the camps, another was the better coordination of victims of right-wing violence. Refugee empowerment was a central topic, and there were also intensive discussions about the practical preparations for the AntiRa power block at the Unteilbar demonstration on 4.9. in

Berlin. After there had been no physical meeting for over a year because of Corona, everyone agreed at the end that this direct coming together is irreplaceable, especially in the networking of self-organized refugees.

[HTTPS://WWW.WELCOME-UNITED.ORG](https://www.welcome-united.org)

ALARM PHONE RECEIVES HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD FROM PRO ASYL



UnterUnder the following link you can watch the whole award ceremony and in the back part also all speeches of the Alarm Phone activists – in English here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXpNL8NSP_4

Press release from Pro Asyl before the event (in german):

<https://www.proasyl.de/news/kampf-fuer-menschenrechte-am-telefon-alarm-phone-erhaelt-den-pro-asyl-menschenrechtspreis/>

