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# KOMPASS



Info-Plattform der antirassistischen Bewegung

**On 6 February: global day of CommemorAction +++ Eviction and detention in Tripoli and solidarity actions +++ Caminando Fronteras to Canarias: Deadliest Route in the World +++ Alarm Phone: Shipwrecks Aegean +++ Journal of the Transnational Migrants Coordination +++ Appeal of Pro Asyl: Implement the right to stay effectively now! +++ Committee of Inquiry on Hanau Murders +++ Asylum for K.O.M.I.T.E.E. in Venezuela +++ Review: Action Day Abolish Frontex +++ Outlook: Freedom Conference for El Hiblu 3 end of March 2022 in Malta; Transborder Summer Camp II in July 2022**

## DEAR FRIENDS.



*CommemorAction am 6.2.20 in Marokko*

„ We are relatives and friends of people who died, have gone missing and/or are victims of enforced disappearances along the land or sea borders of Europe, Africa and America. We are people who survived an attempt to cross borders in search of a better future. We are solidary citizens who help migrants during their journeys by providing medical aid, food and clothing and by supporting them in dangerous situations so that their journeys can end safely. We are activists who have

collected the voices of these migrants before they disappeared, who try to identify the anonymous bodies in the border areas and who provide them with a dignified burial. We are one big family without borders and nationalities, who struggle against the death regimes of death imposed at all the borders of the world and who fight for the right to migrate, for freedom of movement and for global justice for all.“ With these sentences, a transnational alliance is calling for decentralised "CommemorActions" for 6 February 2022, a combination of commemorative events and protests against the daily "border crimes", against the murder at the borders.

"Caminando Fronteras", one of the most important human rights organisations in Spain, published shocking figures at the beginning of January 2022. According to their information,

in 2021 at least 4404 people died or disappeared trying to reach Spain from North Africa. 91% of these deaths were counted on the Atlantic route to the Canary Islands alone. 4404 more victims of the EU border regime, it remains a horror.



In the days around Christmas, the Alarm Phone documented several shipwrecks in the Aegean Sea and still accompanies survivors

and family members of the victims. Alarm Phone writes about this: „Instead of getting help to deal with their traumatic experience, most of them were detained in the Amygdaleza’s Pre-Removal Center. Among them many people who lost their loved ones, often children. While they are in prison, they have no possibility to search for or identify their loved ones. At least five people are being accused as “boat drivers” for the four shipwreck of Christmas 2021. They are imprisoned and facing unimaginable charges. Again, we demand the immediate release of all imprisoned survivors, psychological and material support for all those who need it and an immediate stop of the criminal persecution of boat drivers.”



The date of the CommemorAction day remembers to 6 February 2014, when Guardia Civil fired rubber bullets at swimmers on a beach in Ceuta, killing 15 people. From the appeal: „ The Tarajal massacre is a symbol of what has been happening every day for over 20 years now: victims without justice, graves without names, borders without rights.”

After a transnational conference with joint actions in February 2020 in Oujda, Morocco, the CommemorAction network is planning another central event in Tunisia for September 2022. But first now, a decentralised mobilisation is on the agenda: in the days around 6 February 2022, actions have already been announced in many cities across Europe and North and West Africa: from Calais to Dakar,

from Berlin to Valetta, from Milan to Tunis, from Casablanca to Chios.

Let’s make the 6th of February a Global Day of Struggle against the Deathly Border Regime and for truth, justice and reparations for migration victims and their families. Migrate to live, not to die! They are humans, not numbers! Freedom of movement for all!

In the spirit of this call, for a strong 6 February!

The Kompass Team



## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 2022

### 6. FEBRUAR: GLOBAL DAY OF COMMEMORATION

We have already quoted excerpts of the call in the intro, here again in full in the English version:



„6th February 2022 - MIGRATION IS A RIGHT! A Global Day of Struggle against the regime of death at our borders and to demand truth, justice and reparations for migration victims and their families  
We are relatives and friends of people who died, have gone missing and/or are victims of enforced disappearances along the land

or sea borders of Europe, Africa and America.

We are people who survived an attempt to cross borders in search of a better future.

We are solidary citizens who help migrants during their journeys by providing medical aid, food and clothing and by supporting them in dangerous situations so that their journeys can end safely.

We are activists who have collected the voices of these migrants before they disappeared, who try to identify the anonymous bodies in the border areas and who provide them with a dignified burial.

We are one big family without borders and nationalities, who struggle against the death regimes of death imposed at all the borders of the world and who fight for the right to migrate, for freedom of movement and for global justice for all.

Year after year, we are witnessing the ongoing massacres at the borders and in detention facilities intended to discourage migration. We must not forget these victims! We do not want to remain silent about what is happening!

That is why we have decided to join forces, whilst respecting individual diversities, to denounce the deadly violence of the world's border regimes and to commemorate those who have died, disappeared and/or have been victims of enforced disappearances in the Mediterranean Sea, in the Sahara, along the Balkan route, at the Mexican Southern Border, in the Arizona desert and all over the world.

We accuse those who are responsible for this ongoing genocide: the governments that are making the migration routes increasingly dangerous by militarizing internal and external border control.

On the 6th of February 2014, the Spanish border police killed at least 15 people who were trying to cross the border at Tarajal into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta. After years



of legal procedures, Spanish courts acquitted the Guardia Civil officers, ruling that no crime had been committed.

No justice has yet been done to the victims and their families!

On the 6th of February 2020, groups of families of the deceased, missing and/or victims of enforced disappearance met in Oujda for the first CommemorationAction of migration victims and to denounce border violence.

The Tarajal massacre is a symbol of what has been happening every day for over 20 years now: victims without justice, graves without names, borders without rights. This is why we have decided in Oujda to continue the journey of commemorations every year on February 6, to transform our pain into collective action.

We call on all social and political, secular and religious organizations, groups and collectives of families of migration victims, and citizens of all countries of the world to organize protests and awareness raising actions.

We invite you to use the logo shown above, together with your own logos, as an element to highlight the link between all the different initiatives. All the events that will take place will be published on the Facebook page Commemor-Action

We call on the networks that have been organizing events around the Tarajal massacre for many years to join forces with us and connect the various initiatives. Let's make the 6th of February a Global Day of Struggle against the Deathly Border Regime and for truth, justice and reparations for migration victims and their families.

Migrate to live, not to die!

They are humans, not numbers!

Freedom of movement for all!

**TO JOIN THIS CALL, YOU CAN WRITE TO:**

**GLOBALCOMMEMORATION@GMAIL.COM**

**[HTTPS://MISSINGATTHEBORDERS.ORG/EN/NEWS](https://missingattheborders.org/en/news)**

## **ON THE EVICTION AND DETENTION IN TRIPOLI AND SOLIDARITY ACTIONS**



*Libysches Haftzentrum für Geflüchtete. (Foto: @Refugeesin-Libya, Twitter)*

Twitter News on

<https://www.refugeesinlibya.org>

: „The @EU\_Commission is to be held accountable before the international law for crimes committed against persons/refugees/humanity trying to access its borders while making @GovernmentLY look the bad guys by funding them millions of Euros.“



### **Report about the eviction:**

<https://observers.france24.com/en/africa/20220112-libya-arrests-asylum-seekers-migrants-unhcr-cdc-closure?ref=tw>

### **Solidarity actions after the eviction:**

#EvacuateRefugeesFromLibya: Call for Social Media actions from activists von from United4Eritrea, No Border Assembly and BADU (Black African Diaspora United)  
[https://noborderassembly.blackblogs.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/1214/2022/01/DE\\_Aufruf\\_EvacuateRefugeesFromLibya.pdf](https://noborderassembly.blackblogs.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/1214/2022/01/DE_Aufruf_EvacuateRefugeesFromLibya.pdf)

**Refugees in Libya are abandoned to the torturers and rapists they fled.** An appeal by Carola Rackete, Milo Rau, Jean Ziegler and medico international.

In early October, in a surprise arrest operation, the Libyan government rounded up thousands of refugees from homes and collective shelters to take them to Libya's notorious detention camps. At least six people were murdered by Libyan security forces in the process. Several thousand managed to escape and have since camped out on the streets in front of the UN Refugee Agency in the hope of help, protection and evacuation. In vain: UNHCR claimed that these people were not "vulnerable", that there was no capacity for them. At the end of December, UNHCR closed the Community Development Centre. As a result, the people were left completely unprotected at the mercy of the "Libyan Department for Combating Illegal Migration" (DCIM), which took hundreds of them to the Ain Zara detention centre at the beginning of January, using firearms. The handling of the protest camp clearly shows that there is no security for migrants and refugees in Libya. As Libya has no asylum legislation, people are automatically considered "illegal migrants" and can become victims of raids, arbitrary detention and violence at any time...."

Full statement in german:

<https://www.medico.de/freiheit-und-sicherheit-fuer-gefluechtete-in-libyen-18505>

### **Migration Control has published a comprehensive background text - even before the eviction:**

RefugeesinLibya: An Unheard Mass Protest (28 December 2021)

The international community has ignored the suffering of refugees in Libya for years. The UNHCR's room for manoeuvre is small; for most people it can do nothing. Thousands of refugees are left to fend for themselves, in a constant cycle of camp system, escape and re-arrest. Yet despite the dire situation, they manage to organise themselves and draw attention to their situation.

Content:

- 1 "Jean Paul, tell the international community that you are not able to protect the people in Libya under the mandate of UNHCR!"
- 2 History of the protests in Libya
- 3 Libya as a lawless space for refugees
- 4 A look back: Libya as a migration hub - and a migration defence hub
- 5 The migration defence industry at Europe's mercy



6 The role of the UNHCR in Libya

7 The current situation: wave of arrests and outbreak

8 Trust in the UNHCR is broken

The full text in german: <https://migration-control.info/refugeesinlibya-ein-ungehoerter-massenprotest/>

## **CAMINANDO FRONTERAS TO CANARY ISLANDS: DEADLIEST ROUTE IN THE WORLD**

Direct link in spanish: <https://caminandofronteras.org/derecho-a-la-vida/>



Atlantic Route and Spain: One in Five Canary Route Journeys End Deadly  
A Spanish NGO says 4,404 people lost their lives trying to reach Spain from Africa in 2021. The dra-

matic rise in deaths is thought to be linked to EU and member states efforts to clampdown on migration via the Mediterranean. The Spanish civil rescue service, Salvamento Marítimo (SM), has returned to tweeting rescue reports after a long hiatus period in which only NGOs and journalists reported on operations. A legal change to work and residency requirement for unaccompanied youths has allowed “hundreds of young people” to map out their future.

NGO Caminando Fronteras says deaths on sea migration routes to Spain in 2021 were double those recorded of 2020. More than 4,400 deaths lives were lost, including 205 children: 91 per cent of these deaths took place on the Atlantic Route. This indicates that between one in six and one in five of people attempting the crossing lose their lives. The International Organization for Migration (IOM), which records death statistics for all maritime routes to Europe, indicates a much more conservative number of 955 dead on the Canary route and another 324 deaths in the Western Mediterranean. Official statistics however struggle to account for the 94 per cent of bodies that are never recovered.

[HTTPS://ECRE.ORG/ATLANTIC-ROUTE-AND-SPAIN-ONE-IN-FIVE-CANARY-ROUTE-JOURNEYS-END-DEADLY-SPANISH-RESCUE-SERVICE-RESTARTS-REPORTING-LAW-REFORM-LETS-YOUNG-NEW-ARRIVALS-WORK/](https://ecre.org/atlantic-route-and-spain-one-in-five-canary-route-journeys-end-deadly-spanish-rescue-service-restarts-reporting-law-reform-lets-young-new-arrivals-work/)

## **ALARM PHONE: SHIPWRECKS AEGEAN**

UPDATE: FREE THE SURVIVORS – SUPPORT THE RELATIVES!

29.12.2021

Instead of creating supportive infrastructure for survivors of the shipwrecks and relatives who look for their beloved, Greek authorities imprison the travellers and fail to help relatives in their search.

We are, up to now, in contact with survivors and relatives of all three shipwrecks. A fourth boat that ran aground in the area of Mani on the Peloponnese was also an Alarm Phone case: AP922. This was a boat with 92 travellers (all men, 54 of them are minors) who, fortunately, all survived. So in the whole, in the days around Christmas, there were four different boats on their way to Italy from Turkey that wrecked in the Greek Search and Rescue Zone. More than 30 dead bodies have been found and more people went missing. Many relatives from various countries, also in Europe, search for their beloved.



*Abschiebeknast von Amygdaleza*

The survivors from three shipwrecks [the boat that ran aground on Mani (AP922), the boat that crashed on the rocky islet of Prasonisi, north of Antikythera (AP925), and the boat that sank off Paros (AP930)] have been transferred to Amigdaleza, a detention center near Athens. The traumatised survivors don't have access to doctors nor psychologists. They did not have the possibility to change clothes or to take a shower and their most basic needs are not met. They are detained and cannot move freely. Regarding the survivors of the shipwreck near Folegandros (AP914), we do not know if they have been transferred from Santorini to the mainland or not. Most of the survivors do not seem to have access to their phones and thus, there is very limited possibility to be in touch with

their families and friends.(...)

We are asking:

If it would have been a cruise ship carrying tourists that capsized, would you detain all survivors? Wouldn't you give them first of all, every possible way to be in touch with their beloved? Wouldn't you try to host them in a way that they can find the little bit of sleep they need? Wouldn't you give them access to psychological care to deal with the traumatic experience?

If it would have been a cruise ship carrying tourists that capsized, would you let the people searching for their beloved run from one place to another without creating an emergency hotline to coordinate the search?

What is needed is immediate support according to the needs of all survivors. Each and every one needs to be freed immediately from detention! In addition, all dead persons need to be identified and buried in a dignified way. Relatives looking for their beloved need access to information and support in their search.(...)

We will never forget!



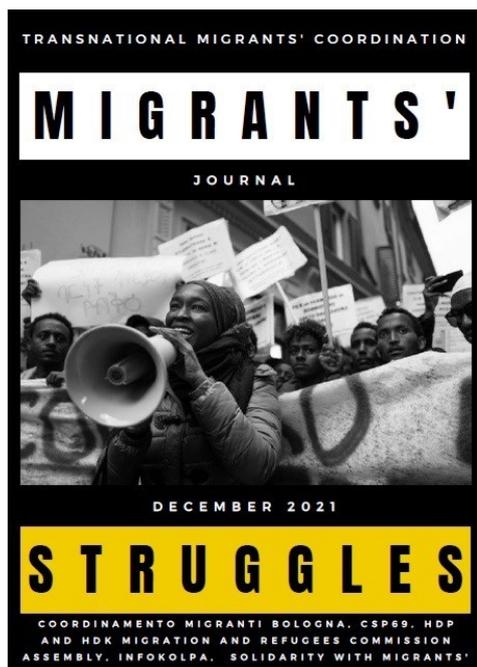
We will continue our struggle until everybody has the right to freedom of movement!  
So that noone will have to take the risk to travel on unseaworthy boats to reach safety  
and to reunite with their family members!

We could make this dark chapter of death along the European sea borders history.

**MORE INFORMATION:**

[HTTPS://ALARMPHONE.ORG/EN/2021/12/25/THREE-SHIPWRECKS-WITH-DOZENS-FEARED-DEAD-IN-THE-AEGEAN-WHILE-PUSHBACKS-CONTINUE-TO-HAPPEN/?POST\\_TYPE\\_RELEASE\\_TYPE=POST](https://alarmphone.org/en/2021/12/25/three-shipwrecks-with-dozens-feared-dead-in-the-aegean-while-pushbacks-continue-to-happen/?post_type=release_type=post)

**JOURNAL OF THE TRANSNATIONAL MIGRANTS COORDINATION**



„This journal collects contributions from migrants and activists involved in struggles around mobility and freedom of movement in different regions and countries that are integrated in the European border regime. The texts describe and discuss the situation in Greece and the Aegean, the Turkey-EU relations, the role of wars in displacing Kurdish people, struggles and violence along the Balkan Route, the dynamics and protagonists of the newly formed Belarusian route, anti-immigrant policies and forms of struggle in Spain, the conditions of migrant labor and asylum seekers' struggles in Italy and the undocumented movement that for years now is organising in France. The pandemic has impacted on migrants' life in different ways and containment

measures have also impacted on border crossings, providing an argument for strengthening controls and arbitrariness against migrants. However, migrants' movements have not stopped and the articles included in this journal illustrate a terrain of confrontation and struggles that is as fragmented as crisscrossed by common dynamics....“

**THE JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL MIGRANTS COORDINATION IS OUT NOW! DOWNLOAD IT IN ENG AND FRA HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.TRANSNATIONAL-STRIKE.INFO/2021/12/27/TRANSNATIONAL-MIGRANTS-COORDINATION-JOURNAL-DECEMBER-2021/](https://www.transnational-strike.info/2021/12/27/transnational-migrants-coordination-journal-december-2021/)**

**APPEAL BY PRO ASYL: IMPLEMENT THE RIGHT TO STAY EFFECTIVELY NOW!**

26 January 2022

"On the occasion of Friday's fireside chat between Federal Minister of the Interior Nancy Faeser and her colleagues from the federal states, PRO ASYL appeals to the federal government and the federal states to ensure that the rules on the right to stay from the

coalition agreement are implemented quickly. An anticipatory regulation is necessary so that those who will be allowed to stay in the future are not deported until then. In the coalition agreement, the federal government agreed to give certain groups, such as well-integrated young people, better chances of obtaining a permanent right to stay. In addition, people who have been living in Germany for five years since 1 January 2022 are to be granted a right of residence on probation under low-threshold conditions. PRO ASYL welcomes this, but calls for swift implementation and a so-called anticipatory regulation. ... Because a premature deportation deprives those affected of their intended chance of a legalised stay. This can be prevented by anticipatory regulations until the law is actually changed....“

**THE ENTIRE PRESS RELEASE HERE IN GERMAN:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.PROASYL.DE/PRESSEMITTEILUNG/PRO-ASYL-ZUM-TREFFEN-DER-INNENMINISTERINNEN-BLEIBERECHT-JETZT-WIRKSAM-UMSETZEN/](https://www.proasyl.de/pressemitteilung/pro-asyl-zum-treffen-der-innenministerinnen-bleiberecht-jetzt-wirksam-umsetzen/)**

### **COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY ON HANAU MURDERS**



"...it was once again very strong voices of the relatives and survivors from Hanau that moved and impressed those present in the Wiesbaden Committee of Inquiry (UNA) in December 2021 and, via the media, also the wider public. Those who have followed the nine (and now eleven) statements and testimonies over the three/four dates in context have already been able to form an equally comprehensive and shocking picture of the failure of the authorities and the police before, during and after the night of the crime on 19 February 2020 in Hanau. In addition, relatives have introduced into evidence the first expert report by Forensic Architecture, an independent investigative agency: a video reconstruction of the second

crime scene, which proves that there would have been enough time for five people in the Arena Bar, two of whom were murdered and two seriously injured, to escape through the emergency exit - if it had been open...".

**FROM THE NEWSLETTER NO. 6 OF THE INITIATIVE 19 FEBRUARY HANAU, SEE (IN GERMAN):**

**[HTTPS://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2022/01/NEWSLETTER\\_06.PDF](https://19FEB-HANAU.ORG/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2022/01/NEWSLETTER_06.PDF)**

## REFUGE FOR K.O.M.I.T.E.E. IN VENEZUELA!



### Refugium in Venezuela!

Veröffentlicht am 27. Januar 2022 von [endeaus](#)



"On 2 December 2021, the Venezuelan refugee commission "CONARE" gave a positive decision to the application of us two survivors in the K.O.M.I.T.E.E. process, Peter Krauth and Thomas Walter, for recognition as political refugees. We are now entitled to stay in Venezuela indefinitely. We get identity papers and can lead a halfway normal life again after years of insecurity and the constant threat of arrest. (...)

One does not have to be an avowed supporter of the Venezuelan government to nevertheless pay respect to this decision. We do not know their motives, but in an international context where the extraterritorial exercise of justice by NATO countries is increasingly becoming the norm, the decision to protect us from political persecution by one of the richest countries in the world is nothing less than courageous. As far as we know, we are currently the only leftists in the world to be granted asylum from persecution by the German judiciary.

It can also be seen as a piece of historical justice that we, of all people, who fought for the right to asylum for fugitives from the Tricont in the nineties, now find ourselves in favour of this right in the Tricont. We appreciate that. And as people who have experienced for decades the lack of rights and constant insecurity that the Sans Papiers suffer daily all over the world, we want to use the announcement of our own achieved security for a passionate appeal to all those who have the privilege of living inside Fortress Europe: Stand up for those who flee from tyrannical governments of whatever colour, from persecution for being different or simply from intolerable conditions and seek protection with you! Never forget that European prosperity is largely based on the misery of other regions of the world. Make yourselves strong for the weak! Stand up for the right to stay for all!"

**THE FULL STATEMENT AND MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HERE:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.ENDE-AUS.NET](https://www.ende-aus.net)**



## REVIEW

### ACTIONDAY ABOLISH FRONTEX



Over 40 actions to Abolish Frontex and end the EU border regime on International Migrants Day

On International Migrants Day, 18 December 2021, the call to Abolish Frontex and end the devastating EU border regime resounded in over 40 actions in 13 countries in Europe and Africa. With a variety of actions, from information sharing to demonstrations to blockades, groups and organisations, working together in the international Abolish Frontex network, showed their resistance against the deadly EU border and migration policies.

At several locations a voice message

from the Refugees in Libya, struggling in Tripoli for their lives and a safer future, was played. Actions also called attention to other urgent situations: the horrific play with migrant lives at the Polish-Belarussian border, the drownings of people on the move in the Mediterranean and other deaths caused by Fortress Europe's racist and violent policies, pushbacks, the role of the arms industry and the expansion of Frontex....

**MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND REPORTS HERE:**

**[HTTPS://ABOLISHFRONTEX.ORG/BLOG/2021/12/19/OVER-40-ACTIONS-TO-ABOLISH-FRONTEX-AND-END-THE-EU-BORDER-REGIME-ON-INTERNATIONAL-MIGRANTS-DAY/#MORE-1288](https://abolishfrontex.org/blog/2021/12/19/over-40-actions-to-abolish-frontex-and-end-the-eu-border-regime-on-international-migrants-day/#more-1288)**

## OUTLOOK

### FREEDOM CONFERENCE FOR EL HIBLU 3 END OF MARCH 2022 IN MALTA

**ElHiblu3 Freedom Commission**



In October 2021, a Freedom Commission was founded to support the "El Hiblu 3", see here: <https://elhiblu3.info/commission>

For 26/27 March 2022 - the weekend before the third anniversary of the arrival of the freighter El Hiblu with 108 rescued people - a Freedom Conference is planned in Malta to



continue to put pressure for the immediate termination of the proceedings against the three young men.

[HTTPS://ELHIBLU3.INFO](https://elhiblu3.info)

### TRANSBORDER SUMMER CAMP IN JULY 2022



In the summer of 2022 there will be a (second) Transborder Summer Camp (TSC) in the ZAD near Nantes. The date has been set for the week of 13-17 July. The preparation process has already started, participation is only possible with registration. Contact: [info@tsc22.net](mailto:info@tsc22.net)  
The content of the camp will follow on from the impressive first TSC in summer 2019:

<https://trans-border.net/index.php/brochure/>

