

Call of the alliance *Courage for anti-racist migration policy*: Come to the demonstration on the occasion of the Interior Ministers' Conference in Berlin on June 15th 2023

German policy towards refugees continues to rely primarily on deterrence. The everyday consequences for refugees are a life in mass accommodation, work bans, deportations, racist police violence and social exclusion. **We demand a real change of course. For this we need YOU:** Come to the demonstration on the occasion of the Interior Minister:s Conference in Berlin.

Date: 15.6.2023, Location: Berlin (exact location to be announced), Time: 17:30

Right to stay instead of deportation

Tens of thousands of people live in Germany with a Duldung, many with a work ban. Duldungen and work bans lead to exclusions from society and access to education is denied. This often leads to severe psychological stress. In addition, there is the constant fear of deportation. Despite the known serious consequences of this precarious situation, which often lasts for years, Germany continues to rely on restrictions instead of far-reaching right to stay regulations. The new right of opportunity to stay is a step in the right direction, but not nearly enough. Whether someone receives a right to stay or not is often decided by the arbitrariness of an authority or a case worker. We demand an immediate stop to deportations and the right to stay for all.

Apartments instead of camps

For the most part, refugees are still forced to live in mass accommodations, often for years, in cramped spaces. This is especially stressful for children and young people. Lack of peace and quiet, lack of privacy, visiting bans, security at the entrance - all this isolates, stigmatizes and dehumanizes. Therefore, we demand access to private housing for all refugees from the first day of their arrival.

Security for all instead of racist police violence

Again and again, cases of racist police violence against refugees become public. However, this is only the tip of the iceberg. Racial profiling, criminalization and police violence during deportations are a normal state of affairs in Germany, even in front of children. In shelters, there are often many more security staff than social workers. Instead of the constant financial increases and competence expansions of police and security services, we demand a long-term allocation of finances to social work, social housing and youth work, among others. In addition, we need an independent reappraisal of racist structures within the police. Because police handling of social and societal problems has not worked and will not work.

Safe escape routes instead of selective admission

Every day people die during their flight to Europe. There are still hardly any ways for those seeking protection to reach Germany safely. One way is through state and federal admission programs. However, the hurdles are very high and the waiting times very long. In addition, only a very small proportion of people at risk can benefit from the programs. We demand safe escape routes to Europe instead of selective screening and long procedures for only a few people. Germany must also campaign for this at EU level.

Participation instead of social exclusion

Refugees are treated as second-class citizens. This is the case in all areas of society. Discrimination and racism do not only take place on the part of authorities and police, but also in educational institutions, in health care, on the labor market, housing market, in public and many other areas. Racism and discrimination promote social exclusion instead of participation. Germany needs courage for anti-racist migration policies by the federal and state governments that turn their backs on the old-school policy of deterrence and see migration as the opportunity for diverse societies that it is.

From 6/14/2023 to 6/16/2023, the IMK will take place in Berlin. At this meeting, ministers and senators will decide on the lives, perspectives and futures of people who are not at the table to speak for themselves and their situation.

Therefore, we draw attention with our demonstration on 15.6.2023 at 17:30 in Berlin (exact location to be announced).

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of YOU there.

Initiators:

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