

KARAWANE

Für die Rechte der
Flüchtlinge und
MigrantInnen



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We are here because you destroy our countries!*

We refugees, in unity with immigrants and with all persons rejecting racism and for human progress, call on you to:

Join the Caravan Tour 2002 August 17 (Bremen) - September 21 (Berlin)

During the decisive phase of the general elections in Germany – which will mainly be fought out to the detriment of the refugees – we will tour the Federal Republic, just as we did in 1998. Up till the eve of election day the "Caravan Tour for the Rights of Refugees and Immigrants" will have stopped over at more than 25 cities, towns and refugee camps in all parts of Germany. Our aim is to strengthen the cooperation with progressive forces, intensify the cooperation between refugees' organisations, and to support the struggles of the refugees.

Already - since the first drastic change to the right of asylum in 1993 - less than 4% of all applicants are recognized while 95% and more are rejected yearly. More than 50.000 people are deported every year.

Deportation is the sharpest expression of state racism.

Asylum applicants are segregated and isolated from German society. Many camps and hostels are situated in remote wooded areas or on the outskirts of small villages. The residential restrictions of the so-called "Residenzpflicht" forbids us to leave the local district. On the one hand the state attempts to make us invisible as human beings, on the other hand we are publicly depicted as a threat.

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With the Caravan Tour 2002 we will step into the public and overcome our isolation!

We are fighting against:

- the criminal practice of deportation and the new policy of detention camps
- the horrible conditions for us refugees in Germany and racist persecution
- racist propaganda in the media and from politicians

We are fighting:

- for our rights as refugees and migrants
- for those we left behind in our home countries
- against war and destruction of our countries

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With the new "immigration law" the offensive against us refugees has been further intensified and the last rest of a right to asylum in this country abolished! German economic interests are the only criteria to decide who is wanted here and who is not!

- Social exclusion and isolation and the criminal deportation practice will increase. Employment prohibition, further reductions of social assistance, and an increased limitation of free movement are just a few points of this law which will be used to deny us any perspective. On a daily basis we are humiliated by the incessant racist police controls on the streets and denied the right to a normal and decent existence as human beings.
- All over the country so-called transit camps modelled on the infamous prototype projects in Oldenburg, Braunschweig (Project X) (Niedersachsen) and Ingelheim (Rheinland-Pfalz) are being constructed where thousands of refugees will be detained until deportation. Other than three meals a day all social assistance is denied. This atrocious programme will affect the majority of the approximately 250,000 refugees with a "Duldung" status.
- The non-recognition of asylum grounds after the date of flight (Nachfluchtgründe) is intended to prevent our political activities in exile. The German state wants to silence us and prevent us from speaking out against the repression in our home countries and to deter us from struggling for improvement. With the so-called "anti-terrorism laws" passed in the wake of Sept. 11 our political persecution – which yesterday was the basis for political asylum – can now be defined as terrorist activities.

Politicians and media mis-use us in that they redirect the social discontentment among the German population against us. The fuel racism in order to veil the unjust distribution of economic wealth.

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Many of our countries possess enormous wealth from which the people however do not benefit. The majority of people live in absolute misery and suffer from poverty, hunger, persecution, and war.

- This is caused by corrupt elites in our countries who only serve their own interests.
- This is caused by the western multinational companies who exploit our countries while refusing to make appropriate payment.
- This is caused by the western governments who, in cooperation with the governments in our countries, prevent any progressive, socially, and economically just development.
- This is caused by the imperialist countries who push through their interest in a military way, continuing the devastation and destruction of our countries.

After September 2001, as the imperialist "war against terrorism" makes inroads into Africa, Asia, the Middle East and in Latin America we see human lives in our various home countries becoming increasingly worthless. Repressive regimes all over the world are using the US-led war to silence critical voices at home. Powerful states like Britain and Germany are following the USA with their armed forces into the hearts of our countries in an effort not to lose out as the last resources of the world are distributed. This new war has no respect for the sanctity of the lives of the most oppressed people, nor for human rights in the poorest countries in the world. As we fled our various countries to seek safety in a foreign land, our hearts remained with our beloved ones who are at the centre of the hard and daily struggles to liberate our peoples. We will never for a second overlook let alone forget the unspeakable suffering, torture and death which are the direct results of the wars and dictatorships perpetuated and supported by the western powers. From the war in Afghanistan to 'Plan Colombia', the endless war in the Middle East, the violation of human rights and peoples struggles in Iran, Turkey/Kurdistan, Peru, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Cameroun, Nigeria, Togo and many countries more the end result is refugees.

WAR CREATES REFUGEES! REFUGEES DO NOT CREATE WAR!

We don't have a choice but to unite with refugees from all nations, cultures, and languages and to fight for our rights here and for our countries!

Anyone not rejecting injustice today perpetuates injustice and probably will be its victim tomorrow!

Further INFORMATIONS: www.basicrights.de

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We urgently need donations! Bank account:

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Programe for Berlin:

At all events there will be
translations into various

Tuesday - 17th September 3 p.m.

Welcoming of the CARAVAN in Berlin

in front of the **ZENTRALEN AUFNAMEEINRICHTUNG FÜR ASYLBEWERBER**

.....(Central institution for the admission of asylum seekers)

Motardstraße 101a – Berlin – Siemensstadt – U-Bahnhof "Paulsternstraße"

Tuesday - 17th September 7 p.m.

Refugees and their reasons for fleeing their countries

Migrants against Racism and Discrimination in Germany

**People from Africa, Latinamerica and Eastern Europe – Event, Exhibition, Informationstalls
in Hauptgebäude der Technischen Universität in Berlin-Charlottenburg**

Straße des 17. Juni Nr. 135 – U-Bahnhof "Ernst-Reuter-Platz"

Wednesday - 18th September 7 p.m.

Films about anti-racist resistances

in the **KATO directly at the U-station "Schlesisches Tor"**

Films: "Erstürmung des Abschiebeknastes in Bologna" (Ya basta) – "Antirassistisch

Einkaufen" (Initiative gegen das Chipkartensystem) – "Aktionstage gegen die Residenzpflicht"

(Umbruch-Bildarchiv) – Spots (kanak attack)

Thursday - 19th September 7 p.m.

"IMMIGRATION LAW"

what is the meaning of the 'so called' "Immigration law" and the "anti-terrorist package" for refugees

Verein der internationalen Freundschaft und Solidarität

Silbersteinstraße 96 in Berlin-Neukölln – 1st courtyard – 1st floor

U-station /S-station "Hermannstraße"

Friday - 20th September

8 p.m.

Video Presentation

Video-Presentation to the topic: refugees in Germany

at Kottbusser Tor – Adalbertstraße – U-station "Kottbusser Tor"

DEMONSTRATION

21th September at 12.30 p.m.

AdenauerPlatz (U-station "Adenauer Platz") and afterwards.....

at BREITSCHIEDPLATZ

(U- und S-station: "Zoologischer Garten")

Speeches, Livellings, InformationStalls

Discussions, Food & Drinks

Organisation and Support from:

Afrika-Initiative – Afrikanisch-Ökumenische Kirche – Antirassistische Initiative Berlin (ARI) – Berlin Afrikanisches ImmigrantInnen-Projekt (BAIP) – Flüchtlingsrat Berlin – Föderation der ArbeitsmigrantInnen aus der Türkei in Deutschland (AGIF) – Forschungs- und Dokumentationszentrum Chile-Lateinamerika (FDCL) – Frauen ohne Gesicht (Chile) – Initiative gegen das ChipkartenSystem – Initiative Schwarze Deutsche (ISD) & Blüte-Redaktion – kanak attack – Komitee zur Unterstützung der politischen Gefangenen im Iran – Mama Afrika – Verein für Integration Mosambikanischer Emigranten (MONARDA) – Pan-Afrikanisches Forum – Roma-Flüchtlinge in Berlin – United Democratic Front of Nigeria (UDFN) – Verein iranischer Flüchtlinge in Berlin

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