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Dear friends!

“Liberte de Circulation”, the right to global movement, was not by chance the central issue in migration-related workshops of the WSF end of March in Tunis. If and how far the adopted proposal to call from now on to an international action week for movement of freedom in June is to put into practise may be of secondary importance in the first place. It is more important that even in the agenda of big NGOs itself it reflects politically how the situation looks like everyday: an on-going and successful fight against the inner and eternal borders of the EU.

The current arrival number (March 2015) have been increased again, both in the central Mediterranean and in the Aegean. Frontex is with their back to the wall, there

lies ahead a truly “hot” summer.

And at the same time there are protest inside the EU against detention, camps and deportations.

Below there are some - also international - reports about new calls and dates which complies within Germany against the planned tightening asylum law.

Like some months ago self-critically mentioned in our newsletter, the campaign against the “harshest and shabbiest one



which occurred to a German ministry” (Heribert Prantl in Süddeutsche Zeitung) should have been much more stronger, faced with the diversity of anti-racist initiatives.

But an overlapping coordination was (is) missing and there is a concern that this



new concoction of imprisonment and exclusion will be adopted in May from the Bundestag without public and visible resistance.

So here again the invitation to the creative participation during the action days in April.

In an exemplary manner there is developing a resistance against another pillar of the border regime. National wide

the praxis of collective deportation stops has been spread.

From Osnabrück via Frankfurt, Erfurt, Hildesheim to Merseburg: if the police wants to pick up refugees in the early morning in the camps as announced, then there are many people who get in the way of the police and from – literally – a wall of solidarity against the daily injustice of deportation. Go on!

All the best,
the Kompass-Crew
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DATES IN APRIL 2015:

From 8 - 10 April 2015 : Join the International Romaday

Our nationwide alliance of Roma selforganisations, which are connected in the BundesRomaVerband, demand an end of the discrimination of Roma, the right to stay for everybody and dignified commemoration politics. That's why there will be several actions and events

from the 8th to the 10th of April. For more information: <http://bundesromaverband.de/romaday-8-april-2015-berlin/> and for Frankfurt/ Main: <http://www.foerderevereinroma.de/archiv/2015/20150401.htm>



From 10 to 18 April: Action week against the newly planned worsening of asylum legislation



Federal government is working on another worsening of asylum and residency legislation. In future state employees shall have lots of margin to jail refugees; more people will be forbidden to

enter or stay in Germany for longer periods of time; political work of refugees in Germany will be criminalized.

A more comprehensive description and the draft law itself you can find here: <http://stopasylaw.blogspot.eu/>

The alliance "Bündnis für bedingungsloses Bleiberecht" has prepared a protest call against the continuing destruction of the right to asylum and is preparing an action week to protest

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against it. For now these dates are set: 09 April solidarity concert with Anti-Flag at SO36 (Oranienstraße 190, 10999 Berlin)

15.04. panel discussion at Heimathafen Neukölln

18.04. 4PM big rally at Oplatz + concert

24.04. 2nd reading of the draft law at the Bundestag + School Strike demo! (11 am Alex/Rotes Rathaus).

More Information also here: <http://migrationsgesetze.info/>

On 16 April: Wittenberg

Within the scope of the since march on-going Info-Tour of refugee activists from Schwäbisch Gmünd:

Manifestation of the refugees in Lutherstadt Wittenberg in the market place starting with the refugee activists who are threatened by imprisonment.

Look <http://www.thevoiceforum.org/node/3894>

Probably from 18 April until 11 May: Refugee Bustour from Berlin

Quite short-dated there is a refugee bustour in planning through all federal states. It is looked for contacts to especially self-organised groups from refugees but also to anti-racist initiatives who are interested in an exchange about the experiences of the past years and new mutual strategiesbv ...

Contact: bustour@riseup.net Tel.: 01521 4451277

www.oplatz.net

Stop the eviction of the refugees from the Gerhart-Hauptmann-Schule

The inhabitants of the Gerhart-Hauptmann-School in Kreuzberg go on opposing against the constant police repression and the one month ago announced eviction threat for 19 March via the green-ruled district management. At the end of the randomly made ultimatum there is reason to hope that the district will not succeed. In the meantime the 27 inhabitants complained against this eviction threat with reference to the negotiated agreement in summer. These processes are still on-going and need to be decided by the Berlin administrative court. Thats why, as the district writes in a press release, there is no eviction until the decision which is expected earliest easter. But every expression of solidarity is watched within the Ohlauer Straße, the area classified as "crime charged" and there are attempts to intimidate the inhabitants of the school through house search and arrests.

<http://oplatz.net/2015/03/18/district-implements-more-police-repression-in-ohlauerstr/>



MARCH RETROSPECT I: DEPORTATION STOPS EVERYWHERE!



Frankfurt on 9 March:

Throw a spanner in the racist works – Some reflection on the stopped deportation in Frankfurt
<https://linksunten.indymedia.org/de/node/138802>

Erfurt on 10 March:

140 people stop again a deportation in Erfurt.

In the night to Tuesday 140 people stopped a deportation: the one of the 23-year-old Abraham to Italy. Spontaneously people gathered in front of the camp for asylum seekers in Stauffenbergallee 25, Erfurt. The man from Eritrea was supposed to be ready for 24 hours to get deported by the police to Italy regarding a request from the alien authority Erfurt.

<http://breakdeportation.blogspot.de/2015/03/10/140-menschen-verhindern-in-erfurt-erneut-abschiebung-23-jaehriger-eritreer-wird-nicht-nach-italien-abgeschoben/>

Hildesheim on 23 March:

No passing: About 100 activists stopped the deportation of a 22-year-old man. At 5 am they have been on the stairs and in front of the main door in Ian-Pallach-Straße. The police had to return without having achieved anything.

<http://www.hildesheimer-allgemeine.de/news/article/gruppe-verhindert-abschiebung-am-fruehen-morgen.html>

Merseburg on 27 March:

In Merseburg activists stopped a deportation monday morning. About 70 people protested in front of a house in König-Heinrich-Straße against the deportation of a family of seven. The family, originally from Chechenia was supposed to be deported monday morning to Poland. To statements of a speaker, the police always came back. The activists explained that they would also stay for a couple of days in front of the house to avoid the deportation of that family.

http://959.radiocorax.de/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12882:in-merseburg-versuchen-aktivistinnen-heute-eine-abschiebung-zu-verhindern&catid=148:nachrichten



And again Osnabrück: 31 stopped deportations!

11 March 2015 is the anniversary of the Osnabrück protest against local deportations. Exactly one year ago the first deportation has been stopped by about 60 people who blocked the entrance of the camp for asylum seekers An der Petersburg. One year later it is now about 31 stopped deportations!

Go on reading:

<http://nolageros.blogspot.eu/>

MARCH RETROSPECT II: HUNGER STRIKES AND PROTESTS AGAINST REFOULEMENT DETENTION AND INTERNMENT IN GB AND GREECE

Since Mid March: Wave of resistance in UK detention centres

As you may have heard, hunger strikes and occupations have been happening in 7 of the UK detention centres for a week now. Hundreds have been refusing food and protesting in the centres.

People are speaking out through a blog -

Detained Voices <https://detainedvoices.wordpress.com/> - and

Standoff Films <https://www.facebook.com/standofffilms>).

This is the biggest uprising against the detention system in the UK for many years. The protests come after a major news channel released secret footage from inside these racist prisons.

More informations here:

<http://rabble.org.uk/hunger-strikes-spread-to-8-detention-centres/>

Since March 23 in Greece: Immigrants held in Paranesti detention center are on hunger strike

More than 290 undocumented immigrants (amongst them 80 minors) are detained in Paranesti. They lack medical care. On Sunday March 29, a solidarity action took place outside Paranesti detention center.

<https://clandestinenglish.wordpress.com/2015/03/31/solidarity-action-outside-paranesti-detention-center/>

Acts of solidarity are organized by Thessaloniki No Lager assembly <http://nolagerthess.espivblogs.net/>

Destroy immigrants' concentration camps!

Free all detained immigrants now!

<https://clandestinenglish.wordpress.com/2015/03/31/solidarity-to-paranesti-detention-center-immigrants-hunger-strike/>



MARCH RETROSPECT III: BLOCKUPY 18NULL3:

On 18 March, burning barricades, blockades and a mega demonstration of more than 20,000 participants accompanied the inauguration of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt. After preparations lasting for weeks, several thousands of people from home and abroad, in an organized manner carried out the peaceful Blockupy blockades directly in front of the police road blocks. Already days beforehand, the police had started to completely barricade the area around the two towers of the ECB. They obviously had not reckoned with the determination with which numerous militants, in their own way and as early as 6 a.m., tried to block the access to the inauguration party. The clouds of smoke above Frankfurt and the violent disputes were worldwide on the front pages. The message from Frankfurt reached the people that are victimized by the crisis policy of the ECB in Athens, Lisbon or Madrid – how they will interpret it remains to be seen. A photo report under: http://www.umbruch-bildarchiv.de/bildarchiv/ereignis/blockupy_frankfurt_2015.html

PROSPECTS OF MY AND JUNE

Sea Watch plans to cruise the central Mediterranean as of the end of May...



On 27 March the christening of the ship took place in Hamburg: Stefan Schmidt, skipper of the Cap Anamur, delivered a welcoming speech and activists of the Watch The Med AlarmPhones presented a Thuraya satellite telephone. These very telephones will be used by boat people when they must start the risky sea crossing from Libya and the project Sea Watch will need this very connection, in order to be able to function as a “swimming

telephone booth with first aid kit” in the central Mediterranean as of the end of May. More at: <http://www.taz.de/157141/> Further information at: <http://sea-watch.org/>

BuKo and G7-Tour in May:



14 to 17 May in Münster

This year's BUKO (The Federal Coordination Internationalism / Bundeskoordination Internationalismus) - congress has the title "Stop. future_unwritten. Solidarisch transnational". Accordingly it will this year prioritize the discussion of internationalism and transnational solidarity in times of crises, wars and racism, as well as experiences with and



perspectives of the transnational, emancipatory praxis and organisation. More at:
<http://www.buko.info/aktuelles/news/datum/2015/03/04/save-the-date-buko37/>

The summit is calling, we will all be there!

Transnational mobile tour for freedom of movement, autonomy and the good life instead of G7, 14 May to 8 June 2015.

In early June the rulers of the most powerful states in the world, the "Group of seven" (G7), will meet for their annual summit at Schloss Elmau in the Bavarian Alps. The negative consequences of their policies will be felt by the whole world. That is why thousands of activists will set off in order to disturb the idyll with massive protests between 3 and 8 June... More about the tour:

<http://www.buko.info/aktuelles/news/datum/2015/02/10/rundreisekarawane-stop-g7/>

A right to global freedom of movement: from the WSF in Tunis to the action days in June ...

As mentioned in the introduction, the right to freedom of movement was a determining theme in the workshops regarding migration and the assemblies at the World Social Forum in Tunis at the end of March. In the context of the Push-Back-Frontex Campaign (more at the website of [afrique-europe-interact](http://afrique-europe-interact.org)) a proposal was made to prepare a protest action in front of the EU Parliament in Strasbourg, between 9 and 11 June. Simultaneously there are plans for protests in front of several embassies against the refoulement collaboration, as well as the idea also to take action in front of the headquarters of Frontex in Warsaw, on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its foundation. However, it will only become clear in the forthcoming weeks which (part) of these proposals can actually be realized.

