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Dear Friends!

On 19 April "Ferries not Frontex!" was the immediate reaction of the Watch The Med Alarm Phones to the greatest refugee tragedy in the Mediterranean to this day with more than 900 casualties. The transnational hotline project, which has been supporting boat people 24/7 for more than six months, mentions in its press release who is to be held responsible for these massive deaths at sea. A follow-up text explains why even a second Mare Nostrum would be insufficient and that, on the contrary, a ferry service is what is called for if the casualties at sea are really to be put an end to (see below).

Apart from a few more life boats, the EU's new 10-point plan is a pure repression and displacement program. Yet what will be done and how depends not in the last place on public pressure. Critical public opinion towards the lethal EU exclusion politics reached into broad parts of the mass media these last two weeks, at least critical voices were solicited everywhere. Even a UNHCR official talked about ferries as a better way and in a video clip a Swedish physician called into question the simple yet ultimately very fundamental issue of why boat refugees do not fly cheaply instead of expensively putting their lives at risk. The answer is clear: the EU visa regime is the problem (see the

references below).

The right to freedom of movement is and will remain our central point of departure against the lethal inhumane border regime. For the Mediterranean the concrete proposal for a 'humanitarian civilly-disobedient ferry' is doing the rounds, while simultaneously and linked to it the resistance against the internal EU borders continues. The Refugee Bus Tour is at the moment on its way through numerous cities of Germany in order mainly to strengthen the self-organized structures of refugees and migrants. In many places actions against the new tightened asylum laws, which had been prepared for quite a while, have been and are still being carried out these days and in turn merge with the current protests against the 'leaving-to-die-at-sea' politics.

Within the polarisation of society, which momentarily manifests itself around the 'refugee issue', the blend of self-organized and left-wing antiracist groups is in a stronger position than in the years before. Whether and in how far we succeed in getting concrete improvements in migration policy implemented, or in doing so even kindle throughout society dynamics 'for more justice' may become apparent in the aggravations to be expected in the next few months. Our



chances have been worse, times seldom | were so open

In this sense and in solidarity,
The Kompass Crew

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SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND WATCH THE MED ALARM PHONE:



On 12 April approximately 5,000 people in a day took to boats in Libya heading for Italy. The Alarm Phone was only in contact with nine boats. On 3 and 4 May another 7,000 boat

refugees started off again across the sea. These record figures express two things: desperation and determination, and are confronted with a lethal EU border and deterrence system. The rescue capacities were systematically reduced last year. 'How the EU kills refugees' is the heading Heribert Prantl consistently gave to his commentary in the Süddeutsche Zeitung, after the first 400 people had drowned. Shortly after that a further 900 boat people died. As mentioned in the introduction, the Alarm Phone published a press release on 19 April, to point out those who are responsible:

<http://ffm-online.org/2015/04/20/alarm-phone-press-release-the-eu-kills-refugees-ferries-not-frontex/>

And shortly after that a more elaborate text which underpins the demand for ferries:

<http://afrique-europe-interact.net/1338-0-Fhren-statt-Frontex.html>

The interview with a UNHCR official shows that this is no fabrication of a few antiracist activists:

<http://ffm-online.org/2015/04/22/un-crepeau-fahren-fuer-1-mio-fluechtlinge-in-industrielaender/>

Finally we wish to make reference to the (English spoken) video clip, which goes even further with the simple question of why boat people do not travel by plane:

<https://www.facebook.com/gapminder.org/videos/986547564713535/>



Finally we refer to the call for donations of the Alarm Phone:

<http://afrique-europe-interact.net/1341-0-Spenden.html>

Within this subject of Mediterranean we want to mention two further mobilizations: first the spontaneous demonstration on 20 April in Bremen with 1000 people, look at <http://afrique-europe-interact.net/1313-0->

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[Faehren-statt-Frontex.html](#).

The second one is a successful disturbance in Berlin: „Today (22nd of April) Klaus Rösler, Frontex Head of Operations, presented in a public event in Berlin the work of Frontex in an advertising way – just 4 days after the awful boat catastrophe in the Central Mediterranean with more than 800 dead people. For this disaster Frontex is partly responsible. At the beginning of the event Rösler had been welcomed by protestors. Some paint bombs were used for this purpose. Pictures of the action you can find among other websites at the one of Afrique-Europe-Interact as well as at Umbruch picture archive (Umbruch Bildarchiv):



<http://afrique-europe-interact.net/1315-0-Protest-gegen-Rsler-22042015.html>

<http://www.umbruch-bildarchiv.de/bildarchiv/ereignis/220415frontex.html>

DATES IN MAY 2015:

Since the end of April until 13 May: Refugee Bustour from Oplatz Berlin

Refugee activists and supporters from Berlin (protest from Oranienplatz, occupied Ohlauer school) organize a bustour through Germany. The situation of refugees in Europe and Germany is getting worse daily because of criminalization and isolation. Within the bustour refugee camps and selforganized refugee protests in different cities shall be visited and the possibility of exchange created. Together we want to find and share solutions and political strategies.

Recent dates: 05.05. - 06.05. Saxony?, 07.05. Leipzig, 08.05. Krumpa, 09.05. Halle, 10.05. Göttingen, 11.05. Magdeburg, 12.05. Potsdam, 13.05. Berlin

For more information and donations:

<http://oplatz.net/category/bus-tour-2015>

9th and 10th of May in Berlin: Blockupy activists meeting

Go a new step!

At Mehringhof in Kreuzberg 61, Gneisenaustr. 2A.

On Saturday, 9th of May 2015, starting 7pm and Sunday, 10th of May, starting 10am to 5pm

Evaluation debate about the 18th of March & the perspectives of Blockupy with the help of the following and other questions:

How do we translate the international dynamic into concrete steps of blockupy?

Which left wing movements and actors do we invite to plan further mobilizations together ?

Which blockupy projects and forms of action we can find at the moment in the wide, anti-

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racist and solidary resistance against the policy of crisis?
Who takes responsibility to put in action?

From May 14th to 17th in Münster: BUKO 37



Stop. Future unwritten. transnational solidary.

A preview to the programm you can find at the congress homepage:

<http://www.buko.info/buko-kongresse/buko-37/programm/vorschau/>

Next to a lot of international guests the following will be there: different selforganized refugee-networks, Afrique-Europe-Interact and the International Coalition of Sans Papiers, Migrants and Refugees (CISPM). All this in an extensive programm concerning antiracism.

From 14th May to 6th June from Münster to Garmisch Partenkirchen

Tour for freedom of movement, autonomy and good life

BUKO in Münster, two weeks later the G-7 in castle Elmau (Schloss Elmau) in Bavaria. What could be more logical to connect these events? With the inspiration of the congress in Münster we will start an international supported mobilization tour. On the way to the Anti-G7-protest action we will stop in different german cities. Flight and migration became central subjects of the tour.

<http://dietour.blogspot.de/>

Updated Route:

<http://dietour.blogspot.de/route-der-tour/>

May 19th to 22th in Warsaw: Days against Frontex



Already for many years there are Days against Frontex in Warsaw. It's time for a new revival and that we together raise our voices. That is why we invite you (migrants and supporter groups) to the days against Frontex. They will take place on may 19th til 22th in Warsaw. There will be meetings, screenings, demonstrations, and the festival "Activists Days Off".

More information: <http://migracja.noblogs.org>

contact: antyfrontex@riseup.net

We invite all groups to participate actively in the organization of this event. We are a small Warsaw collective and together with you we want to work on the deconstruction of our privileges and on abrogating the imposed borders. While migrants in Europe unify in resistance we cannot remain without action. Together against the state fascim – in the name of a real and practical transnational solidarity. Come to Warsaw on may 19 – 22th! Let's create a strong front against Frontex!

REVIEW ON THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE TIGHTENING OF THE

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ASYLUM LAW:

Check <http://migrationsgesetze.info/>

The nationwide action week against the tightening of the asylum law started on april 10th with the squatting and blocking of SPD's head offices in Berlin, Göttingen and Magdeburg, look

<http://www.asylrechtsverschaeftung-stoppen.de/?paged=2>

Further actions amongst them demonstrations in Hannover and Munich followed. Unfortunately the press' feedback was rather reserved, although there was set a mark against the federal government's misanthropic refugee politics. Hopefully there will be more actions until the final ratification of the repressive law of the right to stay/termination of residence on may 8th: Stop asylum law!



April 16th - Demonstration in Munich: About 250 people marched from Odeonsplatz to the bavarian state chancellery and kept on moving to the head office of SPD to protest against the ratification of the law of redefinition of the right to stay and termination of residence.

<http://reflektierter-bengel.de/demonstration-am-16-04-15-asylrechtsverschaeftungen-stoppen/>

April 17th - Demonstration in Hannover: About 400 people protest one day later against the tightening of the asylum law. Report: <http://asylismenschenrecht.de/#!presse/cito>

April 18th - Manifestation and concert in Berlin: On saturday thousands of people set a statement against the tightening of the asylum law at "Beats gegen Rassismus" together with artists like Irie Révoltés, Antinational Embassy and others.

April 24th in Berlin and Frankfurt:
Strike demonstrations by schools

In Berlin gathered about 3000 pupils, students, left wing autonomous people and refugees to protest against the racist asylum policy of the federal



Frankfurt, 24.4.2015



Berlin, 24.4.2015

government. In the course of the demonstration the mass of people grew up to 5000-6000 people. The motto was "Our friends will stay here". After an impressive demonstration there was a sit-in on Pariser Platz in front of the EU commission. Little vessels out of paper were



made which were placed together with candles in front of the EU commission in memory of the drowned refugees from april 19th.

At the same time about 600 people protested, predominantly pupils, against the tightening of the asylum law and the killing EU border regime.

PROSPECT FOR JUNE 2015:

June 10th in Strasbourg

Originally planned as a part of the Push Back Frontex Campaign there will be an action in the afternoon of wednesday june 10th which is a meeting day of the EU Parliament in Strasbourg.

“A vessel for the EU Parliament” - that’s how the title of the call will be and like in Schengen at the march of the refugees in summer 2014 there will be a big rubber boat.

Background is also that on the World Social Forum in Tunis on march was proposed this date for actions about the right of freedom of movement.

