

Message of Solidarity to Togo Refugees

The Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants (APMM), a regional migrant centre based in Hong Kong sends its warmest solidarity to Togo political dissidents in Germany, Alassane Moussabou and Anani Komi Adrzakou, who are facing the threat of deportation to Togo.

Deportation to Togo will mean subjecting Alassane and Anani to further violations of their civil, political and human rights. We commend Alassane and Anani for standing up to the rights of political refugees who are being prosecuted in Europe and around the world.

Likewise, we salute the organizations and individuals who continuously support the fight of the two refugees.

The prosecution of political refugees must stop. The economic and political situation of their countries has forced them to seek safety outside. It is the height of absurdity to deport back political refugees whose lives have already been threatened by the powers that be in their home countries.

The root causes of why people flee from their homeland are the issues that should be addressed. In this regard, host countries of political refugees – mainly the rich and the powerful – are not free of blame. Their economic demands to third world countries, overt or covert support to dictatorships and tyranny, and support to the repression of the people's rights have contributed a lot to the deterioration of the socio-economic and political situation of poor countries.

Alassane and Anani can expect the support of migrant workers and refugees in the Asia Pacific region. Their struggle is for life and rights. Their struggle is the struggle of migrants and refugees the world over.