



Dead and wounded in Ceuta and Melilla

In the last weeks, hundreds of refugees attempted to reach the two Spanish exclaves located on Moroccan territory. Working together, they were able to surmount the the six meter high border fences. The Spanish and Moroccan police greeted the refugees with clubs, tear gas, and bullets. At least 14 refugees died, and many were wounded, (some severely). What happens in a severe form in Ceuta und Melilla, occurs every day all around Fortress Europe. Hundreds of thousands of victims of global capitalism risk their lives for a survival opportunity in the economically richer Europe. Today,

colonial legacies express themselves in neoliberal economic policy of big business and imperialist governments. Such policy destroys the means of existence of millions of people. The situation in the countries of origin, from which people flee, is characterized by war, famine, despotic and facist dictatorships, and poverty. While most of the world's wealth is concentrated in a few countries and there in the hands of a small minority, these same countries are massively building up their militaries to protect this unjust system. After the recent flow of refugees towards the border fences in

Morocco, both Spain and Morocco have sent several thousand soldiers to the borders. The 24 year old Keta from Mali comments on his dangerous flight: "One does not feel afraid because one has nothing to lose in Africa." When examining the political and economic situation of the African continent, it is important to note that progressive approaches and movements are almost always stopped by intervention (including murder and initiating of civil wars) by European and U.S. political leadership.

No human rights, no international law

In June and August, German authorities carried out two mass deportations via charter flights to Turkey and to Sri Lanka. By means of extreme police brutality, Kurdish women, men, and children were deported from the Düsseldorf Airport on June 28th. At the time of this deportation, the Turkish military was intensifying the war and a nationalist hate campaign in Turkey had already cost several Kurds their lives. Faithfully on the side of Turkish fascists, Minister of the Interior Schily forbade the Kurdish newspaper Özgür Politika. On August 26th, 100 Tamils and their families were deported to Sri Lanka from Düsseldorf. Shortly before

this deportation, the Singhalese government had declared a state of emergency in response to the assassination of the foreign minister and the oppression of the Tamil population was intensified. On September 15th, a Europe-wide coordinated mass deportation took place to Togo/Nigeria/Benin from Hamburg. Germany, the UK, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Malta were involved. Spain and Italy sent observers. 15 of the 27 people deported came from Germany. The suspension of the night flight prohibition allowed the plane to fly to Togo in the middle of the night. Since the seizure of power by the

dictator's son, the military and militias of the RPT regime have spread terror across the country. 100,000 people have already fled to Ghana and Benin. The German Foreign Office is simultaneously pulling German citizens out of the country and deporting political refugees to Togo. Similarly, people are being deported to Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia, where Germany military boots are trodding through the countries for the winners of the wars. Down with war and military occupation, together against racism and social deprivation – let us fight together and internationally for our rights as humans!

We don't have a vote, but we have a voice

One day before the national election, 300 people demonstrated in Düsseldorf against institutional racism and the massive disfranchisement of refugees and migrants. The demonstration was the final event of the Mini-Caravan-Tour in Nordrhein-Westfalen and called on all people to take part in a committed fight for basic and human rights. Initiative and self-organization is the way to fight the unjust, anti-social policies of the civil parties. None of the party coalitions (CDU/FDP and SPD/Green) was able to obtain majority in the national elections. Everyone is now playing poker over political positions and money. All politicians

would like to obtain the power to govern, except for the Left Party/PDS, which at least for now remains in the opposition. No matter which coalition gains power, the course of social deprivation, racist persecution, and military operations will continue unhindered. The catalyst for change is therefore on the streets. The usefulness of a leftist, social-democratic opposition in Parliament will depend on the pressure developed by the people, especially non-electoral forces.

**"The right to asylum is a human right!
We are here because you destroy our
countries!"**

The Koordinationskreis Hamburg is a part of the nationwide network of the caravan for the rights of refugees and migrants. The network is committed to the struggle for social and political rights, equality and the respect of basic human rights of all individuals. The information bulletin of caravan Hamburg comes out monthly. We invite you to report on your own experiences and knowledge. Support the campaigns against deportations: www.thecaravan.org (Caravan-website) The Koordinationskreis Hamburg invites you to the Caravan-Café in B 5, Brigittenstraße 5, 20359 Hamburg/St. Pauli. Monthly every 1st, 4th and 5th thursday (6.00 pm)!