



WARNING ALERT: DEPORTATION HEARING WITH SIERRA LEONIAN EMBASSY ON 15th and 16th OF NOVEMBER IN MUNICH!

***Dear brothers and sisters,
on 15th and 16th of November, Sierra Leonian embassy officials are coming to Munich for a so-called “identification hearing”. This procedure is taking place at the former women’s prison “AM NEUDECK 10”. Sierra Leonian refugees who have been rejected in their asylum case have received letters from the German authorities to attend this appointment. The purpose of these interviews: Issuing travelling certificates (TCs) for deportation!***

Our advice to all who are concerned:

- **Attending an “identification hearing” with the Sierra Leonian embassy is only for Your own deportation!**
- **Don’t support your own deportation! Don’t attend an “identification hearing” unless a lawyer is with You!**
- **Don’t sign any document proving Your identity or Your country of origin unless a lawyer is with You! Such a paper can be used to issue travelling documents for deportation without any other evidences or documents!**
- **Don’t talk with Sierra Leonian embassy officials unless a lawyer is with You!**

What's the problem with an “identification hearing”? What's happening there?

The only purpose of an “identification hearing” is issuing travelling documents (TCs) for deportation! During the interview, people are questioned by Sierra Leonian embassy officials in order to confirm their Sierra Leonian origin. Representatives of the German deportation authorities are also present to observe the whole procedure. It has to be clear: Don’t trust the embassy officials, even if they offer to help you! Sierra Leonian embassy officials receive money from the German authorities for “identifying” people and for issuing travelling certificates – this means they are making corrupt business with the deportation of fellow Sierra Leonians!

Not attending an embassy interview can stop Your deportation!

According to previous experiences, many refugees who refused to attend an “identification hearing” were able to block their own deportation successfully and to win time to find alternative solutions for their own situation. On the other hand, many of those who attended “identification hearings” were deported soon afterwards!

Possibility of punishment if You refuse to take part in an “identification hearing”:

If You refuse to attend an “identification hearing”, You can get penalties: The authorities can cut Your money, they can also take away Your working permission or You can get a restriction of Your freedom of movement. However, many people still don’t receive any penalty and often, these penalties are given only for a limited period of time. The authorities have NO right to refuse prolongation of Your “Duldung” if You don’t attend the “identification hearing”! The authorities have NO right to punish You if You can present a medical confirmation proving that you were ill on the day of the “identification hearing”! Talk to Your lawyer concerning the question of penalties!
In most cases, the danger of being deported after an “identification hearing” is worse than the danger of being punished for refusing to attend an “identification hearing”!

Attention: Police can pick people at their places!

Police might try to arrest You at your place and bring You to the Sierra Leonian “identification hearing” by force - especially if in the past, You have already refused to take a passport or a travelling certificate from the embassy. This can happen to You even if You didn’t receive any official invitation for the embassy interview! Police might come to pick You on the day of the “identification hearing” or even some days before or some days after!
Be careful, don’t let them pick You, call Your lawyer and/or contact us!

***PROTEST RALLY: 15th and 16th of November, from 8 till 12 in the morning,
at the former prison “AM NEUDECK 10” (Tram 27, Mariahilfplatz)***

***Stop the deportation hearing with the Sierra Leonian embassy!
Stop the corrupt business with deportations!***