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Re: arrest for deportation and special arrest conditions for Alassane Moussbaou and Adzrakou Komi Anani

Hamburg, January 25, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

these two Togolese refugees and political opponents of the RPT regime are being arrested at the JVA Bützow for deportation. Both of them have entered a hunger strike for an indefinite period to protest against the officials' plans for their deportation.

A broad public calls for a general stop of deportations to Togo, a country that has been ruled by the army and the Eyadema-clan for 40 years. After the old dictator's death his son has seized power over the country. During the faked elections in April 2005, oppositionals and critics of the regime as well as their relatives faced massive repressions. These persecutions have not ceased since then. Paramilitary groups, RPT militia, are terrorizing the population. Even the European Parliament could not officially recognize the new regime due to the obviously faked elections, hundreds of dead people and tenthousands of refugees. The UNHCR, Amnesty International and other NGOs have seriously warned against deporting people to Togo and have called for a moratorium. The Foreign Office's report on Togo has been criticized because it refuses to state the dangers Togolese refugees face in case of their deportation. At the same time, the Foreign Office has issued a warning for German citizens traveling to Togo and advises them to register at the German embassy in Lomé.

Facing this situation, it is obvious that the arrest of the both Togolese refugees for deportation is illegal according to the Human Rights Charter, the international agree on refugees and the article 1 § 60 Zuwanderungsgesetz (ZuwG).

We call for the immediate release of the Togolese dissidents Alassane Moussbaou and Adzrakou Komi Anani.

Both of them have entered a hunger strike because their rights are being cut and their lives are in danger if they are delivered to the hands of the RPT regime. Their physical and psychic

condition is getting worse. At the same time they are facing sanctions and are being kept in solitary confinement. These measures must immediately be stopped.

We demand:

- to stop the solitary confinement and the “23 Stunden Einschluss”
- to abolish the shopping stop
- to stop the limitations in the use of the public phone
- to hand the incoming mail to the arrestees and to deliver their outgoing mail
- to let the arrestees name external doctors for their care
- to supply the arrestees with enough mineral water, tea etc.

Best,

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Caravan for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants Hamburg

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International Campaign against the Dictatorship in Togo and other African Countries

Press release

Hamburg, January 25, 2006

- handcuffed in Administrative Court
- Special arrest conditions for Togolese dissidents in hunger strike
- “International Campaign” calls for release from arrest
- PDS party examines arrest conditions

The both Togolese dissidents in hunger strike, Alassane Moussbaou and Adzrakou Komi Anani are facing hardened conditions in their arrest. The “International Campaign” calls for an immediate end to this illegal treatment and for the release of the arrestees.

On January 24, 2006 there was a hearing at the Administrative Court in Schwerin concerning Mister Adzrakou’s “Asylfolgeantrag”. Mister Adzrakou sues for his right of political asylum. He was treated like a criminal and was handcuffed during the hearing. Physically weakened by eight days of hunger strike, the Togolese dissident once more called for his right to be granted political asylum and explained the reasons of his asylum that make a protection against deportation necessary. His active membership at the UFC in Togo and his continuing political commitment in exile result in a serious danger for his life in case he is deported to Togo. At the end of the hearing, he stated that he would rather keep up his hunger strike until his death then letting himself be delivered into the hands of the Togolese RPT regime.

Both Togolese refugees arrested at the JVA Bützow report that they are being kept under special conditions of arrest since they entered into hunger strike. They are both in solitary confinement being locked up for 23 hours a day. They were not allowed to buy mineral water and to send mail to supporting organizations.

The “Caravan for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants” has addressed an open letter to the Ministry of Justice and to the officials at the JVA and called for an immediate end to the hardened conditions of arrest and for the release of both arrestees. The deportation of dissidents to the Togolese dictatorship is a serious violation of human rights.

The PDS party in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern has also addressed the Ministry of Justice and called to put an end to the solitary confinement and give detailed information on the conditions of arrest. A delegation of three people will officially visit the arrestees.

On Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 1 pm there will be a demonstration of solidarity in front of the JVA Bützow.

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