## Demonstration against Deportation and Social Exclusion Saturday 18th March Start 12:00 Am Brill

This is our call to stand in solidarity with Afghani and other refugees to resist the injustice of deportation. To resist the forced exile of a people who have braved the deadly waters and dangerous borders, only to be told Afghanistan is a safe country. This authoritarian lie is perpetuated by a leadership, which is complicit in continuing the surgical bombing of our country, our homes, our families, and our weddings. If Bremen can take this humanitarian step to stop deportation, we believe Germany as a whole can as well progress to stop deportation altogether, of Afghanis, Romani and Balkan brethren and others. We call on everybody to join us in international solidarity against deportation culture.

Let's raise our voice and say:

No to the deportation to Afghanistan! No to deportations anywhere! Let's break the deportation culture!

The European system of exclusion is getting more and more brutal. Germany is going ahead with ever more deportations – Let us raise our voice together! Join the nationwide days of action for a right to stay and equal social rights for everyone. Show your solidarity, your struggles and your visions of a society in which migration does not pose a threat!

This Demo is part of the nationwide Days of Action of the welcome2stay Movement (www. Welcome2stay.org) and organized by the alliance **Equal Rights for All Bremen** (facebook.com/buendnisequalrightsforall - <u>refugeeswelcomehb@riseup.net</u>).

**von wegen sicher!** Veranstaltung zur Situation in Afghanistan, Kritik der bundesdeutschen Abschiebepraxis.

**Afghanistan is not safe!** Public event on the current situation in Afghanistan, criticizing the German deportation policy. **Mittwoch, 5. April, 19:00 Uhr** im DGB-Haus, Bahnhofsvorplatz/An der Weide.



## Break the deportation culture! For the right to come, to go and to stay!

Some weeks ago a mass deportation of Afghan Refugees took place from Munich. We condemn this as a criminal act and we call on everybody to show our solidarity against deportations to Afghanistan with us on the street on the nationwide Day of Action:

Come to the demonstration in Bremen on the 18th March 2017, start 12:00 Am Brill

## Deportation is a crime!

Deporting refugees is not a simple act of returning them to their homeland. It is like pushing back the people who saved their lives from drowning in cold waters of the ocean again into those killing waters. We believe the refugees are living documents of the crimes of worldwide reactionaries and they are the main force in breaking the deportation culture.

Bremen and a few federal states are demonstrating the possibility to reject deportation to Afghanistan. If this is possible in these states, certainly the same possibility MUST exist for the whole country. At the same time we should not forget the fact that this same Bremen State began mass deportations to Ex-Yugoslavia and Albania, particularly Roma and deports many others like Africans to their homelands using dubious bilateral agreements. Therefore we say no to deportations in general!

Right now we face a strategy of selection in the German asylum policy, in which refugees are divided into three categories: First the so called "safe home countries" that result in nearly no chance to stay and no consideration of the individual cases. Secondly the home countries considered a "high probability to stay", consisting of Syria, Iraq Iran, Eritrea and Somalia. They are getting more access to education and integration than others in order to be useable in the labor market as soon as possible. And thirdly, those from other countries, who sometimes wait for years for a decision on their cases while having no access to German classes or other possibilities to be part of the society. Afghanistan is one of the last but is very much in the focus of the authorities, as they try to avoid questions regarding the German military presence in the Afghanistan war and to canvass rightwing voters. This is supposed to divide refugees and avoid solidarity between them. Let's show them they are wrong!

Facing a phony dispute between one part of German state under the name of Mrs. Merkel and another part under the names of PEGIDA and AFD, there is a strong tendency to ask help from the authorities and expecting their kindness. Although it is right to bargain in interviews and courts, but simply asking the authorities to stop deportations is forgetting that this same state is one of the forces that is responsible for refugees fleeing their homeland. We shouldn't forget the presence of forces of German military and NATO in Afghanistan; in fact these warenforcing criminals have no right to deport anybody!

## But it's not only about Afghanistan

Some refugees and non-refugees from other parts of the world support the resistance of Afghan refugees. This is great - but not enough. People should know that the ruling system wages colonial wars of exploitation, on cost of the life and work of so many people including ourselves. Nationalism is the ideology of the ruling colonialists and imperialists. But the human race is international and we, the people believe in international solidarity. We call on everybody to join us in international solidarity and against the deportation culture created by capitalism.

Today's economic system and the extreme concentration of wealth and power in the "Western Countries" was born in the blood and sweat of enslaved Africans, colonized Asia, suppression of women and the destruction of lives in our home countries by imperialist forces. We are here because they destroy our countries. They force us to migrate to further their exploitation. They need us as robots and servants who work for them in the cheapest form, as foot soldiers for their imperialist wars and exploitation.