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In summer 1998 we stated: “We are here because you are there!” and made reference to the long history of exploitation and interference on our continents. In 1999, we protested against the G7 in Cologne with a hunger strike and had to realize that the above slogan was not precise enough. The G7 countries and NATO were not only supporting dictatorships and countries for their own interests, they were actively destroying our continents and our world. The coming wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Yugoslavia, Georgia, Libya, Syria were not yet reality at that time. The Bundeswehr was not yet active on various fronts in the Balkans, Africa or Asia. The EU had not yet pushed ahead with its programmes for the poverty of millions more African and Asian people, but also European people. We want to give a short overview of the last 25 years and discuss where we are today.

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Why do we organise?

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In Germany, different types of camps exist to keep people under control and break their will. The camp system is a complex system of racist segregation and social exclusion. Its aim is to force refugees to leave the country. It exists to make us realise that we are not welcome. The camp system is an old system that was practised in the colonies for extermination and discipline.

Since the first tour, the struggle for our rights has been closely linked to the struggle against isolation, humiliation and attrition in the camps.

On this evening we want to report on what changes we have seen since 1998 and what struggles have been waged against the exclusion of the camps. We want to discuss with you where we are today.

We show you the film about this tour with the voices of the protagonists and want to discuss what has changed since then.

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