

## Non-Citizens Rise up in Bavaria

After one month of mobilisation in different lagers, mainly in Bavaria, it has been decided at the non-citizen meeting on the 6th and 7th

of September 2016 in Munich to make a demonstration and a protest camp at Sendlinger Tor. The aim is to draw attention on the political situation of non-citizens. The camp has a legal permission (info until our publishing date) and up to

100 protesters took part in it during day and night.

After 3 weeks of occupation, the people decided to make a march from Munich to Nuremberg to bring their protest further. They

started on 8th of October from Munich. After walking 10 days, they made 200 kilometers to Nuremberg. They had a strong demonstration in front of the BAMF (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge), calling for their and our demands.

As the reason and demand of the protest, they write:

We want for everybody in Germany to have the right to stay, right to work and right to study here. Also, we want the right to choose freely our living place. Our main demand is having the right to stay here. All of other demands can become possible after that. They are all civil rights and are just possible when we are accepted as members in this society.

Here in Berlin, working on the Daily Resistance newspaper, we decided to put the focus of this issue on the new protest in Bavaria. We find it important to echo their valuable message to the other people/non-citizens living in the lagers. And the result is in front of you, the 3rd issue of Daily Resistance. This is a special edition about the protest of non-citizens in Bavaria. The articles in this issue are a selection of statements of protestors in the last 3 months and all are written by the non-citizens. This issue is translated and distributed into 7 different languages: English, Farsi, German, Urdu, Arabic, French and Kurdi (Sorani). So if you like to have it in any of these languages please get in contact with us: [dailyresistance@oplatz.net](mailto:dailyresistance@oplatz.net)

When you get this newspaper the protest is already going forward and there is a lot of news. You can get the latest news of them on their website: [refugeestruggle.org](http://refugeestruggle.org) or their facebook page: [Refugee struggle for freedom!](https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeStruggle)

On the 31st October the activists started a hungerstrike at Sendlinger Tor in Munich. All non-citizens are welcome to join the protest.

# DAILY RESISTANCE



## "Integration law" and our protest

Munich, 29th of September 2016, 23rd day at Sendlinger Tor

During the demonstration today a delegate from our protest spoke on the press conference against the so-called "integration law".

We, as a political, self-organized group of Non-Citizens at Sendlinger Tor, are against the so-called "integration law", because it excludes and discriminates against people. People are expected to commit to a 'Leitkultur' (dominant culture). Children living in refugee accommodation could be excluded from school, even refugees who have been granted asylum may now no longer determine their place of residence. The police would be able to act arbitrarily and without a court order in refugee camps - protected by the law. This violates basic civil rights in Germany.

It gets even more absurd, when the Bavarian State wants to introduce border controls in front of swimming pools, libraries and other public facilities.

Instead of this discriminatory bill, we demand real solutions for people's problems. Politicians decide on Non-Citizens' concerns without having spoken to them, they are not represented in the parliaments.

Therefore, we first demand the right to vote for all people who live in this country.

Secondly, we call for a right to work for all. Non-Citizens are compelled to work for less than a Euro, and thereby become wage reducers in the labour market. This splits the workforce, working people and society. This creates even more racism.

At this point, our full solidarity

goes to the workers of the company Strasser, which will go on strike on Friday against the deportation of their longstanding colleague to Afghanistan.

Third, instead of reactionary bills, we demand equal rights and the right to stay for all people in Germany. This kind of hierarchized society is used up and needs to be overcome. This hierarchical society finds no answer to war, crisis and poverty. It produces unemployment, racism, exploitation, sexism and environmental destruction. Not only in Germany, but worldwide.

The idea that one can achieve something good if children are excluded from school, when children and

young people are expected to commit to a dominant culture, clearly shows us that this bill goes in the wrong direction.

We, as a self-organized, political Non-Citizens group, who protests for equal rights of all people since at Sendlinger Tor since September 7, will now intervene! We, as the bottom part of the working class in Germany organize together with our colleagues inside the trade unions against the Bavarian exclusion law. We are organizing a protest against it together. Solidarity needs to be practical and political. This law is an attack on all of us!



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## Protest March to Nuremberg is planned

München, 27th of September, 2016, 21th day at Sendlinger Tor

Today, the protesting refugees from Sendlinger Tor have analysed the development of their protest in a press conference. Also, attending journalists and other interested persons have been explained the next steps: A protest march to Nuremberg is planned from October 8th, more details will be made available soon.

One of the statements that have been read at the press conference:

We, refugees of the world. We, the victims of this justice. A justice that protects and murders at the same time. A justice who does not want to recognize us as refugees, because of our origin from a country, our sexual orientation or our religion.

We, citizens of this world, are gathered at Sendlinger Tor. You hold your breath, because this fight is making history. A fight against racism, corruption and hostility, all of which we are victims.

You say that we have everything and we want more. What does it mean "to have everything" without to live? Life in the camp - does that mean "to have everything"? Sleeping throughout the day, nothing to do, only eating and going to the toilet - does that mean "to

have everything"? Think and inform yourself, before you speak.

In the current state of the world, no one is safe. You are saying that all refugees are economic refugees who must be sent back. I wonder why you Europeans, in the context of the economic crisis, have the right to look for work everywhere, in Europe, America, Africa etc. Why do we not have this right?

By closing the borders, you are letting die our brothers and sisters in the sea and in the desert. If many deaths would be shown in television, many of us could give up and not start the journey to Europe. But unfortunately, it is not like that.

There, where the heart is, what is there really?

Is it not a sacrifice to leave everything behind and to risk our lives for security and a comfortable life? Your policies have promised us security, but in the end it's all about business. And in business, all means are justified to pile up money and maximize profit. We denounce this in the name of humanity! We will continue to fight until we achieve our goal.



# What goes wrong when 60 million people are refugees?!

Munich, 14th of September 2016, 8th day at Sendlinger Tor

In the previous years, refugee people have been protesting in different cities in Germany and worldwide. Against this background, the current protest is not specifically focusing the city of Munich, but generally targeting the perceptions of 'crisis', 'wave', and so on.

Although the 'refugees' issue is in the news every day, this does not happen in a way that is acceptable to us. We are portrayed as economic refugees, as being too many and lazy, as terrorist, criminals, as vic-

tims, and so on. This is why the protest is necessary.

In spite of the voluntary commitment that grew in the last few years, the laws that destroy our lives, the mindset that is deeply marked by colonialism and racism remains intact. The growing readiness to help is just a drop in the ocean, because racism grows virulently at the same time. Arson attacks on refugee camps determine our everyday life, the laws in the courts and foreigners' offices [Ausländerbehörden]

are getting worse. This is why the protest is necessary.

It is legitimate, appropriate, and necessary to make this picture public to the world, even if some apprehend it as 'dramatic'. The actually dramatic pictures are first and foremost produced by the Global North. What goes wrong when more than 60 Million people worldwide are refugees? This is why the protest is necessary.



# Call Out to get LOUD, to change the social relations!

Munich, 13th of September 2016, 7th day at Sendlinger Tor

Asylum laws, Integration Law, racist activities and Co.

**What is our reality and why we are at the Sendlinger Tor?**

We are here to gain the right to stay, to be in the public eye, to talk with politicians, to get allies, so that we can act as a large mass, so as to change the laws on asylum.

In the past, we could change the legal situation with protests. So the protest marches from Würzburg to Berlin and from Würzburg and Bayreuth to Munich helped to loosen the laws concerning "residence obligation" (Residenzpflicht). But in the recent past, the asylum laws were tightened notably. Several asylum packages and the Integration Law complicated our lives again. The "integration law" of 6th August 2016 dictates to us, for example, according to the regular force to stay in camps, where we have to live. Despite "temporary residence" (Aufenthaltsgenehmigung) those paragraphs can determine, where we have to live.

The tightening of asylum law means, for example, that medical reasons are no longer recognized

as obstacle of deportation. So deportations are possible even with life-threatening diseases, in case that the disease is not "significantly" impaired by this.

These are just two examples that have been added recently to the existing harassment. In principle, many refugees are without work permit, without permission to attend a German language course. Waiting for their asylum procedure. In the hold of "tolerance" (Duldung), means that status in that people have to live up to 20 years in the camp; no school, no job, no education - even without the prospect to go to another country, as the countries of origin provide war, poverty and persecution.

As Non-Citizens, we have no access to human rights. We are human beings, but without corresponding rights. These rights we only get with the citizenship. Hereby we get access to the Basic Law. First, we float in the statelessness and therefore to the lawlessness. Therefore we are forced to ask for the right to stay!

Out of ignorance and pure racism this request is denied us. Every day, Pegida activist come to the Sendlinger Tor and film us. The nation-

alist-socialist organisation "Dritter Weg" spreads racist flyer. Racists that are not organized in groups or parties are attacking us, too. So yesterday the urban gardener put water up on our tents, to be more precise on our women space. Result of that was a complaint against a person who wanted to call the worker by tapping on the window of the tanker to stop the water jet.

Today we showed in the frame of a spontaneous demonstration our anger towards the intolerance that we get showed at the information table, by e-mail, by Nazis, by Pegida-people and by private people. We tried hereby giving a clear signal against racism and for the right to stay. Meanwhile, two Non-Citizens got unconscious. On the streets of Munich they suffered a psychological breakdown. The reason is always the same: The long and repressive asylum procedures destroy our physical and mental health.

We call out to speak out with us and against racism. To recognize how inhuman the existing laws are and how they isolate ourselves from society, break us and limit our lives!

Today we have visited the offices of the Greens, the SPD and the union trade house (DGB) - with the motivation to get in contact and negotiations.

**To the trade unions: We want to work!**

**To the politicians: we need the right to stay, that is, access to human rights!**

**To all citizens, antiracist and antifascist networks and groups: Organize yourselves and stand up against these laws. Take position! Get loud!**

**To all journalists: Report on asylum laws and its devastating effects on our lives!**

**Thanks to all who are in solidarity with us!**

# Our struggle is not only a struggle for the right to stay.

Munich, 22th of September 2016, 16th day at Sendlinger Tor

Our struggle is not only a struggle for the right to stay. Like many other people around the world, we are struggling against racism as well. Today, about 30 activists of our protest camp came together in front of the Iranian consulate at Mauerkircherstrasse 67 to protest against the deadly racism against Afghan refugees in Iran. A racism in state and society, that took the life of an Afghan girl a few weeks ago, because organ transplants for refugees are prohibited there. In the city of Shiraz, Afghan refugees were blindfolded and locked in cages on a public square - the only reason being that they were born with the wrong passport.

Our struggle is a struggle for the lives of all people. We are mourning the hundreds of people who drowned off the Egyptian coast yesterday - because of the wall that European politicians have built around Europe. They are the real criminals, not the refugees!

We express our solidarity with the fight against racism in the US, where a black person has been shot by a racist cop this week, again. Let us not forget the first and second world war, in which millions have lost their lives. Now, we are in the 21st century. To date, all international treaties and laws cannot prevent that so many innocent people lose their lives - in the Sahara, in the Mediterranean or by the police.

In a press release, the CSU portrays us as "troublemakers". This is said

by people who sit at their desks and judge de-privileged people. If they would find themselves in the situation of the refugees in Bautzen, they would judge differently. In addition, the party thus denies the worrying shift to the right, which is happening throughout Germany.

Who builds a wall around Europe? Who shoots innocent people? The number of deaths in the world shows who the real criminals are. The most important thing in this world is humanity. What would life be without humanity? Let us fight together for it.

# We Are One

Munich, 10th of September 2016, 4th Day at Sendlinger Tor

During the day we counted 98 refugees! That means that 98 people without permission to stay (Bleiberecht) decided to be here despite racist insults and step into the public to fight for their rights. Let it be in the talks and discussion on the information desk or in the symbolic occupation itself. We as a group of refugees are the melting pot of oppressions. We are facing different forms of structural violence: We are refugees and therefore without basic human rights. We are women and therefore experience sexism.

We are people who experience racism. We are humans who experience other forms of discrimination. Let it be because of our languages, because of disabilities, because of how we look or other factors. Together we declare the common fight against our individual problems. We are not victims. We are carrying anger and patience in us. The anger results from the different forms of oppression and violence. The patience results out of the knowledge, that we must fight for a long time to reach our goal.

Through the small things we experience again and again how united we are. Since we have to rely on donations and therefore this money is rare we have to put together the little money we have from our own pockets in order to finance the protest.

## Our fight continues - until we rise!





Refugee Struggle for Freedom, Protest March 2016: Day 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mII8mfpUmZo>

# Information on Repression

In the last years, the government has reacted with repression to protests of refugees. This means that the state has tried to punish activists.

But: Committing a criminal act doesn't necessarily lead to a criminal investigation. A criminal investigation doesn't necessarily lead to a sentence!

## 1. Some examples of repression:

*Often, activists have done nothing. But the police lied afterwards and said that people have committed a crime.*

**Insult of police officers**  
Police have claimed that activists said to them „You are racist“, „Scheiße Polizei“ or „All cops are bastards“. This was seen as an insult, and insult is a criminal act.

**Resistance against police officers**  
For example, activists have organised a hunger strike in Munich in 2013. The police tried to end the hunger strike and evict the protest. Police officers told activists to leave. Some people refused to go. This was seen by police as resistance against police officers, which is a criminal act.

### Trespass

For example, refugees occupied the yard of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge, BAMF) in 2014 in protest. As the yard is a privately owned area, some activists were charged for trespass.

## 2. Fines

In Germany, fines of the total amount of a punishment. During the protests of the last years, people were sentenced for insult of police officers, resistance against police officers, or trespass. Some activists

were for example sentenced with 30 daily rates of 5 Euro (30 x 5 Euro = 150 Euro).

The fines have usually been paid by organisation like the Rote Hilfe (Red Help) or other groups, who are in solidarity with refugee struggles. The activists will definitely not be left alone with financial penalties and other repressions!

## 3. Consequences of repression for people without German passports

People who don't hold a German passport may have to face other consequences.

What can happen when you commit criminal offences?

- People, who are still in their asylum procedures:

The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge, BAMF) is still checking with an interview, whether you are persecuted in your home country or not. Committing a crime is NOT affecting the decision of the Federal Office.

- If your asylum has already been accepted:

If you have committed a crime, it is possible that the foreigners' office (Ausländerbehörde) will refuse to hand out residence papers. But you are not in the danger to be deported, if the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge, BAMF) has accepted your asylum claim. However, it is possible that you will only get a „Duldung“. This is a residence status, with which it is for example more complicated to work, to study or to move.

- If your asylum has already been rejected:

If you have committed a crime, it is possible that the foreigners' office (Ausländerbehörde) will try to de-

port you quicker. It will be still checked, whether you have other reasons, which would stop a deportation (for example if you have children in Germany or are married, or if you are very ill). It still depends on your case, what could be done to stop the deportation.

If you have committed a crime, it is possible that the foreigners' office (Ausländerbehörde) will reject to give you the permission to start an education/trainee programme (Ausbildung). If you have already completed an education/trainee programme (Ausbildung), it is possible that they will refuse to hand you out residence papers and just give you a 'Duldung'.

- If you want to get married:

Also in this case it is possible that the foreigners' office (Ausländerbehörde) will refuse to give you residence papers, if you have committed a crime – also if you get married to a German citizen.

## 4. What to do?

*Before the protest: Try to get information!*

Often, you have committed a 'crime' without knowing about it. For example, when you've frequently travelled without a ticket and got caught several times. Ask your lawyer!

Seek for people, who know about asylum and criminal law. Organize them in a group (Anti-Repression-Group), in order to support you when you receive letters from police, court or state persecutor.

*During the protest: don't talk to police! Collect evidences!*

In the past, people often haven't been sentenced if evidences about the behaviour of the police have been collected during the protest. Form a team of 3 to 5 persons, who take pictu-

res and shoot movies – without the police realising it. Decide in the collective and with the anti-repression group, what will be published.

Don't talk to the police! It is always the best advice not to talk to the police or sign anything! Go to an independent doctor after the action if you have been injured by the police and ask for a certificate.

*After the protest: Stay in touch with each other! Check your mail regularly!*

It is important that you stay in touch with your protest group and tell each other very quick if you have received letters of police, court or state prosecutor. If you don't live at the place where you're officially registered, it is even more important that you check your post regularly.

Scan your letters in a copyshop and send them to the people from your protest, who are responsible for that (Anti-Repression-Group). The quicker you get in touch with them, the easier it is for them to support, also concerning the payment of your fines!

**And: Protest is possible without criminal offences, such as resistance, trespass or insult!**

For example:

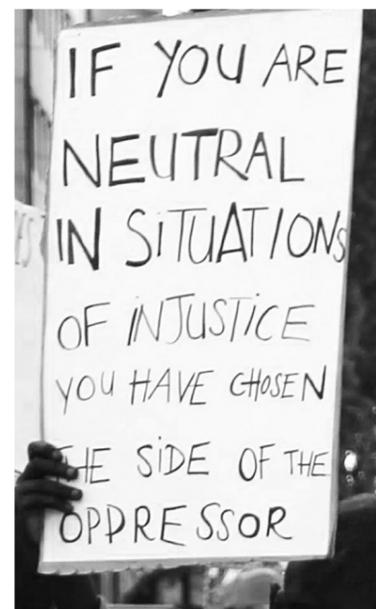
- You squat a public space (instead a private space), without disturbing the traffic: this is not a criminal offence!

- The police tells you three times to leave and then you just leave and end the protest: this is not a criminal offence!

## Munich Postcolonial Action: Statement from the protest camp at Sendlinger Tor

We are desperate that it has come so far, but we are only here because we don't have any other choice. You put your concept of democracy and human rights on our countries of origin, you colonised us by force and you persuaded us that this would be necessary by controlling our economies through the International Monetary Fund, by forcing your European culture and your ways of thinking upon us, by letting it happen that our heritage and our finances come into your countries without us having the possibility to follow, by exploiting our raw materials and our cultural resources, as if it was a cake and it was possible to cut pieces from it. While doing that you were always focussed on profit, and because of your interests the African youth suffers from corruption, from repression of governmental offices. These don't have to fear anything, they are well protected. And after all that, you believe, you will have a calm life? No, no, no.

Due to such politics, the world will never be free, unless it is politics of war and repression, and you cannot close your eyes from that. I am Senegalese, Iranian, Pakistani, etc. But my nationality does not have any meaning. The only meaning lies in my belonging to this world, this earth which was made for humankind. Unfortunately, this life doesn't have any value anymore as the humankind does not see or hear anything else anymore when s\_he follows ideologies which s\_he will never understand because s\_he is captured by hatred and ignorance. Nobody is born as a refugee, it is your system that made us who we are now. And it is the duty of your system to rebuild the ruins. You can think whatever you like, you anyway know more than us, and you have better information about the current situation than us, but you pretend to be blind. You simply don't want to understand us.



# A call to join the protest march from München to Nürnberg

From 7th of October, 2016, the protesting refugees at Sendlinger Tor in Munich will start a new mode of protest against the inhuman living circumstances and the dreadful asylum law in Germany. Right now, there is a protest camp at Sendlinger Tor in Munich/München. We'll send you as an attachment the press declaration of the strikers announcing a protest march from München to Nürnberg in order to continue the protest together.

The purpose of this protest form is to mobilize refugees living in Lagers to join in. After an intensive debate, the protesting refugees and supporting groups decided to establish 5 working groups. Every group or individual who is willing to make this protest a success is invited to support us for the whole protest as well as for parts of this march.

## Communication work group:

1. Start contacting groups and individuals in the cities which we'll pass along our route to Nürnberg to activate local support. In the following we'll give you a few examples. It is important to ensure the safety e.g. by having security guards. Further solidarity is very welcome. The group has to write a list of all active groups and individuals so that the logistic group can use this information and structures.

2. Connect to lawyers who are familiar with the asylum laws or/ and the rights of assembly - to solve problems quickly.

## Logistics work group:

Refugees as well as activists form this group. This group is responsible to solve all logistical issues on both tracks.

1. For this protest march we need different permissions - it has to be registered. We need places to rest; we need to hold local demonstrations...to ensure safety to all refugees. This part is really important! Parts of the protest march can/ should be registered by local groups.

2. We need cars for all the material and baggage of the refugees as well as a caravan with a toilet... in case we can't find a service area.

3. Important things in both routes are: places to sleep, tents and sleeping bags, food and drinks, escort car, toilets and the possibility to take a shower, electricity (especially on the countryside), first aid and medical support, transpils, flyers/ leaflets, megaphone...

## Mediagroup:

1. Right now most of the journalists know the reasons for the refugees' protest camps and spread the news in accordance to their press declarations. Since we need the truth to be published it is really important that we'll take care of the presswork. We need a list of freelance journalists and press contacts to tell them new information. It is also important to initiate contact to journalists who are interested in the refugee issues to join into the protest march to create a steady publicity. This website

will be administered by refugees to publish their point of view. Therefore, it will become the mouthpiece of the protest and should be spread. Each involved group is welcome to write its own articles to spread the refugees protest. *Be Active!!*

2. Furthermore there will be press conferences in different cities which have to be organised to ensure local press activities. Organise places for the press conferences, inform the local press and use your contacts!

## Documentation group:

1. It is very important that this protest march is accompanied and documented by photographers, journalists, film-makers etc., everyone who is experienced or knows someone who is experienced is needed!

## Finance group:

1. This protest still exists although we had many huge repressions and problems. Now it is moving, together with refugees and activists, to another level. Therefore we need financial support. We ask every organisation which condemns the inhuman laws and the isolation of refugees for support.

# SQUATTED!

Munich, 7th of September 2016, 1st day at Sendlinger Tor

After a powerful demonstration through Munich round about 50 Refugees decided to occupy "Sendlinger-Tor-Platz".

Around 3 p.m. the demonstration started at Stachus/Karlsplatz with multilingual slogans such as "1-2-3-4 alle Menschen bleiben hier," "Sadda haq aethey rakh" or "Solidarité avec les sans-papiers". People from different countries of origin joined together to fight for their rights.

The problems of the refugee women were addressed as well. On applause this problems were declared to the problems of the whole protest. A person described the daily lives of many women, lesbians,

inter- and transpeople\*: "War, financial problems and financial dependence, rape, female genital mutilation, forced marriage, no freedom of decision about one's sexual orientation, no freedom of decision about one's gender identity, no freedom of choosing a religion or clothing."

Solidarity and resolution drew the demonstration. According to this were the words of a Non-Citizen: "The German state divides us into local and foreign, into legal and illegal, and the German government also divides us in economic and political refugees. We are protesting against this because we want to fight together, live and have equal rights."

