



Final resolution of the refugee meeting on June 27, 2020

We 66 participants at the meeting on June 27, 2020, to which Solidarität International e.V and the FreundeskreisAlassa & friends invited, heard a lot of incredible things about how refugees are treated in Germany – like second and third class people. Not only now in the age of the corona pandemic, when we were and will be forced to live together in the smallest of spaces – without masks, without tests. We are locked up like criminals. We have

been waiting for years to apply for asylum. Manages as a refugee through one trauma after another.

Everyone who fled to Germany has a reason. Nobody just leaves their home country. We are outraged and angry that Interior Minister Seehofer and the German government want to further undermine the right to asylum.

We therefore decided today that we are organizing a movement „Stop deportations!“ We take the big march on Washington on August 28th against racism and police violence planned by the black lives matter movement in the USA as an occasion to organize a nationwide campaign against deportation.

But we also felt solidarity today. One participant said: „This encounter gives hope a new light“. The Freundeskreis stands for this path of solidarity, among us refugees regardless of their origin or religion and between us refugees and solidary and militant people in Germany. It stands for the self-organization of the refugees. His job is to support the many fights as in Bremen, Leipzig-Dölzig, Suhl, Ellwangen and many other places. We have felt and are certain that the time is right, that we will build up the Freundeskreis nationwide and more binding. We have decided that in future it will be called „Freundeskreis Refugee Solidarity inSolidarity International“.

We reaffirm the principles of the 10-point program of the Freundeskreis and the 20-point program “Now We Talk! 2.0 “from the 1st Refugee Policy Congress.

Bipartisanship is an important asset! Every honest fighter of refugee solidarity is welcome – from the churches, parties, unions, etc.

There is no success without problems and our common struggle to overcome them.

We demand:

- Respect our privacy and the inviolability of our apartments!
- German courses for everyone – work permits – good food and WiFi in the facilities
- an unlimited right of asylum for democrats, anti-fascists and revolutionaries in Germany
- away with limited health care for refugees according to the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act
- stop deportations!

We call all refugees and active in refugee solidarity: Organize and become active.

Let us build strong chains of solidarity in the fight against deportations

It is part of the reactionary refugee policy of the Federal Republic of Germany to step up deportations. Let us build **stronger chains of solidarity**.

1. The focus is on the persons affected. They themselves are their strongest asset with their reasons for flight, their goals. They themselves must want to take up the fight.
2. When a deportation is announced, it is important to make a most exact assessment of the concrete danger of deportation. We help to submit the proper documents for any immediately necessary legal counseling.
3. **Public relations work is a key factor.** It begins immediately after the first legal consultation and includes a variety of possibilities.
 - As early as possible we prepare a **press distribution list which is constantly expanded and includes local notables**, and we establish personal contacts with the press. We determine who will do the press work.
 - We plan public activities to inform about the reasons for flight, the situation in the country of origin, and the personal situation of the affected person, and attack the reactionary refugee policy.
 - **Collection of signatures** on streets, in front of schools, enterprises, etc., also **online through petition portals**, with which we actively work ourselves.
4. **Develop concrete, militant activities**
 - **Vigils ("solidarity tent")** with fixed times, depending on the situation also 24 hours in front of collective accommodations, in public places, where people can come, express solidarity and get information.
 - Organize **protest at departure airports**: We must not accept any deportation without protest! We disapprove deportation! It is a violation of human rights!
5. Raise concrete, exact demands which also relate to refugee policy in its entirety.
6. Form communication chains (telephone). The communication chain for each affected person must be thought through to the end and doubly secured.
7. The affected person must have a first trustworthy and always reachable contact person. Special help and training against fear, sleep disorder, panic attacks.
8. We help to find democratic, internationalist-minded lawyers and help to build up a network of progressive lawyers and physicians.
9. Solidarity is what counts. **Only organized** struggle against deportation is possible. Where possible set up a local group of Freundeskreis Flüchtlingssolidarität (Friendship Circle for Refugee Solidarity); look for allies. They can be friends, young people and their associations, colleagues at work, fellow sports enthusiasts, church communities, trade unions, militant women's organizations...
10. Inform the Friendship Circle about the developments so that nationwide action can be taken if necessary.
11. Every fight against a deportation costs money, whether for lawyers' fees, printing of leaflets, travel expenses. Every activity must be combined with the active collection of donations so that any costs incurred can be financed independently.
12. As a basic rule, a deportation takes place, at the earliest, ten days after notice of deportation! The tactic of "Day X" is a proven method to prepare for the situation systematically, with a previously exactly determined place and time.
13. We must know the locations of deportation prisons in the region.
14. Not every deportation can be prevented – in every country of the world the struggle can and must be continued. We stay in contact!
15. Depending on the country to which someone is deported, we clarify beforehand whether personal contacts of the Friendship Circle in the country can receive the affected person and can provide accommodation for and support him or her for a certain time.

11-point program for the Circle of Friends of Refugee Solidarity in SI (Solidarity International)

1. The „Circle of Friends of Refugee Solidarity“ is a non-party affiliated and self-organized association of refugees and activists of the democratic and revolutionary movement in Germany, which fights against the reactionary refugee policy of the federal government and the EU. It is based on the rich experience of the self-organized Ellwangen refugees who, like Alassa Mfouapon, have fought and are resolutely fighting against the deployment of martial police or deportations.
2. The Circle of Friends upholds fundamental democratic and social rights and freedoms, the right to flee and the recognition of the specific oppression of women as grounds for asylum.
3. The Circle of Friends supports a progressive and forward-looking refugee policy which fights against the causes of flight , not against the refugees. This also includes an open discussion on social alternatives, including socialist alternatives. That is why racism and anti-communism have no place in the circle of friends.
4. Members of the Circle of Friends help the persons concerned to organize themselves to advise and assist each other: to solve problems such as the recognition of refugee status/asylum seeker, to exercise their rights vis-à-vis the authorities and the courts, to seek housing, to reunite families, to receive medical and legal support, etc. They organize solidarity (e. g. legal assistance and accompaniment) and protest against imminent or complete deportation and politically motivated criminalization.
5. They advise the self-financing of these activities in the development of initiatives. The Circle of Friends itself is not a funding organization. It is financially independent and finances its work through active donation work and regularly reports on income and expenditures at its meetings.
6. The Circle of Friends works at the national level with international relations. It works closely with all initiatives and organizations that agree on its objectives.
7. The Circle of Friends works on the basis of this program. The groups of the federal states each elect a group of speakers. One representative from each of the federal states forms the nationwide speaker group. Nationwide there is a cashier and an auditor who are elected in a general meeting. For their own practical work, the groups can make sub-tills with an elected cashier.
8. Further functions are public relations and press work as well as cooperation with other initiatives and organizations, which is carried out both regionally and nationwide.
9. It gains one or more legal advisors.
10. The General Assembly decides on the main projects, plans and working methods. Office holders are accountable for their implementation.
11. Whoever becomes a member enters himself into the list of members. The annual fee is 10 euros for refugees / low income, 20 euros for employed people.

(Unanimously adopted at the founding meeting of the Friends of Refugees on June 27th, 2020)

Now we're talking – 2.0!

20 points work program – decided on the 1st Refugee Policy Congress in Stuttgart on November 30, 2019

„Now we talk“ was the self-confident title of the 1st press conference of the refugees in Ellwangen after the martial, racist and illegal police operation against refugees in the state initial reception facility (LEA) on May 3, 2018. This work program is based on the work that has since been enormously developed and summarizes the main results of the 1st Refugee Policy Congress with “Now we are talking – 2.0!”.

1. We see an increase in the causes of refugees around the world and are fighting the exploitation of the resources of the countries of the world, their people and nature, and in particular the tightening of the refugee policy of the rulers. We see this development – depending on the political point of view, in some cases – as inhumane, colonial or imperialist. We are preparing for dramatically increasing flows of refugees in the future.
2. We are already realizing our social goal in our cooperation: There must be no first and second class people! We are realizing a paradigm shift: instead of profit and power – solidarity and cooperation in equality. Depending on the political point of view, we call our social goal a good life, democracy, freedom or socialism.
3. We strengthen common ground especially against the legal development of the government in Germany and the EU and the dangers of fascism and war. We want to work together across borders in the future.
4. Get organized! We have to work together permanently! Depending on the political position in the Freundeskreis Alassa & Friends, in refugee initiatives, in democratic or revolutionary organizations in the country in which we live.
5. We network! The Freundeskreis Alassa & Friends is an integral part of Solidarity International (SI) and the Internationalist Alliance, and in the future will also be happy to use it in other refugee or trade union networks.
6. We overcome fear! False friends advise us not to fight because it endangers us. We are prudent and protect one another, but follow the baseline: only those who fight can win!
7. We don't leave anyone alone: Every visit to the authorities should be accompanied, every harassment and every discrimination must go public!
8. We do active public relations work – every newspaper article should get the answer it deserves.
9. We legally and politically demand the hard-won democratic rights and freedoms. Every process belongs on the street! We accuse the EU and the federal government of criminal cooperation with the Libyan regime.
10. We call for the dissolution of all camps, „anchor centers“ or regulations that discriminate, harass and humiliate the refugees – whether in Germany, Libya, Italy or Greece.
11. We place special emphasis on women-specific demands and interests and call for the recognition of gender-specific persecution as a reason for asylum.
12. The mass of the world's population is young – the struggle for the future of children and young people is specially important to us.
13. Do not only work and fight together – cultivate meetings, getting to know each other, celebrating together and cultural events that strengthen our sense of community.
14. Show civil courage! Boldly and committedly interfere with the bureaucratic and heartless processes! Take a stand against racism in the workplace, in the waiting room, in schools! Fight for the appreciation of brave fighters against racism and the causes of flight. We propose Alassa Mfouapon for the (Alternative) Nobel Prize.
15. Let's organize political education and enlightenment. We are and will be experts, pass on our knowledge and realize mutual learning – not least about the rulers and the functioning of the capitalist system in Germany. We clarify the reasons for flight and also realize solidarity with struggles in all our countries of origin and continents.

16. This society is very rich – money is in abundance! It has to go where it is legitimately needed – and therefore also to us. We work financially independently, but also demand the financial strengthening of our work from our tax money, donations and funds.
17. We defend ourselves against anti-communist intrigues that defame and make bad our cooperation of refugees with democratic and revolutionary forces in Germany. Beware of false friends who want to undermine self-organization. Zero tolerance against exclusion!
18. We don't want dependence on any party. Many of us are non-partisan, but all committed and honest members of parties are invited to work with us on an anti-fascist basis. We also encourage collaboration with unions and workers in the workplace.
19. Let the words act, become troublemakers! Let's start with it right now!
20. The struggle continues until justice prevails.

Der Freundeskreis Flüchtlingsolidarität freut sich auf Deine Kontaktaufnahme:

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