

Demonstration against refugee deportations

On March 20th 2014 in Osnabrueck



On Thursday, refugees and supporters will protest against refugee deportations in the city centre of Osnabrueck. Within the next days and weeks **over 80 refugees are to be deported from Osnabrueck** to member states on the external border of the EU, including Italy, Hungary and France. A first attempt to carry out a deportation Monday night was canceled due to the spontaneous protest action of 60 young people. In the next days and weeks more deportations are planned: a number of refugees have already received deportation notices.

The deportations fall within the framework of the **EU's Dublin Regulation**. According to the Dublin Regulation, the EU member states of first entry are responsible for processing refugees' asylum applications. Because all of Germany's neighbouring countries are fall under Dublin and are assumed to be safe, Germany can easily discharge its responsibility to human rights by deporting refugees to other member states. But in most cases, the reported living conditions of refugees in these states are disastrous. As the inhumane situation for refugees has been recognized, deportations to EU member Greece have stopped. But in Italy, Hungary and France refugees are at high risk for homelessness, hunger and poverty as well.

The demonstration will take place under the motto „**Stop deportations! We are all human beings!**“

It can not be that human beings are arbitrarily separated from their social environment, that human beings must lose their friends and that human beings are deported into inhumane and degrading living conditions in which they face homelessness. We are all human beings, and we all seek a good and peaceful life in dignity.

After drawing attention to their situation in a public meeting with the Prime Minister of the province of Niedersachsen, Mr. Weil, on last Monday, the refugees will now carry their protest to Osnabrueck's so-called town hall of peace („Friedens“-Rathaus).

Everyone is invited to join the protest on **Thursday, March 20th 2014. We will meet at 3:30 pm (15:30) in front of the „Gewerkschaftshaus“ (house of the trade unions and the DGB) near Osnabrueck central station.** Help us carry out our protest through the streets of Osnabrueck with a great and loud demonstration!

Stop deportation! We are all human beings!