

**What to do against EU collective deportations ?**  
**Invitation to a meeting on wednesday, the 06.10.04 at 19.00 Hrs.**  
**in the seminar-room of the Werkstatt 3, Nernsweg 32-34**

A meeting took place on the 15.09.04 at the B5 for the evaluation of the activities against the first EU collective deportation to Africa on the 13.09.04 coordinated by Hamburg. It was ( according to the most recent answer from a GAL inquiry) 16 refugees from Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland who were deported to Togo, Benin, and Burkina Faso among them 4 from Hamburg (2 each to Burkina Faso and Benin). About 30 people protested at the Airport against these deportations which took place at 9.00 am with a chartered machine of Aero Flight. The shuttleair from Switzerland was Lions Air. The reports and discussions resulted in the following points, that possibly a lot of anti- racist groups , refugee-, immigrant-, and human-rights organisations must continue to work together.

**1. Collection and spreading of information in forefield and after deportations**

**a) in Hamburg**

from and to refugees, lawyers, information centres, groups and media.  
efficient will be a few but not many starting places ( eg. refugee council, Karawane, and cafe' exile), which brief one another.

**b) States and Europe-wide co-ordination**

That was made through the refugee councils ,Pro Asyl, kein mensch ist illegal (coyote liste) and the Karawane. Our European contacts are not much, and it is agreed , to talk concretely to groups in Switzerland, Belgium, and Great Britain as well as providing on the websides of United and No-borders. The aim is a quick information exchange and working together.

**c) Contacts in the targeted countries of the deportations**

This is partly possible through refugees who are first aware of who would be or was deported but also journalists, e-Mail lists and human-rights organisations. The aim here is also the collection and distribution of information in order to be able to go against deportations together.

**2. Actions**

To be able to be more effective at actions at the Airport, we must be more in numbers and do something more together.

One demand can be a different information policy (the authorities deal illegally, that's why they inform nobody and agitate against the deportees, they are refractory and therefore "criminal" ).

The authorities must be put under pressure, in that we don't leave them in peace. Apart from that , it would be wise to have the deportation airlines in our sight.

Dealing with racist passengers is difficult like eg. the Djerba holidaymakers on the 13.09.04 whose majority could not be accessible with arguments. That " stage-play" (foreplay of a deportation) was an attempt to show such people the other side of the coin. Such forms of actions must be developed.

One idea was to consider such actions like those at the human -rights day on the 10.12 last year.

**3. Meeting about Theme?**

Already planned is a meeting concerning the deportations to Africa on the 22.11.04, 19.30 Hrs. at the Kölibri, Hein- Köllisch- Platz. Films (about living conditions of refugees, deportations and resistance) would also be good in further meetings.

**Agenda proposal for the gathering on the 06.10.04**

- 1. New informations about the 13.09.04 deportation.**
- 2. Reference to and ideas of action against further deportations.**
- 3. Actions on human- rights day on the 10.12.04.**

**Distribute the invitation and come in numbers!!!!**