

**„Human dignity shall be inviolable.
To respect and protect it shall be
the duty of all state authority.“**

(Art 1, Paragraph 1 Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany)

Dear Berliner and visitors of Berlin,

At the beginning of September a group of refugees started to march from Würzburg to Berlin on foot to claim their human rights which they have been – like all asylum seekers – denied in this state.

With this **protest march** they defy the residence obligation imposed upon them and will arrive on **October 6th, 2012, at Oranienplatz** in Berlin-Kreuzberg. There a residence camp is being build up right now for them and their supporters, so that their demands are heard and accomplished here in the capital.

On the **13th of October, 2012**, there will be a big **demonstration from Oranienplatz to the Bundestag** in order to demand the immediate abolition of the degrading conditions.

We demand:

The **abolition of the residence obligation**, which prohibits refugees to leave the place of residence assigned to them by the authorities.

The **abolition of the lager obligation**, which prohibits refugees to choose their residence themselves.

The **abolition of the working prohibition**, which prohibits refugees to look for work makes them dependent on service providers who make money from their institutionalized situation.

The **abolition of the assignment of food packages**, which prohibits refugees to choose their food themselves.

The **access to education particularly to German language courses**, so that refugees can flourish and actively partake in society.

The **speeding up of the asylum procedure**, which right now is a long-lasting process and means months or even years of insecurity and not-knowing for refugees and therefore is also a heavy mental strain on them.

The **granting of residence permits** for an unlimited period for refugees in Germany, in order to open up perspectives on personal, social and economical development for refugees living in Germany.

The **abolition of deportation** and expulsion regulations and practices in the Federal Republic of Germany. No criminal offense committed and no breach of regulations justifies it to deprive a person of her/his living environment and base of existence in Germany.

The **granting of free choice of residence** within Germany. At the moment German authorities decide on the place of residence of refugees and asylum seekers, even when close relatives and friends of the persons concerned are already living in Germany.

The **granting of the german citizenship for children** of refugees who were **born in Germany**. Only the citizenship guarantees that these children can grow up under humane conditions at the place of their birth and have a secured future in Germany.

Please support our protest and our demands:

Get information at our protest **tent at Oranienplatz** in Berlin-Kreuzberg!

Show solidarity with refugees in Germany and take part in our **demonstration on the 13th of October, 2012**.

Bring **warm clothes, sleeping bags and blankets** you do not need anymore to the tent at Oranienplatz.

Donate for court and lawyer fees, costs of transportation, copies, banner material, paint, etc. **Donations** can be transferred to the following account using the keyword “Protestcamp Berlin“:

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