

## **Some things are non-negotiable**

### **Declaration of solidarity with the activists of the Munich hunger strike**

We, the signatories to this statement, declare our solidarity with the hunger strikers in Munich.

During the past twelve months, protest-actions of refugees against the inhumane asylum-systems in Germany and Europe have reached new levels.

Food parcels, vouchers instead of cash, isolation camps, obligatory residence, lack of medical care, prohibition of labour, succession of exceptional leave to remain, practices of deportation, and above all the non-acceptance of most motives for flight, all these issues and many more have been discussed extensively by the refugees during the past year. They can also be checked on the activists' websites and will therefore not be repeated at this stage.

So far, the movement has achieved quite a lot. As could be expected, there has been fierce resistance against fundamental changes of these racist laws.

We regard the hunger strike of the Munich activists not only as a sign of frustration and desperation caused by heteronomy, lack of freedom, disease, isolation, required compliance but also as a symbol of a fight that goes beyond cooperation and concessions on various issues. It is about principles. It is about respect and it is about dignity and freedom.

If those who ordered the camp and the weakened hunger strikers to be removed by force, now claim that the hunger strikers had to be saved and that a constitutional state could not be held to ransom then this is more than just cynical.

If representatives of a state refuse to be blackmailed they should still feel free to support the total abolition of a system of racial laws and administrative directives instead of handing out crumbs to the strikers like a master to his slave. Since there has not been an announcement of a possible investigation of the brutal removal during which – according to some strikers - a pregnant woman was pushed and fell to the ground while still holding a baby in her arms, it seems that it was all about ending an action that was getting more and more publicity before somebody got killed and thus increasing public pressure or even triggering further protests.

Respect and a dignified life in freedom are global rights and non-negotiable!

Europe-wide repression calls for europe-wide campaigns!

Our best regards to the Munich activists. We wish you all the power in the world for the expected repression and transnational campaigns planned for 2014.

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