

## **Demo End 100 Years of Deportation Prison**

Dear demonstrators,

People who fled their countries and sought shelter in Germany are put in jails on a massive scale. Not because they have committed crimes, but solely with the aim of getting them out of the country. Such a policy is horrible, because flight is not a crime!

Dear friends,

the number of deportation detention cases more than doubled between 2015 and 2017 from 1,800 to over 4,000. Instead of ending this mass detention program, the federal government has expanded the grounds for detention to an excessive extent with the Hau-ab law.

This law, for example, provides for the following: Anyone who has not appeared once at an embassy appointment or at a doctor's appointment to have their ability to travel checked can be taken into so-called "participatory detention" for up to two weeks.

Anyone who has exceeded the departure deadline by 30 days, who, in the opinion of the authorities, is not sufficiently involved in their own deportation or has allegedly deceived themselves about their identity, can be detained for up to ten days.

If the authorities consider that there is a "danger of absconding", preventive detention of up to 18 months can be imposed. The risk of absconding is assumed in cases where a person has already evaded deportation, failed to appear on certain dates or allegedly deceived himself or herself about his or her identity. This means that fugitives will in future have to prove themselves that they are not at risk of absconding. That is grotesque!

In addition, deportation prisoners are also to be locked up in normal prisons in future. That is clearly contrary to European law. There is also unequivocal case law from the European Court of Justice on this. But this Federal Government does not give a damn about European and constitutional requirements when it comes to increasing the pressure on fugitives more and more!

Dear friends,

shows all this: The development of social law not only leads to more racist attacks on the streets, but also encourages the progressive disenfranchisement of fugitives, the extent of which many could not have imagined just a few years ago.

And it goes hand in hand with a brutalization of the official treatment of fugitives. This applies in particular to the deportation policy. In practice, we know that seriously ill and suicidal people are summarily taken out of hospital for deportation and that families are ruthlessly torn apart. And again and again we see that police officers do not shy away from using brutal force to break the resistance of fugitives to their deportation to the most miserable conditions in their country of origin or in transit countries.

The brutalisation of the deportation policy can also be proven by the answers of the Federal Government to small inquiries of the left-wing faction. The number of aids used for physical violence - handcuffs, hand and foot cuffs, steel cuffs, "body cuffs" - which increased almost tenfold in deportations between 2015 and 2018 - rose to 1,231 cases in 2018. In 2019 there was a further drastic increase: to 1,289 cases in the first six months.

Dear demonstrators against deportation detention,

we must stand together against this inhuman practice. By not allowing ourselves to be intimidated by the infamous threats of right-wing politicians against refugee councils and refugee supporters, but by continuing to inform the public about deportations and protest against them. By continuing to support fugitives in the fight against the deportation authorities and for the right to stay.

Let us break the silence: about the inhumane conditions in which people are locked up in isolated camps and deportation prisons, harassed by guards and police and deported to countries of transit or origin using force.

Abolish detention pending deportation, stop all deportations!

Escape is not a crime, everyone has the right to stay!