RIGHT TO STAY NOW!

Against social exclusion and repression!

Demonstration in Nürnberg during the interior ministers' conference

Thursday, 16th of November 2006-10-31
Rally: 16.3o o'clock Lorenzkirche
Demo: 17.3o o'clock to the ministers' meeting

For years now the nationwide campaign "Hiergeblieben!" fights together with many organizations, antiracist groups and innumerous local alliances for the right to stay for refugees with "Duldung" toleration and migrants in Germany. Now the time has come: on the 16th and 17th of November the interior ministers of the German states will hold their semi-annual conference in Nuernberg to decide over a right to stay for the "geduldete" foreigners.Now it is iminent to press for a right to stay, which deserves such a name. And it is iminent to show that the fight has to go on, in case the decision is so shabby, as this some of the interior ministers consider it to be.

According to the definition of the German "Aufenthaltsrecht" the toleration "Duldung" is a temporary suspension of deportation. This law applies for people, who have no residence permit, but nevertheless cannot be deported. Although the "toleration" according to its definition should only justify a temporary status, more than 150.000 of 190.000 tolerated people have lived with it longer than five years. Often, there are durations of upto 10 or 15 years. Nevertheless, the concerned people have to fear deportation. It is impossible to develop longtermed perspectives and neither desired ny the politicians. "Tolerated" people only rarely get a working permit, and if, then only for the worst jobs, impossible to earn a living with. On the other hand they don´t get social aid or children´s aid, but only aids according to the law of asylum applicant´s aids. In Bavaria this means food packages, living in camps and reduced medical aid. Many people break down under this condition. Development of psychological and physical deseases are frequent.

Already before the actual conference the ministers show their position: The interior minister of Niedersachsen Mr. Schünemann proposes to keep children in Germany who had grown up there, but to deport their parents. However, the Bavarian interior minister wants to make the right to stay of children dependent on their achievements in school. Married couples without children will be included to a lesser extent. A further version is that only those families should be allowed to stay, who are already able to earn their living independently and be well integrated. But these demands for integration are cynical in the view that integration has been made impossible. Furthermore, the interior minister Beckstein intends to restrict this regulation to those, whose deportation was not possible before for reasons they could no be blamed for. With this regulation, he wants to minimize the number of persons down to those who according to the existing law should have received the right to stay, anyway.This cannot be the aim of a right to stay.

While our human and civil rights are being diminished more and more by new legal aggravations, while social problems are being answered by the armament of the police and by reacting to these problems with the reproach of insuffient integration, we declare: social problems cannot be solved by naming scape goats or by using police truncheons. At times where more and more people are being forced into insecure living and working conditions, it is important to demand for a better life, together and in solidarity, and above all, for those who are legally at the lowest level of our society.

We call for you to demonstrate unitedly for the law of the right to stay, which guarantees a safe status for all those people who are living here already. We demand already now an immediate stop of deportations for all tolerated people upto the point of ratification of the law for the right to stay, to guarantee that nobody is being deported who could fall under the regulation of the law for right to stay. And we demand the right to return to Germany for those who have been deported already since the beginning of our protests and who are falling under these criteria of the regulation, for the tactics of delaying of some ministers should not be of success.

Equal rights for all who live here!
For a life that provides for a perspective for the future!

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