"German Asylum Policy and its Deadly Consequences" (1993 - 2013)

21 years of research and documentation of state and societal racism

The many cases recorded in this annually updated documentation clearly show the level of violence used by governmental agencies, courts, police, medical personnel and others to implement laws concerning refugees. They also document the degree of arbitrariness and disrespect for human dignity with which refugees are tormented, ignored, harassed, isolated and often driven to suicide or self-harm. Blackmail, harassment and fraud as well as kin liability, family separations or the imprisonment of minors are some of the measures used by the state and its compliant employees to create unbearable pressure on refugees in order to force them into “voluntary” departures. If all of these measures don't succeed, deportations are enforced with physical violence.


- 176 refugees killed themselves in the face of their impending deportation or died trying to escape from deportation, 69 of them while in custody pending deportation,
- 1,271 refugees injured themselves out of fear of deportation, in protest against the impending deportation (risk hunger strikes) or tried to commit suicide, 642 of them in custody pending deportation,
- 5 refugees died during deportation and
- 451 refugees were injured by compulsory measures or mistreatment during their deportation,
- 33 refugees died in their country of origin after their deportation, and
- 582 refugees were mistreated and tortured by the police or military in their country of origin or were at the risk of their lives due to severe illnesses,
- 71 refugees disappeared without a trace after their deportations,
- 184 refugees died on their way to the Federal Republic of Germany or at its borders, 129 of them died at the German Eastern border, 2 people were driven off course on the river Neisse and have been missing ever since,
- 544 refugees suffered injuries crossing the borders, 306 of them at the German Eastern border,
- 17 refugees died because of physical force used by police or guards either in detention, in custody, while being arrested or deported, on the streets or in governmental agencies – at least 869 were injured,
- 18 refugees died through neglect of assistance
- 72 refugees were killed in fires, attacks on refugee accommodation centres or dangers in these centres, 924 refugees were injured, in part severely,
- 18 refugees died through racist attacks on the street and 849 people were injured.

Since 1993 at least 433 refugees have died as a result of measures taken by the German Federal Republic – 90 people died through racist attacks and through being accomodated in camps (i.e. attacks, fires).

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