"German Asylum Policy and its Deadly Consequences"  (1993 - 2014)

22 years of research and documentation of state and societal racism

This documentation, now encompassing 22 years, mirrors the degrading conditions, to which refugees, asylum seekers and people without papers are subjected in Germany. The documented cases (ca. 7000) demonstrate the pressure exerted by laws, agencies and society. They show how this pressure works collectively and how only few can survive it without being harmed.

All of this does not happen solely due to restrictive legal conditions, defined by federal asylum laws to detain refugees. Also and especially, we are talking about employees of departments and agencies, the police, deportation centers, medical staff, administrative and security personnel in refugee accommodation centers, pretending to be omnipotent, using arbitrariness, harassment, blackmail, illegal action or plain physical violence against people who are looking for protection. This as well is a consequence of the racist consensus between state and society that led to the factual abolition of the right to asylum 22 years ago. To closed borders, the refusal to protect, making it impossible to live a self-determined life because of discrimination, incapacitation, ostracism – leading to the final consequence of killing people out of Germany.

The current proclamation of a ‘welcome culture’ by this same racist political establishment is nothing but derision when we consider the reality that refugees face here.


For further information on these cases, please refer to the pdf file “Beispiele”: www.ari-berlin.org/doku/titel.htm

The documentation covers the period from 1.1.1993 to 31.12.2014:

- 179 refugees killed themselves in the face of their impending deportation or died trying to escape from deportation,
- 64 of them while in custody pending deportation,
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- 11,679 refugees killed themselves or were at the risk of their lives due to severe illnesses,
- 5 refugees died during deportation and
- 472 refugees were injured by compulsory measures or mistreatment during their deportation,
- 34 refugees died in their country of origin after their deportation, and
- 584 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,
- 194 refugees died on their way to the Federal Republic of Germany or at its borders, 130 of them died at the German Eastern border,
- 3 people were driven off course on the river Neiße and have been missing ever since,
- 5 refugees died during deportation or were at the risk of their lives due to severe illnesses,
- 590 refugees suffered injuries crossing the borders, 321 of them at the German Eastern border,
- 19 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 899 were injured.
- 20 refugees died through neglected assistance
- 75 refugees were killed in fires, attacks on refugee accommodation centres or dangers in these centres, 980 refugees were injured, in part severely,
- 19 refugees died through racist attacks on the street and 922 people were injured.

Since 1993 at least 451 refugees have died as a result of measures taken by the German Federal Republic – 94 people died through racist attacks and through being accommodated in camps (i.e. attacks, fires).

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