

DE-CRIMINALIZE MIGRATION !
Solidarity with the accused
under law § 114 FPG ("Schlepperei"/"Human Smuggling") !

Criminalization of refugee-protest

In summer 2013 eight persons got arrested in Vienna, among them activists from the Refugee-protest movement. These repressive steps happened directly after the deportation of other refugeeactivists to Pakistan. The image of the „cruel 'Schlepper'“ (“smuggler“) which was spread by the media was achieved to weaken the strong protests against the deportations and to de-legitimize the movement in the eyes of the public. Only after a short time it became clear that the stories about earning millions with smuggling people and treat them badly- were nothing more than lies. What remains from these fake accusations is that the persons are being reproached for havilng bought train-tickets for illegalized people and having contacted drivers at the car sharing platform „mitfahrgelegenheit“.

After nearly 9 months in prison („untersuchunshaft“) the trial has started on 17th of March and will go on at least until july . In beforehand that their private appartments and the Servitenmonastery had been searched. At that time the “Servitenkloster“ was a base of protesting refugees in Vienna. Furthermore a lot of mobiles were under surveillance. They are accused for „schlepperei' in the context of a criminal organization“. „Criminal organization“ is a very imprecise juridical term but it increases the degree of penalty up to ten years of prison.

The judge had to postpone the trial until the 6 of May, since it became clear that the accusations in the charge are based on falsely translated transcripts of telephone surverillance, unverifiable assuptions and projections that are out of scale. This example of Wiener Neustadt is no isolated case. It is based on a law that produces countless racist investigations and sentences. A law that is part of a bordersystem, that limits and criminalizes the freedom of movement of certain people through open and subliminal racism.

Smash § 114 FPG !

The paragraph 114 FPG does not imply to track violent and exploitative behavior. In fact it criminalizes the support of irregular border crossing. The current border policy prevents migration to and withing Europe for most people. It is almost impossible to get to EU 'irregularly' without support. That is why “Schlepperei“ becomes a necessary service. The 'Schleppereiparagraph' 114 ist part of the european border regime. It illegalizes people and causes deaths.

A paper is not a condition for solidarity between humans!
Solidarity with the accused in Wiener Neustadt!
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