



**KARAWANE für
die Rechte der
Flüchtlinge
Migrantinnen
und Migranten**

For the complete “Bleiberecht”/Right to Stay without exclusions – stop the permanent fear of “Duldung”

“The right which counts for twohundredthousand foreigners who have been living in Germany as tolerated (“Duldung”) persons for many years, is a complete disaster, it is a right that creates misfortune, a right that leaves people in despair.” (Süddeutsche Zeitung, November 16, 2006 page 4)

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Februar 24th, 2007 is action day :

“100 days and no right to stay”

**Rally and demonstration with Microphone Mafia
(hiphop band /Cologne)**

at 3 ° clock p.m. , Karlsplatz Stachus, Munich

February 23rd, 2007

1 ° clock p.m.: action in front of the SPD-central office, Oberanger 38,

3 ° clock p.m.: action in front of the CSU central office, U1 Mailingerstraße

100 days and no right to stay – For years politicians promise to bring the inhuman situation of “chain Duldung” (repeatedly renewal of the temporary, precarious residence paper) to an end. The last attempt was the “Bleiberecht” (the right to stay) in 2006, but hundred days later the fact is: this decision was only a one-time “act of mercy”. The state of fear which creates “Duldung” (tolerance-paper) remains for the majority of the refugees. Daily life in the lagers, deportations, prohibition of work, and the violation of the dignity of the refugees are still existing. In March the parliament intends to pass a new immigration law. According to plans of the governmental coalition the law will be tightened up furthermore, which pushes more migrants into life with “Duldung” (tolerance-paper) or without any papers. Therefore, all over Germany, people will be on the streets in February 24th, 2007, under the slogan “100 days and no “Bleiberecht” and will demand from the government: Abolish “Duldung”! We want the whole “Bleiberecht”!

The first step is taken – After the protest of 2500 people in November 2006 in Nuremberg for “Bleiberecht” the interior ministers were forced to react to the campaigns for Bleiberecht which existed already for years: They have decided that only a few tolerated (“Duldung”) people (around 10 to 15 percent of the 192 000 tolerated) are allowed to stay here. All the others are excluded, either because they don’t live long enough in Germany, or because they did not cooperate by helping with their deportation or they used buses or trams without a ticket. And last but not least, 500.000 to 1.000.000 undocumented human beings, who are living without any legal rights in Germany, are also excluded from any perspective to get the right to stay.

The decision of the parliament in 2007 - The governmental coalition intends to pass a new immigration law and a legal “Bleiberecht” (right to stay). There are a few improvements, however the biggest problem of the “Bleiberecht” will remain: only those who are here since at least 8 or 6 years benefit from it. That means that most of the migrants are excluded from any perspective of the right to stay. However, one has to be afraid of the extreme tightening up of the laws to re-unite families and to prolong an already granted permit

to stay by having to “pay” for it. The consequences of this law will again produce new “Duldung”-people and illegalized persons, instead of searching for a reasonable solution.

Even more deportations? – Together with the “Bleiberecht” the interior ministers announce that they intend to deport still more people. Refugees with “Duldung” (tolerance-paper) are being put under increasing pressure that they may “return home on their own free will”: by prohibiting any work, by restriction of the permit to stay, by committal to deportation camps, suspension of social aids, or the criminalization because of accusations to “not actively participating in their deportations”. In collaboration with dictatorial regimes as for instance the governments of Togo and Ethiopia, people are being brutally deported with the use of assembly charter flights and being thus delivered to their persecutors.

Not in our name! - Migrants, refugees and their supporters are successful from time to time, to actively resist against deportations - either through individual impertinence, public pressure or direct actions at the airports. All these experiences of resistance gained for years we have to combine just now, so that the calculation of the interior ministers and the bureaucrats, who want to bring with discussions on their side by deportations, doesn't work!

***Tolerance should only be a temporary view: it has to lead to respect.
“To tolerate means to insult” (Johann Wolfgang Goethe)***

What we want to reach for is a Right to Stay for all people living with “Duldung”, with unsafe residence papers or without any papers. As steps on the road to this goal we demand:

- **Instead of a one-time “act of mercy” with a deadline regulation, there has to be a permanently laid down legal claim to the right to stay, from which also future immigrants will benefit to get a Right to Stay.**
- **Fines, insufficient cooperations helping to one's own deportation or insufficient knowledge of language should not exclude anybody from the right to stay. A prove of employment should not be a condition for “Bleiberecht”.**
- **There has to be a right to stay for all children and youths and their families, as well as for ill, old, and traumatized people.**
- **All people who have been deported since June 23 in 2005 - since the first appeal to the interior minister's conference in Stuttgart – and who could benefit of the new regulations, should be allowed to return to Germany.**
- **In the parliament, the regulation of the right to stay is not to be bought by tightening of other immigration laws!**
- **Put an end to the deportations!**

This is a call by Munich Bleiberechts-Plattform, including: Jugendliche ohne Grenzen (JOG), Munich Caravan Group, Bayerischer Flüchtlingsrat, Münchner Flüchtlingsrat, Freitagscafé, single persons

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