

RIGHT TO STAY

Call for an international demonstration for a longterm right to stay for migrants and refugees with the status of toleration (Duldung).

Wednesday, 03 May 2006,
meeting 17,00 o'clock Marienplatz
and demonstration to the Bavarian ministry of the interior

August 2004, Munich: Lead by a group of courageous African women, refugee families fight against threatening deportation and for their right to stay in Germany. For those who took part, the fight was a success: Of the families who had lived in Germany for years, none were deported and most of them have received a residence permit in the meanwhile. But not all families did fulfill the conditions placed by the Munich foreigners' authority. Unmarried ones, married couples without children and even young people or young adults, who had entered Germany underage and without their parents were not even considered by this regulation. And even more families outside Munich are threatened by deportation, even if they have lived in Germany for more than 10 years .

August 2004, Berlin: the police fetches the 13-year-old Tania Ristic from school in order to deport her to Bosnia. Tania and her mother succeed in remaining in Germany but the family is torn apart: the father and the 16-year-old sister are deported. This case, only a day-to-day example for the authorities' handling of the cases of tolerated young people and their parents, is the beginning of the campaign "Hiergeblieben!". The demands placed by Tanias schoolmates by now find support in the whole of Germany. A right to stay for children and young persons living in Germany and its families, a right to stay for refugees who entered as unaccompanied minors, a right to stay for victims of war or racist attacks (see <http://www.hier.geblieben.net> for further information about the campaign).

When on **19 January 2006** a corresponding legislative initiative of the opposition was negotiated in the Bundestag, most members of parliament were of the opinion that the demands are justified. But because of the present political constellation no majority was found. Now the federal and regional Ministers of the Interior have to move. Nevertheless, they are not able to find a solution. Many a populist politician hopes for good election results by implementing a radical deportation policy.

On **4th/5th of May 2006**, the interior ministers meet about 100 km south of Munich. Again, the issue of a regulation for a right to stay will be on the agenda. Because we demand that the politicians finally implement a policy of a safe stay for tolerated refugees, we will demonstrate in Munich on the eve of the conference.

We therefore call all refugees and their friends, neighbours, schoolmates, fellow students, employers, supporters and families that already benefited from the regulation we fought for in 2004 to show solidarity and to become active for a comprehensive right to stay. The right to stay is everybody's concern.

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