

Demonstration against the asylum-seeker-benefits law, „compulsory residency“, camp isolation & racist refugee legislation

The asylum-seeker-benefits law (“Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz”, AsylbLG) is the legal basis for the bulk of the discriminatory living conditions against which refugees have been fighting through strikes and protests. In this repressive law, it is stipulated that refugees in Germany must live under inhuman conditions, be subjected to benefits in-kind from public authorities, do not have sufficient access to health care, and are entitled to social benefits lower than that of German social benefit receivers who, in any case, have to survive on inhuman amounts. The dependence of refugees on the meagre social benefits is further cemented through work prohibitions and subordinated access to the job market. Furthermore, access to German classes and education is being systematically impeded. At the same time, refugees are denied their human right to freedom of movement through „compulsory residency“ (“Reisdenzpflicht”).

All these and other special laws collectively constitute a legal complex of oppression, isolation and social exclusion. The goal of this state-enacted exclusion is to enable easier deportation of refugees and to discourage people from even coming to Germany in the first place. The asylum-seeker-benefits law was adopted in 1993 in the course of the racist agitations and pogroms and the accompanying factual abolition of the basic right to asylum. The „compulsory residency“ is in line with the tradition of the German regulations in the colonised regions and the national socialist Police decree of 1938.

In a few months time the asylum-seeker-benefits law as well as the „compulsory residency“ will be debated in the federal parliament. That is why we must concretely act now!

Since we do not want to abandon the discussion on refugees' living conditions to the established parties and self-proclaimed experts, we will use this time to mount political pressure from below on those responsible.

For us it is clear that: refugee-benefits-law as well as „compulsory residency“ are not reformable, rather they must be abolished – human dignity and freedom of movement are not negotiable!

22nd March Marktplatz Würzburg
3:00 p.m. Rally
5:00 p.m. Demonstration

