

# Lagerschlussverkauf

<http://www.deutschland-lagerland.de>



## Self-determination instead of compulsion! For the right to live a life in human dignity!

**11th till 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2009: Anti-racist campaign days in Munich**

***We close down all lagers!***

**- including a permanent rally at Stachus (=Karlsplatz)**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June: Demonstration, Start 1 p.m. (13.00) at  
Karlsplatz/Stachus**

The long-standing fights of anti-racist association in Bavaria were not in vain. After a lot of pressure resulting from campaigns and rallies since the election in 2008, the Bavarian state parliament cannot ignore the conditions in the refugee camps any longer. It is certain that the law that forces people to stay in lagers will be changed. But what we are afraid of is that only some details will be improved and that the compulsory stay in lagers will only be repealed for certain groups and not for all people.

It is up to us, we do not want any fail compromises! We want to abolish the compulsory stay in lagers for now and forever!

### **When shall I have a normal life?**

In Bavaria, 7600 people are forced to live in lagers by law. According to this law, the compulsory accomodation there is supposed to increase the willingness to return back to the homecountry. There is no privacy in the lagers, up to 8 people have to share a single room. From time to time there is only one toilet and shower for 20 people.

You don't even notice the scanty cooking facilities any more once you see the usually mouldy walls and rusty pipes.

### **Deliberate isolation and criminalization**

The lagers are often in a remote place. With a pocket money of only 40 Euro, the use of public transport is impossible.

Due to the so called "Residenzpflicht" (movement restriction law) which prohibits the residents of a lager to leave their district, people are criminalized. People have to go to prison or are deported when they cross the border of a district. They live in lagers up to 18 years, often in permanent fear of deportation. The "Duldung" (tolerance) paper is not the same as a residence status, it stands for "temporary interruption of deportation". People with "Duldung" (tolerance) paper are not allowed to work and if they are allowed to, they have to accept considerable restrictions. Learning German is not promoted. Cosequently, contacting the outside world is made even more difficult and powerlessness against the state authorities is a result. It is proven that a living in such lagers makes people sick, physically as well as mentally. All these things are supposed to urge people to leave the country "voluntary".

While, on the hand, every detail of the life of a refugee living in a camp is regulated, the lagers can be, on the other hand, places where people are without any rights. Especially women and children are at the permanent risk of being violently attacked by the staff or by other residents.

### **The wider context**

The campaign days criticize the compulsory stay in lagers in Bavaria. But this is only one aspect of global social inequality. The discrimination of women, migrants, refugees and People of Color is present in all areas of everyday life and it is still not just a part of history. In our days, closing down the borders of the EU starts already in Africa and Asia. The governments there, in order to satisfy the interests of Europeans, are forced to shut down their borders and to lock refugees into internment camps and to deport them. The inner borders can be found in things like police repression, data storage and video surveillance. People are catalogued and stopped from entering Germany by force.

Those who are already in Germany are plagued by special laws, repression and daily racism. The right to live a life in dignity is reserved for only a small part of the world's population. In a society where people share equal rights, people have to be treated equally. Everybody has the right to decide where and how she/he likes to live.

### **We are here and we will fight**

Migration is a process that involves individuals. Refugees and migrants are not only victims, but they are individuals who act according to their own interests. In many places, refugees and migrants fight for their rights with success. Because of them, deportations could be stopped and lagers could be closed. Because of protests and resistance by residents of lagers, the arbitrary use of power by the camp staff and by the authorities could be reduced in some places.

The fact that people explain their own situation and represent their own demands in public has always been very important to reach such goals.

### **Our demands**

We do not only want single lagers to be closed. We want the abolition of the compulsory stay in refugee camps! All lagers go against human dignity. Everybody has the right to decide where she/he wants to live.

That is why we demand:

- Abolition of compulsory stay in lagers – in Bavaria and everywhere else!
- Freedom to choose a place of residence and freedom of movement!
- Right to a self-determined life in dignity!

### **Timetable for our campaign days:**

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> of June:** Beginning of the permanent rally at Karlsplatz/Stachus. Public hearing with refugees from different lagers

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of June:** Rallies and actions at the authorities.

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of June: Demonstration, Start 1 o'clock p.m. (13.00) at Karlsplatz/Stachus.**

Evening: End of the permanent rally and party

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of June:** Anti-racist soccer play and chill-out

More informationen see: <http://www.deutschland-lagerland.de>

### **Deutschland Lagerland**

Since 2002, the „Deutschland Lagerland“-Network has been fighting against lagers, deportations and for refugee's right to stay in Germany. The campaign involves more than 70 refugees from different lagers in Bavaria, the Caravan fort he Rights of Refugees and Migrants, the Bavarian Refugee Council, the Asylum Initiative from Regensburg, Youth without Borders (JOG)/Bayern and the Regensburg Refugee Forum.

In addition to these organisations, people from „Schickeria München“, antifascist groups, SDAJ Munich and single persons help us to make this campaign possible.

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