

*"Human dignity is inviolable. To respect it and to protect it is the duty of every state authority."*

(Art.1 (1), Basic Constitutional Law of the Federal Republic of Germany)

## **Dear inhabitants and visitors of Berlin,**

early in September a group of refugees started to walk from Würzburg to Berlin in order to claim their human rights, which they - as well as all other asylum seekers - are denied in Germany. By participating in the **protest march** the refugees defy the residential obligation they are all subject to. They arrived at Oranienplatz in Berlin-Kreuzberg at 6 October, where a protest camp was prepared for the refugees and their supporters. On 13 October a demonstration from Oranienplatz to the German Bundestag followed, where the participants demanded an immediate stop of the inhumane conditions for refugees and asylum seekers.

## **We demand:**

**abolition of the residential obligation** that interdicts refugees to leave the place of residence chosen by the authorities.

**abolition of the camp obligation** that interdicts refugees to choose a place of residency on their own,

**abolition of the prohibition to work** that interdicts refugees to seek work and coerces them into dependency on contractors that earn from their plight;

**abolition of the handout of food packages** that forbids refugees to choose their food on their own,

**access to education**, especially public German language courses, in order for refugees to be able to develop and to actively participate in society.

**acceleration of the asylum process** which currently is a protracted process and means months or even years of uncertainty and insecurity for refugees under the abovementioned unacceptable conditions, exposing them to severe mental stress.

grant of **unlimited permits of residence** for refugees in Germany, in order to open up perspectives of personal, social and economic development to refugees living in Germany.

**abolition of deportation and expulsion** laws and practices in the Federal Republic of Germany. No crime or offence justifies depriving a person of their living environment and their basis of existence in Germany.

**the permission of free choice of residence in Germany.** At the moment German public authorities choose the place of residence for each refugee and asylum seeker, even if close relatives or friends of the person concerned already live in Germany.

**the permission of a German citizenship for children of refugees** who were born in Germany. Only the full citizenship ensures that these children will be able to grow up in human conditions at the place where they were born and will have a safe future in Germany.

### **Please support our protest and our demands!**

Get information at the protest camp at Oranienplatz in Berlin-Kreuzberg!  
Show solidarity to refugees in Germany and be part of the demonstration on 13/10/2012

Bring spare warm clothing, sleeping bags and blankets to the tent at Oranienplatz.  
Donate money for lawyer bills, transportation costs, copies, cloth for transparencies, paint etc.  
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