

We are here today as a counselling centre for migrants in need because we want to warn urgently against the upcoming decision of the European interior ministers in the EU Council and are shocked by the position of the German government.

In our speech, we want to draw particular attention to the danger of the expansion of safe third countries and the fiction of non-entry - i.e. the denial of due process of law.

Already in the past, attempts have been made to outsource the euphemistically named "migration management", i.e. the defence against protection seekers. This also involves entering into agreements with authoritarian regimes such as Turkey. This is now threatening to expand with the coming decision.¹ The asylum procedure is actually about the question of whether a person is threatened with serious human rights violations and persecution in the country of origin. But the concept is often preceded by another question: Is the asylum application admissible? This should not be the case, for example, if the person seeking protection has previously stayed in an allegedly "safe third country". This leads to chain deportations to persecutor states. Chain deportations to Syria and Afghanistan are already taking place from Greece via Turkey.²

With the upcoming EU decision, this threatens other countries as well, and it will be LEGAL.

Already now, countries like Sudan, Niger, Chad and others are doing border security for the EU. With the decision, the EU's external border countries could now also declare these states safe third countries, as there are already agreements between Italy and Libya.³ There is already the Karthoum Process, a joint initiative of the European and African Union.⁴ Here, border security is outsourced to African states. Normal refugee assistance is criminalised. As a result, both the risks for migrants and the profit margins for smugglers have increased. Thus, criminal gangs and militias with contacts to the government have a monopoly on smuggling.^{5 6}

Similarly, research shows that migration controls and so-called anti-smuggling activities increase the risk of disappearances.⁷

In the Karthoum Process, dictatorships such as the Eritrean regime are supported with money from the EU in order to ward off those seeking protection. For example, it mentions General Teklai Kifle, who is deeply involved in human trafficking with money from the EU,

¹ Vgl. <https://www.medico.de/blog/entrechtung-an-der-grenze-19066>

² Vgl. <https://www.proasyl.de/news/das-ende-von-fluechtlingsschutz-in-europa-die-gefahr-von-sicheren-drittstaaten/>

³ Vgl. auch hierzu "The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Migration" zwischen Italien und Libyen aus 2017: <https://euromedmonitor.org/en/article/5561/Italy-Libya-Memorandum-of-Understanding:-An-affront-to-the-fundamental-human-rights-of-migrants,-refugees,-and-asylum-seekers#:~:text=The%20Italian%20government%20and%20the,and%20strengthening%20cooperation%20in%20development.>

⁴ <https://www.khartoumprocess.net/>

⁵ <https://migration-control.info/wiki/khartoum-prozess/>

⁶ http://www.desertrose.info/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Trafficking_for_Ransom.pdf,S.3

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blackmails fellow countrymen under torture for money to finance their onward journey or simply to prevent their death.⁸⁹

We are a specialised counselling centre for victims of human trafficking recognised by the Ministry of Justice.¹⁰ In recent years we have noticed, and it has also become known in our professional circles, that due to the policy of isolation, the outsourcing of refugee protection to third countries, completely new forms of human trafficking are emerging, such as the aforementioned human trafficking for the purpose of ransom extortion.¹¹

Through the reports of our clients, we also hear of an increasing extent of highly organised, partly state-organised human trafficking networks, accompanied by extreme cruelty and absolute violation of human dignity on the routes to Europe. Our clients tell us about systematic abductions, forced prostitution and labour exploitation.

What we find so alarming: The upcoming decision threatens to make it LEGAL for women to be deported from the EU to these conditions in order to carry out an alleged asylum procedure there.

The state of the countries colonised by Europe, the many ways in which the countries are further destabilised through trade agreements and now also increasingly through the outsourcing of refugee protection is causing the situation in the countries to escalate further. This can already be seen in Sudan, where both ruling parties, the military and the RSF militia, are fighting each other.

The RSF militia, consisting of large parts of the Janjaweed, was important for Europe. It too was financially supported in the Karthoum process, despite the atrocities in Darfur, because it "protects" the borders of Sudan, which is a very important transit country for refugees from e.g. Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia on their way to North Africa and Europe. This allowed the militia to grow, arm itself and become stronger. Now the armed militia has been made strong enough to dare a new power struggle-as you can see now.¹²

I am going so far because the upcoming EU Council decision on the reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) will set in motion a spiral of escalation that already exists. International law is being undermined. To put it in the words of the Republican Lawyers Association¹³:

⁸ Vgl. <https://asmarino.com/news/1965-manjus-eritrean-kalashnikov-smuggler-and-human-trafficking-mastermindib>

⁹ [Drucksache 18/8216 \(bundestag.de\)](https://www.bundestag.de/Drucksache_18_8216)

¹⁰ <http://www.gesetze-bayern.de/Content/Document/BayVwV96522>

¹¹ Vgl. http://www.desertrose.info/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Trafficking_for_Ransom.pdf

¹² Vgl. <https://www.proasyl.de/news/die-situation-im-sudan-und-was-deutschland-jetzt-tun-muss/>

¹³ <https://www.rav.de/publikationen/mitteilungen/mitteilung/erklaerung-des-rav-anlaesslich-des-fluechtlingsgipfels-am-10523-942>

With the proposed resolutions on European asylum law from the Federal Chancellery, the traffic light coalition is breaking with the previous consensus of politics in Germany after 1945.

One of the lessons of fascism was the Geneva Refugee Convention and Article 16a of the Basic Law.

When the injustice that already exists becomes law, when we can no longer sue for anything, this attacks the very pillars of our society.

We must stand up against this!

Our speech with references is available in German and English.