



Speech for the for the nationwide Demonstration 25.05.2013

FIGHT RACISM NOW!

20 years after the abolishment of the Right of Asylum

20 years after the Solingen arson attack

In Germany live refugee women - asylum seekers and so called "tolerated" women and their children for years in the collective homes.

Violence and attacks occur frequently, where difference in power exists. The asylum seeking women are confronted by racist as well as sexist suppression. In additional these intolerable living conditions result in sickness of women and children.

Just a few examples:

We consider the disregard of our limited privacy in the collective homes as attacks.

Employees of the collective homes disregard our privacy, in that they enter our rooms during our absence or with a general key, they enter the private living quarters, this happened earlier without knocking at the door irrespective of whether or not the inhabitants were clothed or not. In Brandenburg we have achieved in the meantime that the ministry has given a special order that this is not tolerable. Nevertheless it remains a scandal that an order of the ministry is necessary for something which is self understandable.

We feel discriminated and cut off from the society. The decision to put refugee women into remote collective homes makes us to an object of stereotype dedication. We are confronted by the fact that men are convinced that refugee women in these isolated residential places are women for their use and will be discriminated and abused by their disrespectful offers.

Therefore we demand: Women out of these Lagers! Abolish all Lagers!

When the asylum seeking women manage to come to Germany they are confronted with laws which makes their living conditions unbearable. They have to make big efforts to survive in the system, so that no room remains for independent way or life. The asylum system creates a strong dependency.

Many of us have no possibility to learn German. And many cannot find a job or at least some get work that nobody else wants to perform and does not comply with our education.

Therefore we demand: Abolish working restrictions!

For example: Many of us are forced to purchase with vouchers, this means we cannot decide freely what and where we purchase. Another example, if we get sick we have to tell the Social authorities that we need medical treatment and why. Another example is the Residenzpflicht.

Therefore we demand: Abolish Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz! Medical treatment for all! Abolish the Voucher system! Abolish Residenzpflicht!

We fight for our rights as women. We are group of refugee women who identify themselves with refugee problems from a woman's perspective and fight against laws which are directed against the emancipation of women and children.

It is very difficult, to be respected as an independent group of refugee women and be heard. Therefore we need solidarity to fight together.

Therefore: Let us fight together against racist laws and sexist structures to which refugee women are confronted with everyday.

Freedom of movement is everybody's and every woman's right! We are here and we will fight!