

## **“Until the prison closes!”**

The deportation prison in Glückstadt was opened on 16 August 2021. The prison is used by Schleswig-Holstein, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Hamburg. The mere suspicion that a person might try to evade deportation is enough to detain them. For most detainees, their detention ends with their deportation.

More than 500 people have been detained since the prison opened. It has become more than clear that the concept of 'housing without freedom' propagated by the government of Schleswig-Holstein cannot be surpassed in cynicism. Barbed wire, a 6-metre-high wall, locking hours, a barred yard and an isolation cell with the possibility of restraint are the very antithesis of freedom. Prisoners continue to speak out about the intolerable conditions and resist through hunger strikes and escape attempts. The psychological stress of the prisoners is enormous due to the environment, the unfair treatment and the deprivation of freedom. Medical care for prisoners is disastrous. There have been repeated suicide attempts and self-harm in recent months. There have been at least two fires in the prison, one caused by a prisoner setting his mattress on fire in despair. The hunger strikes, suicide attempts and escape attempts show how hopeless and crushing imprisonment is for people.

The deportation prison is another element in the systematic prevention and criminalization of fleeing. In addition to the tightening of European asylum laws, ever harsher deportation laws and a fortress Europe that has been raising its walls higher and higher for years, Glückstadt serves as another symbol of the German and European border regime. Let us show our solidarity against this policy of isolation: Freedom only exists when it means freedom for all!

As long as the prison exists, we call to fight for the freedom of all prisoners. Their courageous resistance must be heard and taken out into the world.

Freedom for all prisoners! Until the prison closes again!

Against all deportations and all deportation prisons!

**Demonstration: Saturday, May 25th, 2024 // Start at 1 p.m. at Glückstadt train station // End of demonstration at around 3:30 p.m. in front of the prison**