

# Organize against the destruction of the German asylum law!

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Dear friends, the plans for a new asylum law the government is pushing forward is something that should be known (also) by refugees living here in Germany. Therefore, we made a summary in English.

*This is a short summary on the most important aspects of the draft of the new German asylum reform. The draft was published on 17 September. The summary is based on a stat among other aspects ement by the German NGO PRO ASYL (in German).*

*The draft envisages deep cuts regarding residence, asylum and social rights. Here are some examples of what is going to happen if the draft becomes law:*

1. All refugees who are affected by the Dublin-III regulation, meaning another member state is responsible for their asylum process, will no longer receive any social welfare benefits under the Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz (asylum seekers' welfare law). The only things they will get are a return ticket to the state responsible and some food for the journey. There will be no more medical treatment, nor accommodation, cash money etc. provided for them (*this point might turn out to be a little less harsh according to the latest news...*)
2. A new type of document will be created, the "certificate on the enforceable obligation to leave." If a deportation cannot take place for reasons attributed to the refugee, they will lose their work permit, vocational training position and even social welfare benefits.
3. This new regulation will affect refugees who now have a so called "Duldung", meaning their deportation has been temporarily suspended. This would practically roll back all benefits of the "Bleiberechtsregelung" (regulation for residence) that only recently became law. The same thing will happen if the authorities (Ausländerbehörde) believe that the refugee has come to Germany because of its social system, if the asylum application has been rejected as "offensichtlich unbegründet" (manifestly unfounded), or if someone is a citizen of a "safe country of origin."
4. Contrary to the supposed intention of accelerating the asylum procedure, the bad practice of the Bundesamt (Federal Office) of giving asylum seekers the so called "BÜMA" (certificate about the registration as asylum seekers) will be legalized. As a result, people will have to wait even longer with a BÜMA until they can finally apply for asylum.
5. Border police will be authorized to check which member country is responsible for the asylum procedure, enabling quick imprisonments and Dublin deportations without any legal remedies.
6. Asylum seekers will be obliged to stay in a reception center for six months (until

now the maximum was three months). During this time, refugees will only receive coupons or food packages instead of cash. People from so called safe countries can be held in these camps until they are deported.

7. The Residenzpflicht (obligation not to leave the district) which had almost been abolished after years of struggle will be re-introduced.
8. It will be easier to arrest asylum seekers directly at the airport when they enter Germany by plane.
9. Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro will be added to the list of so called safe countries.
10. The authorities (Ausländerbehörde) will no longer be allowed to announce deportations before they happen, even if the people to be deported have been living here with a Duldung for years.
11. In the (somewhat rare) cases, where a third party like a family member or an institution has signed an obligation to assume all costs related to a refugee's stay in Germany, this obligation will not end once that person's refugee status is officially accepted (which is what used to happen until now). That means the person or institution who signed the obligation will have to pay for ever and ever.

We want to inform and organize against these plans.