

New camps needed for this country?

In the asylum law there are countries, defined as safe by the German government. People from those countries, who seek asylum in Germany will be told, even before the beginning of their interview and the knowledge of their reasons, that they can't expect a positive decision.

I will explain in my speech today what is currently happening since the individual right to seek asylum is disabled and the people seeking asylum are rejected regarding only their country of origin.

If a woman from Albania is seeking Asylum in Germany, she will be asked to prove her reasons to seek refuge. Documents and proofs of years of abuse is what those women would need. Papers that show that the police register their complaint. That neither friends, family nor one of the three women shelters in Albania were willing or able to provide sufficient protection. The women who arrive in Germany are survivors of a society in which the woman is owned by a man. Violence against women is seen there as socially accepted, hence it is a result of a disobedient behavior of a woman towards a man.

I am also a woman. I didn't choose to be born in Germany. I went to school, not as a privilege, but because all children go to school. I choose my own partner and start and end relationships without the fear of physical consequences. The police does not send me away when I want to file a complaint and my rights were violated. Those women have none of that, even when their life and wellbeing and the life of their children are in danger.

They flee. They ask for Asylum. They are told – Albania is a safe country and you will not get Asylum because Albania is safe. They stay in camps run by the state and they won't leave those camps until their deportation. Their children will not join a school, even though they are living in Germany. The women can not take part in the social life. There is no privacy. No possibility to hand in the proofs needed.

I am opposing the idea to select people regarding solely their nationality. I am opposing the fact that the time in a camp depends on your nationality. That the access to schools and education depends on your nationality. I am opposing the fact that there is a discussion to gain trained workers for the German job market while people in camps are sanctioned with an employment ban.

These women need our protection. All people in those camps are possessing human rights, those rights don't end in front of the camp's fence. These people are not products or goods which are allowed to be selected regarding their usability.

I am angry when trained workers are invited, from countries in which they are desperately needed, to make them work for people here and at the same time increasing the lack of support and proficiency in their countries. We take all we need, but do we also give something?

This Wednesday a boy with a /// degree proofed Disability left the camp after a stay of /// months. He was under the care of the state government. His disability was known. The deportation was set. He got no access to a specialized doctor, no coverage of the costs to get the required proof of his lack of health. A Petition and donations made it possible that he finally is allowed to leave the camp and that he will join a school in September.

Camps, mass accommodation for months, deportation imprisonment, violence and isolation – I am ashamed that the term camp (“Lager”) is seen as a problem and not what is happening in the everyday life of the affected people.

What does it take? What is missing? We are missing! Our engagement is more important than ever. People who oppose who identify injustice and publicly speak about it. It takes courage to do that – and that is what I wish to all of us!