

Speech of the *Initiative gegen Rassismus – Westallgäu* at the demonstration: „Gambians in danger – Flüchtlingsrechte stärken, Abschiebungen stoppen“ on the 10th of December 2016 in Ravensburg

The rate of legal protection in Germany for people from the Gambia was below 3 % in the year 2015.¹ This means less than every twentieth person who took the life threatening journey from the Gambia to this place was granted a legal right to stay here by the German authorities. Already one month ago the minister of interior affairs in the county of Baden-Württemberg Thomas Strobl was demanding to declare the Gambia a so called “safe country of origin”. Note that this was all before the surprising victory of the opposition on the 1st of December presidential elections.

Even after the pleasant success of the opponents of brutal dictator Yahya Jammeh the Gambia is still not safe. It is still unclear how the military will react on a possible handover of power and even after a possible shift in the presidential office later authoritarian coups or putsches are threatening the country.

The Gambia was not safe before the elections and it is not safe today.

A lot of people from this country have to be declared **political refugees** according to applicable law.

The situation in the Gambia makes it necessary to declare a **complete stop of all deportations** to this place.

But yet the previous decisions taken by the German migration department and Strobl's move even before the presidential elections make one thing clear: The German authorities have long ago said goodbye to a serious check on asylum requests.

While right-wing agitators from the AfD and their racist associates from the far edge of the right-wing to large parts of the so called “middle of society” are blaming the rulers for pursuing too open migration politics, those have already practically abolished the constitutional right on asylum. Like before in the nineties violent attacks, right-wing propaganda on the streets and racist politics in German parliaments are going hand in hand. Yet with the difference that the legal situation of refugees has dramatically worsened since this time

It is high time to stand up against these developments.

Where in this world we are born is only a coincidence. Nothing more, nothing less.

Let's tear down the walls that separate us from each other and stand together in solidarity with all the people who are suffering from the current situation.

Every person has the right on a good live. No matter if it is here or on any other place of this planet. We are wishing for a world without borders in which every human being can live his life in freedom. Let us struggle for this together, not only today but on every single day of our lives.

1 https://www.proasyl.de/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015_HKL_AntragsEntscheidungsstatistik.pdf