

AGAINST THE BORDERS, IMPERIALIST STATES AND THEIR RACIST POLITICS



SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

2PM: DEMONSTRATION

LEAVING FROM THE GRENOBLE TRAIN STATION (GARE)

6PM: STAGE EXHIBITION

« WAR AT THE BORDERS: A COLONIAL BATTLE »

BY CONFRONTIERE

+ DEBATE

8PM: PIZZAS

FREE PRICE

THE PLACE:

SALLE 150

90, Galerie de l'Arlequin
(Arlequin Gallery)

Tram A: stop *Arlequin* or
la Bruyère

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DEADLY BORDERS : THE IMPERIALIST STATES KILL!

6TH FEBRUARY: DAY OF COMMEMORATING DEATHS AT THE BORDER

The 6th of February 2014, at least fifteen people were killed by Spanish law enforcement while they were attempting to enter Europe by the sea at Sebta (Ceuta), a Spanish colony on Moroccan soil.

On that day, the Guardia Civil blindly fired rubber bullets and teargas grenades. Touched by these bullets, asphyxiated by the gas, fifteen people died by drowning. Many others were wounded, arrested and illegally pushed back towards Morocco.

Since this time, every year on the 6th of February, us and other associations call out for people to commemorate the victims of this crime and denounce the militarisation of the border.

THIS IS NO SMALL ERROR, IT'S MASSACRE IN AN ORGANISED GROUP

These police crimes, whether they are committed by a direct method as at Sebta or indirectly via deadly chases, are never "small errors".

They are nothing more than logical consequences of the militarisation of the borders that push people in exile to take more and more risks to escape the multiple controls along their journeys. Police violence is inseparable from the racist (anti)migratory politics that is maintained by the EU: by tracking, harassing and deporting people who are migrating to join the European soil. Deterrence by all means necessary !!

EUROPE MULTIPLIES AND EXTERNALISES ITS BORDERS

The European borders don't end at the contour of Europe. Following its politics of imperialism, Europe imposes its borders on other continents, notably Africa. For example, the southern border of the EU officially sits in the middle of the Mediterranean, but control and repression of people travelling toward Europe is much further south.

In effect, Europe asks other countries to ensure its own politics of immigration control (externalisation of borders). To pressure these countries, Europe uses different tactics: providing monetary aid for border control (disguised as "developmental aids"); economic blackmail; promising to integrate them as future states of the European Union, etc.

As a consequence, the controls multiply well before these people's arrival in Europe (in Niger, Morocco, and more generally in all the ancient colonies). The journey becomes more difficult and dangerous. The EU delegates its "dirty work" all the while selling itself as a land of freedom and human rights.

At least 30.000 people have lost their lives in trying to get to Europe since the year 2000. These numbers are surely under-estimates due to the difficulty in obtaining precise information. The internal borders of Europe kill also. Close to Grenoble, in the area of Briançon, at least five people were found dead in the last two years. Faced with these deaths, the reaction of Europe is to raise the amount of controls at the borders, to toughen the repression and to frame the smugglers. And the media shares its sensationalised images of risky mountain crossings.

However, it's not the cold, nor the mountains, the sea, the desert, or leaky boats that kill.

Les coupables sont les flics, les états impérialistes et leurs gouvernements racistes !

THE GUILTY ARE THE COPS, THE IMPERIALIST STATES AND THEIR RACIST GOVERNMENTS!