

Not police, Not charity : OUR RIGHTS !

For over a year now, a war against migrants has run rampant in the streets of Paris, Calais and throughout France. More than 30 street camps have been established and empty buildings seized by migrants and people in solidarity revolted by the attitude of the authorities.

A major reason for these camps and protests is police repression that grows stronger every day. The goal is to render those fleeing economic horror, climate disasters and wars invisible.

Police raids, OQTF, arrests, tear-gassing and humiliation have become the «welcoming policy».

In the past two weeks, over sixty OQTF were issued and dozens of people unjustifiably arrested at Porte de Pantin, St. Bernard Church and Pajol Hall. These measures have involved the undocumented as well as asylum seekers sleeping in the streets in appalling conditions.

Not satisfied to be merely illegal, the mayor of Paris and the state are going to all lengths!

Against institutional racism and this organized manhunt, the migrants camped in front of France Terre d'Asile have stated:

Having fled war in our country, we are here seeking security and peace.

Our claims are simple; they are the rights we are no longer able to have in our own countries:

- 1) housing to protect us from the winter cold and summer heat**
- 2) schools where we can learn French**
- 3) an allowance that allows us to preserve our dignity the time it takes to find a job.**
- 4) accelerated administrative procedures in order to obtain the right to stay because it is a right for all.**

We migrants and people in solidarity demand:

- An immediate end to police harassment (morning tear-gassings, the destruction of tents and blankets).
- The annulment of all OQTF.
- An acceleration of administrative procedures at the Prefecture, OFPRA and PADA.

We recall that:

- Article 345-2-2 of the Social Welfare Code provides that: «any homeless person experiencing medical, mental or social distress at any time must have access to emergency shelter». The decree of 11 October 1945 authorizes the seizure of vacant housing if there is a lack of emergency shelter.
- Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: « Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution».

We demand:

Papers, housing, the right to settle and freedom of movement for all.

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