

Act Against Deportation: Make every Tuesday a day of Resistance

Deportation is an act of fascism and violence that sacrifices human beings in an extreme way to purify and strengthen a nation. Act Against Deportation (Aktion mot deportation) calls for individuals, networks, communities and organizations to take action in order to stop, disrupt or draw attention to deportations.

Tuesdays are days that, to many of us, have come to be associated with the deportation of people who have sought protection in Sweden. People are sent to war-torn countries in airplanes chartered by the Swedish state.

We want to make every Tuesday a day of resistance. Protest outside the detention centres, on airports, on the streets! Write, speak, scream about what is happening and about that what can be done to stop it. Contact involved governments, companies that cooperate or carry out deportations, contact embassies and demand that they immediately cease all cooperation around the deportation of people seeking refuge. Several of those who are kept at the detention unit in Märsta have expressed their wish that we protest and demonstrate against their situation. They say that even if their deportation is not stopped, we have to protest to make sure it doesn't happen again.

There is virtually no transparency around what is happening. Travel dates and information are kept secret, to assure the "clients safety", according to authorities. Even the ones that are to be deported get little information about the deportation itself. But the truth is that deportations are kept a secret in order to avoid attention. There are several testimonies of excessive violence, suicide attempts and refugees being sedated during the trip. Detentions are coordinated by Kriminalvården (the correctional system), and assisted by Försvarmaktens logistics – Kronflyget.

Action Against Deportation is a popular movement that is working towards open and solidary asylum and migration policies, and against the violence that is practiced daily in the name of Swedish citizens. To get information about deportations and how to protest, go to aktionmotdeportation.se, or join our community on Facebook.

Facts: Detention Centres

In Sweden, those who are denied asylum some times get placed in detention centres to wait for deportation. People who have not committed any crimes get robbed of their freedom and are placed in prison-like environments, without any time limits to how long they will be held there.

Sweden has five detention centres, in Flen, Gävle, Kålleröd, Märsta, and Åstorp.

In 2013, 4 829 detention decisions were made in Sweden.