

**INTERNATIONAL REFUGEES DAY  
DEMONSTRATION**

**“STORMING FORTRESS EUROPA- AGAINST  
NATIONALISM, RACISM AND EXPLOITATION!”**

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The “Anti-Racist Network” calls openly for a massive demonstration in Zurich to honour and celebrate The International Day for Refugees on June 20. In this respect, we wish to send a strong political message against all forms of inhumane treatments, and. The “FORTIFICATION OF EUROPE”, and also to share our solidarity with Refugees and with the problems they face while in forced exile, repressions and intimidation.

According to The UNHCR, there are approximately 67 million Refugees in the world. Nearly 90 percent of all Refugees seek for protection in their country of origin or are either forced to flee and seek protection in neighbouring countries. Today, a large number of Refugees are also making their way to Europe in search of protection. However, the towers of Europe are restricting many refugees mainly from Africa, Asia, and Middle-East to seek for protection in Europe over the past decade. The building of walls, barriers and the use of sophisticated surveillance systems had made Europe to become a fortress which in fact is preventing Refugees to penetrate into the solidified walls and blocks of towers of THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU). This therefore implies that most Refugees had to choose more hazardous and dangerous routes to enter Europe illegally. In this case, for Refugees it is a declaration of war to jump over the fortress.

The daily use of war-ships, Army-helicopters, high-tech surveillance systems and a well trained European Elite Troops are constantly mobilized against harmless Refugees in over-crowded boats in their approach to enter Europe. Due to this method, thousands of Refugees lost their lives as a direct consequent of THE EU DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST REFUGEES! The Meditaranean sea had long being a massive grave for thousands of Refugees from Africa in particular. In Italy alone, it is estimated that in the past ten years almost 10,000 Refugees had lost their lives in their attempts to penetrate the walls or fortress of Europe,...What is it all about “Humanitarian” Switzerland and The rest of Europe as a whole ? They continually invest millions of Euros and CHF on surveillance and protection in order to make Europe more dangerous and deadly...for Refugees to penetrate and to seek for protection in The EU. In addition, they collaborate with dictatorial regimes who are best known for their abused and kicking of human rights and protection against their own very people.....Most Refugees that survives or passes through this long battle--Odyssee--until their arrival in Europe are also welcome with a stormy wind. Refugees on their arrival or entry into Europe are also subjected and confronted with another reality which they need to endure such as institutional and structural racism, discrimination, exploitation and forced-labour, imprisonment for illegal entry and stay in Europe, Social obstacles and total surveillance and control.

The Roman Empire used to import slaves, precious stones , metals and raw-materials from Africa and Asia. Today Europe wealth and prosperity is due to the constant exploitation of poor countries in the world, especially in Africa. The long centuries of colonialism and exploitation had left a deep foot-print on our very minds and souls. It is therefore imperative and of a moral obligation for Switzerland and The EU in general to take and share this historic responsibility. We should not welcome only raw-materials and wealth from these countries-----it is also our responsibility to WELCOME REFUGEES WITH RESPECT AND FAIRNESS Hundred years ago, poverty and hunger was also a social norm and problem in Switzerland which forced a large number of Swiss people to flee from Switzerland and to seek for protection and resettlement in other countries. Today we live in a new time and century..... Switzerland is one of the richest country in the world today. In this regards, it is a duty for Switzerland to be “front-runner” in the political struggle for better Asylum Laws and protection systems for Refugees in Europe.

Our prosperity today is a result of bitter poverty in other parts of the world. It is unreasonable for Switzerland to support the construction of walls and towers.....”Nation” and “The European Union”(EU)...so as to deny and prevent the entry of Refugees into Europe. This is the prize we have to pay for the annual lost of valuable human lives, whom in reality are rather not welcome or applauded in their approach to Europe.....The “Un-wanted heroes”. In this connexion, this message is strongly against RACISM, EXPLOITATION AND INTIMIDATION OF REFUGEES. Only history and wisdom is needed to control and shape our destiny. This is therefore the right moment to move and support all Refugees in Switzerland and the rest of The EU

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**DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2009 TIME: 1.30 p.m.**

**PLACE: LANDESMUSUM ZURICH (NEAR CENTRAL STATION )**

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