

# Freedom for Momodou!

## Stop Police Violence! Stop Deportation!



Action of Solidarity for Momodou at the Deportation Detention Centre in Bremen.  
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we need places to stay and donations.

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SINCE MORE THAN A WEEK Momodou B., a member of our group Together-we-are-Bremen, is in deportation detention in Bremen Vahr. His »crime«: deciding where he wants to live. Bremen plans to deport him back to Italy. In Italy he is expecting homelessness, living on the streets and being forced into criminality to make a living. And he is not the only one: many more people are affected by these so called »Dublin deportations« back to the country they first entered in Europe.

Since centuries Europeans have colonized and exploited our countries – and still do so. We come to Europe because our countries have been destroyed. We saw our friends die in the Sahara Desert, we experienced brutality beyond imagination in Libya and many of us lost their lives in the dangerous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea. But the difficulties are not over when we arrive in Europe: We face discrimination, marginalization/oppression and intimidation. We are excluded from the state's system and we are not being treated as humans. Instead our suffering is being ignored.

The police play a crucial role in this system of discrimination. Their practice of stop-and-frisk, their practice of racial profiling primarily targets Black people. Momodou is in jail because he was controlled by the police while walking on the street:

»I was going to the supermarket and they saw me on the way and they control me. [...] And they were detaining me and they were treating me like a criminal, like somebody who did some shit outside or who killed some people, you know. I tell them: »You should not treat me like this.« (Momodou, 9.3.2019)

We are treated as criminals for coming to Europe in order to seek a better life. We experience brutal treatment by the police and exclusion by the state.

We are Together-we-are-Bremen. Most of us have been living in Bremen for over a year now – like Momodou – and still have no safe perspective to stay here. Even though we have experienced the solidarity of many people, the authorities ignore our demands. We want to have a future, build our own lives and enjoy our freedom like all other people living in Bremen.

WE DEMAND BREMEN to release Momodou!

WE DEMAND BREMEN to immediately stop deportations!

WE DEMAND BREMEN to stop the brutal police practice of Racial Profiling!

*Sooner or later I will be free,  
but even if I don't, what's  
important is I know there are  
people out there fighting for me.*

Momodou, 14.3.2019