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### Invitation

## Information event and action planning meeting to oppose deportation to Afghanistan and demand a right to stay for Afghan refugees

Time: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 04:30pm – 8pm

Place: Aquarium Skalitzer Straße 6 10999 Berlin

Tube station Kottbusser Tor (next to the bar "Südblock")

- The tube station and the venue are accessible for wheelchairs -

Dear friends,

we would like to invite you to the information event and action planning meeting to oppose deportation to Afghanistan and demand a right to stay for Afghan refugees hosted by Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg.

Since December 2016, 60 people have been deported from Germany to Afghanistan. The two charter-deportations were strongly and loudly criticized by politicians and the general public. This critique also mirrors the latest UNHCR report that suggests that there are no save regions within Afghanistan. However, in spite of the public resistance and the UNHCR report, minister of the interior Thomas De Maizière sticks to his hard line and demands further deportation to the war zone Afghanistan.

Until now, Brandenburg did not take part in the charter-deportations to Afghanistan. At the same time, the Brandenburg government has not publicly declared their opposition to deportations of Afghan people. Unlike other German states such as Schleswig-Holstein, Berlin, Lower Saxony and Rhineland-Platinate, the Brandenburg government has not declared a complete halt to deportations to Afghanistan. Thus, the government leaves Afghan refugees in a limbo, among them many accompanied and unaccompanied minors.

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Structure of the meeting:

#### 1. Information against the fear

We are happy to welcome lawyer Inken Stern, who currently represents many Afghan refugees. She will provide an insight into following topics and questions: What are the current decision-making practices of BAMF and the Ausländerbehörden in Brandenburg concerning the cases of Afghan refugees? How can I secure my residence in Germany even though my application for asylum had been rejected? Who is at risk of deportation an who is not? What can we do against deportation? Where can we get support?

#### 2. Taking action against deportation

We want to articulate our demands, discuss strategies and plan actions to oppose deportation to Afghanistan. We want to build a network in Brandenburg and decide on concrete next steps to be taken.

# If you bring your original train ticket we can refund the travel costs. There will be a Dari translation. If you need translation into any other language, let us know until 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

All the best Lotta Schwedler Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg





