

Speech Repression nicht zustellbar

Hello, I am Max from Repression nicht zustellbar, we are a campaign against the repression of climate activism. We also deal a lot with the planned expansion of the Cargo airport Leipzig/Halle. Because in front of our doorstep, the most climate-damaging airport in Germany is to be expanded. The airport is an extreme noise exposure for residents. Citizens' initiatives have been fighting against the enormous aircraft noise and the increased fine dust pollution for decades. The protest against the airport expansion is therefore closely linked to the local citizens' initiatives and the IG Nachtflugverbot.

However, the expansion of the airport by DHL not only destroys living space here, directly in front of our Doorstep, but also massively fuels the climate crisis through greenhouse gas emissions. The consequences of this destruction have been felt for years, especially by people in the global South.

Meanwhile, the DHL conglomerate is raking in billions in profits here in times of crisis, while some of the workers, on the other hand, are exploited, sometimes under adverse conditions, with insecure and poorly paid temporary jobs.

A direct action of 54 climate activists was also directed against the expansion in July 2021: On the night of Saturday, July 10, 2021, a protest action against the airport expansion took place at a truck access road to the DHL hub at Halle/Leipzig Airport. The meeting was registered and allowed by the police on site without conditions. Then DHL interfered: DHL abused the law to criminalize the rally and to enforce its own claims for damages.. DHL's claims for damages in the amount of 1.5 million were completely made up. In addition, all 54 activists were accused of coercion. The police arrested the 54 and held them in the detention center for up to 48 hours.

The strong reactions to the rally show that a nerve was hit. One can imagine the Saxon Ministry of domestic politics and what kind of influence the large corporation has on politics. When profit interests are threatened, the state intervenes.

The police fulfill their task of enforcing the interests of capital. We could see that on 10.07.2021: For profits of large concerns everything is accepted, even the destruction of the planet. That the protest was announced as a protest, is then also no matter - Game Over, Freedom to assembly.

For two years now, civil proceedings have been underway against the 54 activists, in which DHL is seeking large sums of money. A lot has happened since then. In addition, the activists are still awaiting criminal proceedings for coercion. In the civil case, in which DHL originally wanted to sue for up to 500,000, there were negotiations about an out-of-court settlement. Because, we as a movement have defended ourselves against this lawsuit - among other things by disruptive actions at DHL's annual general meeting in May - DHL relented and submitted a settlement proposal.

This is a success in itself, but DHL's settlement proposal stipulates that the activists either work 4320 hours of unpaid labour in a reforestation project or a total fine of 64,000 euros. We are therefore more urgently in need of donations than ever before!

The activists were forced to accept the out-of-court settlement proposal due to DHL's unwillingness to negotiate. There was a concrete danger of being sentenced to half a million - they "agreed" with a gun on their chest. Also, a judgment set a precedent and worsened the legal situation for other fights. It is to assume that all 54 activists accept the settlement. The narrative that DHL wants to create with those unpaid work hours - "now they can really do something for the climate" - is perfidious, given that we are dealing with the company that is expanding Germany's most most climate-damaging airport.

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The climate catastrophe is acute and can be felt everywhere, as recently last week with massive storms and floods in Greece. Political answers are not forthcoming. Instead, attempts are being made to intimidate people who still have hope through massive repression.

Moreover, the airport is not only climate-destructive, but also inhumane: regularly people are deported from LEJ airport in charter flights. Often the destinations of the deportations are in the global south, which is massively affected by the consequences of climate heating.

Thus habitats are destroyed and consequences, like for example flight and migration, are actively suppressed by the state. A real acceptance of responsibility is a long time coming.

But it is not only here that we are fighting against the capitalist airline industry. All over the world there are hundreds of protests, mostly against new airports and their expansion. In Nigeria residents of the three villages Atikpe, Ikwomikwu and Okambi are fighting since 2019 against the construction of the Obudu International Passenger and Cargo Airport. Their protests are violently suppressed by the government, people have been arrested, two people Raphael A. Ushie and a woman whose name is not known have died in the process. An important reason for construction, according to the government, is tourism and fast supply chains to Europe - this clearly shows the international scale and also the relevance of our work in the global north. We stand together against the repressions worldwide and want to make clear: The airline industry and an economic system based on perpetual growth is fueling the climate heating every day! Therefore, we all have to take climate justice into our own hands and continue to demand here locally the stop of the expansion of the Halle/Leipzig airport! Support our fight, for example by a donation under kurzelinks.de/54soli

For us it remains clear: We must not let ourselves be intimidated as a climate justice movement. We must continue to fight, there will be enough occasions in the future. We must organize against repression and continue to protest!