

OVER 60,000
VICTIMS AT THE
BORDERS OF EUROPE

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MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN FOR
UN WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2024
“CALL THEM BY THEIR NAMES”

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People seeking refuge in Europe have been dying at sea and at the borders of Europe for many years. Since 1993, more than 60,000 children, women and men have died trying to reach Europe. European countries have become stricter and are preventing people from entering Europe legally to apply for asylum. People flee from life-threatening situations in their home countries and risk their lives on the way to Europe.

Human rights are violated at the external borders of the EU. A state of emergency is used to prevent giving people looking for protection access to humanitarian support. The public is excluded, with the violence hidden at the border. Instead of giving medical assistance to freezing people in the forests of Belarus – and give them a chance to apply for asylum ≠ Polish Border guards beat them back over the border. The Greek Coast guard pushes people in distress on the Aegean Sea back to Turkey instead of rescuing them. This is a crisis of humanity and a crisis of human rights.

We are appalled by this and demand safe escape routes for refugees. Through our action, we commemorate the victims and protest against this untenable situation.

You can support our protest by signing our petition at the information table.

We have written the names of the people who have died on textile stripes. We read out the names of the deceased and the circumstances of their death.

This commemorative action, “Call them by their names” is taking place in several cities in Germany and Switzerland: Basel, Berlin, Bern, Braunschweig, Chur, Dortmund, Essen, Frankfurt, Genf, Kehl, Lausanne, Luzern, Mannheim, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Thun und Zürich in cooperation with UNITED for Intercultural Action <http://unitedagainstreugeedeaths.eu>