

Dear Mayor Scholz, dear Senator Grote,

we demand the immediate suspension of deportations to Afghanistan and the reintroduction of the senator's rule or any comparable measure for Afghan people.

Hamburg participated in the most recent deportation campaign on 14.12.2016. This is scandalous and must not be repeated.

Afghanistan is not a safe country!

The situation in Afghanistan is unstable. One third of the country is not under governmental control. In many region the Taliban or the so called Islamic State are on the rise. There exist entire regions under Taliban rule in rural areas. The number of civilian casualties is constantly growing over the last years.

The denial and deportation of Afghan asylum seekers are often justified with the argument of "internal protection alternatives" which are supposed to be cities like Kabul and Mazar-e Sharif. But these regions are unstable as well. There is no possibility of life in security and dignity.

Repatriates have to live in slums and tent camps which are surrounding the cities. They have no perspective, no access to food, drinking water or medical supply. They endure deathly threatened by the winterly temperatures. In both cities attacks and bomb detonations with high casualties occur regularly.

Since end of 2014 security has declined in all parts of the country!

In addition to our moral reprehensibility as human beings the current deportations are violating basic human rights. We are increasingly observing the execution of asylum procedures to be pressed by time and without sound examination. The strict compliance to constitutional procedures must not fall victim to right-wing populism. Human rights are not part of political negotiations!

Several federal states of Germany have refused to participate in deportations to Afghanistan - we expect the same clear positioning from Hamburg. While celebrating itself for its well organized welcoming culture Hamburg is involved in deportations and leaves seven human beings from our city with an unknown and insecure fate. As people of Hamburg and signatories of this petition we condemn this devious policy, unworthy of our city!

We also oppose the Federal Ministry of the Interior's plans for deportations of women and children. Such policy must not be supported by Hamburg. Vulnerable persons (which also include members of minorities and people who lived in Hamburg for a long time) must not be deported to an unstable country.

Every human individual deserves to life in security and dignity. No matter where they come from!