



Göttingen 16.05.2017

Statement to Selami Prizreni's deportation,

On today's date, 16 May 2017, the police came at 5am for Selami Prizreni in order to deport him.

Selami Prizreni was born and raised in Essen, Germany. Here, he attended school, made friends and began engaging in hip hop at a very young age.

He has already been deported before, in 2010. The movie „Trapped by Law“ uses his example to show the lack of prospects, the racism and the impossibility to find a home for Romani people, who have been socialised in Germany. In 2013, he took successfully legal steps against his deportation, but nonetheless didn't get a secure residence title for Germany. He fled back to his home, Germany. Despite being permanently threatened by deportation, he founded together with his brothers and friends the initiative Roma Art Action, toured Germany and advocates human rights with his music. His entire professional and private network is in Germany. We consider his deportation as unrightful and inhumane. We demand to stop the deportation and to grant him an immediate and permanent right to stay.

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