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**Migrants in Calais and at the borders**

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*Expel. Expel from the territory a greater number of foreigners, or expel from the common law minors because they are foreigners. France, United Kingdom, European Union, the policies add up and strengthen, and seem to only be able to go even stronger in the same direction. As a counterpart and as a veil of the organised impotence of the states to act in the fields - economy, social - out of their regalian functions - army, police, justice or what the erosion of the rule of law leaves behind. But does this Europe that makes itself undesirable to the world have a future? Or do we have another future than to enter into resistance?*

*News from calais on the blog Passeurs d'hospitalités – English (page 2), and about the Balkan region on Exiles in the Balkans (Page 7).*

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## **PASSEURS D'HOSPITALITES – ENGLISH**

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### **Grande-Synthe : Isolated foreign minors abandoned**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/05/grande-synthe-isolated-foreign-minors-abandoned/>

The emergence of state-controlled sites providing shelter does not mean access to rights for those sheltered people. This is clearly the case of the CAOMI (Reception and Orientation centres for Isolated Foreign Minors - see [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)), a [mechanism whereby](#) the rights of minors expelled from Calais Shantytown and the two related places set up by the State (the container camp and women and children shelter at the Jules Ferry centre - see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)). This is also the case with the Grande-Synthe refugee camp. [Read more...](#)

### **New alert ! : three deportations scheduled to Eritrea**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/07/new-alert-three-deportations-scheduled-to-eritrea/>

On 7th November last, the then Minister of the Interior, now the Prime Minister, made the prefect of the Pas-de-Calais an officer of the Legion of Honour for her involvement in the destruction of the shantytown of Calais for the eviction of the seven thousand inhabitants who remained on the site. Her zeal to serve government policy had already earned her two [Charter Awards](#) in June 2016. [Read more...](#)

### **CAO: the women under pressure**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/09/cao-the-women-under-pressure/>

The news comes from the Reception and Orientation Centres (CAO - see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)) of Cazères, between Toulouse and the Spanish border, and Nimes, where women expelled from Calais were sent after the destruction of the shantytown and the [closure of the reception area](#) for women and children at the Jules Ferry Centre. [Read more...](#)

### **Towards deportations to Greece under Dublin**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/12/towards-deportations-to-greece-under-dublin/>

As snow begins to fall on northern Greece, thousands of refugees are still lodged in tents or in hangars and old unheated factories. For the European Commission, however, the Greek asylum system is in a good state of affairs. It therefore provides that the other countries signatory to the Dublin III Regulation may deport asylum-seekers from 15th March 2017. [Read more...](#)

## **Trivialisation**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/12/trivialisation/>

Autumn 2008 and autumn 2009, the French government, in partnership with the British government, is trying to expel Afghans arrested in Calais to Afghanistan by flights co-organized by the two countries. The outcome would be meagre in the end, with nine people actually expelled in the autumn 2009. Mobilization of associations was significant, and legal procedures prevented most of the deportations. [Read more...](#)

## **Diligence to deport to Sudan**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/12/diligence-to-deport-to-sudan/>

Last Friday, racial profiling controls around Calais train station - an illegal practice that is part of daily life for police forces and for the city in which they are (see [here](#) and [here](#)). Among the alleged foreigners, a man of Sudanese nationality who is without papers to prove his identity. We will call him Mr. M, his identity does not concern us after all. [Read more...](#)

## **UK: Game Over for Calais minors...**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/13/uk-game-over-for-calais-minors/>

The British Minister of State for Immigration announced last Friday the end of the procedure allowing a legal access to Great Britain for all minors expelled from Calais, either for family reunification or under the [Dubs amendment](#). It specifies that the procedures will continue from France. This supposes that the French Prefectures are actually dealing with this type of situation and that the Home Office is giving them an answer, which is clearly not what happens today, and which has been hardly made to work due to legal complaints before the destruction of the slum in Calais, and then carried out on a larger scale for the dismantling, as an exception. [Read more...](#)

## **The Genesis of a Police State**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/16/3434/>

You cannot dissociate the zone of exception which has formed in Calais over the years of the putting in place there of a state of exception, and that which has now spread throughout the territory. Thus the use of the police to conduct a policy of harassment of Exiles and to a lesser extent of their helpers, policy which passes through multiple violations of the law, creating a situation of impunity which has been reinforced when the government, unpopular and weakened, depends on its Police to impose its policies, as was seen especially during the movement of opposition to the labour law. [Read more...](#)

## **No Asylum in Calais**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/16/no-asylum-in-calais/>

It is in the political verb of couples as equally lasting and indissociable as Laurel and Hardy, Boule and Bill or Tom and Jerry. Thus, "humanity and firmness", depass both eras and governments. In his 2009 season, alongside his companion "firmness" (destruction of squats and encampments, preferential raids for Afghans, putting people in detention and attempts to send them to Kabul), "humanity", alongside some humanitarian developments, the non reception by the State which it

took the glory for but which was financed with the budgets of the town and the region, there was the opening at the sub-prefecture of Calais of an office for the registration of asylum applications. [Read more...](#)

### **Minors at Grande-Synthe : interpellation of the Cimade**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/18/minors-at-grande-synthe-interpellation-of-the-cimade/>

The government was probably against the creation of a Grande-Synthe refugee camp because it would give greater visibility to the rights violations there. In Calais, minors who are returning then hide, while seeking opportunities, coming back or moving away. Their invisibility facilitates their exclusion from the field of law. [Read more...](#)

### **Readmission agreement EU – Afghanistan : first deportations**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/18/readmission-agreement-eu-afghanistan-first-deportations/>

The readmission agreement concluded on the 5th October between Afghanistan and the European Union (see [here](#) and [there](#)) aimed to systematize and facilitate deportations to Afghanistan. Its implementation has started with a charter from Germany (34 expelled), and another joint charter between Norway and Sweden (22 people). Germany plans to deport 12,500 people to Afghanistan. These three countries experienced a large number of arrivals of Afghan exiles in 2015, but the deported people had sometimes spent several years there. [Read more...](#)

### **CAO for minors : Demonstration to go to the UK**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/19/cao-for-minors-demonstration-to-go-to-the-uk/>

[On 9th December](#), the British authorities announced the end of the operation allowing minors expelled from Calais to legally enter British territory. Just under five hundred were accepted. The perspective for the others is integration into the French child welfare system, after a [new assessment of their minority](#), this time in accordance with the methods provided for by French regulations. We do not know which departments are ready to host them. In most cases, perhaps all, minors do not have access to independent legal advice to have [their rights recognised](#). [Read more...](#)

### **CAO minors: hungerstike in Réalville**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/20/cao-minors-hungerstike-in-realville/>

Most of them are voting with their feet and are leaving the CAOMI (Reception and Orientation Centres for Isolated Minors - see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)) to take the road to the British border. In the same way as adults (or minors sent there following the summary sorting procedure during the destruction of the Calais shantytown) are told to seek asylum in France or to return to their country, and who have been leaving the CAOs ( Reception and Orientation Centres - see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)). [Read more...](#)

### **In Dieppe the evacuations continue**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/21/in-dieppe-the-evacuations-continue/>

If Calais is more often in the limelight of the media and if the policy of violence against Exiles there is pushed further, a similar situation applies to all encampments on the British border. [Read more...](#)

### **Departing on holiday**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/21/departing-on-holiday/>

In front of the station of Calais, a dozen people backs to the wall, surrounded by gendarmes mobiles. The daily racial profiling checks . Two people watch and observe the characteristics of the day of this illegal practice. [Read more...](#)

### **CAO: demonstrations before yesterday in Albi, yesterday in Toulouse**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/23/cao-demonstrations-before-yesterday-in-albi-yesterday-in-toulouse/>

Evacuating several thousand people is not easy, especially when we want to give the image of a humanitarian operation, despite the deployment of more than three thousand policemen. Obtaining the consent of some of the expelled persons and certain associations was to greatly facilitate the destruction of the Calais slum. And for that a key point: the repeated promise that there would be no Dublin for people who would leave to CAOs ( Reception and Orientation Centres – see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)). [Read more...](#)

### **Around a "respite center" that has never seen the light of day**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/27/around-a-respite-center-that-has-never-seen-the-light-of-day/>

November 2015, the first "Respite Centers", which were not yet called Centers of Welcoming and Orientation (CAO - see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [there](#)), are set up to serve as answer to a mediatization of the slum in Calais that is becoming dangerous for the government. The mayor of the village of Pexonne, in the south of Meurthe-et-Moselle region, is informed that the opening of one of these "respite centers" is planned in a holiday center on the territory of his commune . Fifty exiles, single men, are to be housed there. [Read more...](#)

### **Dunkerque: a 17-year-old migrant dies trying to cross**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/28/dunkerque-a-17-year-old-migrant-dies-trying-to-cross/>

On Saturday, December 24, a 17-year-old exile died of his injuries shortly after arriving at the hospital after a fall, presumably from a truck, during an attempt to cross near the ferry terminal in the port of Dunkirk. [Read more...](#)

### **Words of the neighbours**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/29/words-of-the-neighbors/>

Already in 2015, [few citizen from Calais had shared a text](#) (FR) expressing their refusal of the concentration of the Exiles outside the city, on the site of what would become the biggest

shantytown in France. This venture was done outside the associations traditionally linked to the support of migrants, some of whom had been involved in this marginalization, believing that people would not be evicted from this new place. [Read more...](#)

### **The Council of the department of Haute-Garonne condemned about isolated foreigners minors**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/29/the-council-of-the-department-of-haute-garonne-condemned-about-isolated-foreigners-minors/>

It is one of the classics in the French policy of non-welcoming, to "stock" isolated foreign minors in hotel rooms for months, even years, without any real social follow-up, without schooling after 16 years old, with minimal or sub-minimal coverage of their material needs, with no prospects for the future. [Read more...](#)

### **No longer a plan for migrants in Calais in case of Extreme Cold?**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2016/12/30/no-longer-plan-for-migrants-in-calais-case-of-great-cold/>

Along the years of the evictions that followed the closure of the Sangatte Center in 2002, the exiles had no longer shelter and were chased from place to place, but the pressure of the associations helped in gaining some improvements. Thus, during the winter between 2007 and 2008, after the State was vainly questioned, the mayor of Calais requisitioned the former building of the Calais Office of the Workforce (BCMO) in order to shelter exiles during the night as part of the Extreme Cold Plan (in France, to have a place to house vulnerable and homeless people ensuring they are safe in case of very cold temperatures). This measure was then proposed again in the following years, despite the change of political majority in the town hall, finally with the support of the State. [Read more...](#)

### **Dieppe: Winter eviction**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2017/01/01/dieppe-winter-eviction/>

The judgment on [the eviction of the inhabitants](#), « of the about twenty migrants - Albanians for the majority - and the French homeless », of Neuville-lès-Dieppe camp took place on Monday December 26th, their eviction on Wednesday 28th. [Read more...](#)

### **Two new deportations scheduled to Sudan**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2017/01/01/two-new-expulsions-scheduled-to-sudan/>

Both had just arrived in France and were travelling from the Italian border to Paris. Both thought they were going to seek for asylum in France but did not know the procedures. Both were arrested on the road and imprisoned in the detention center in Nîmes, one by decision of the Vaucluse prefecture and the other of the prefecture of the Var. For those who doubted it, deportation to Sudan is a national policy, not a peculiarity of the Pas-de-Calais prefecture. [Read more...](#)

### **Dublin to Norway, flight to Kabul**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2017/01/02/dublin-to-norway-flight-to-kabul/>

There are many ways to come to Europe. One of them, by Russia, to Norway, crossing the border between the two countries, up in the north. People seeking asylum in Norway and receiving a negative response often continue their migration to other countries. But if they apply for asylum in Norway, they risk being sent back there, as having their finger prints there will make the country responsible for their asylum application under the Dublin III European regulation. [Read more...](#)

### **Risk of deportation to Sudan: mobilization**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2017/01/03/risk-of-deportation-to-sudan-mobilization/>

A mobilization is taking place in the south-east as answer to [the risk of deportation to Sudan](#) of two migrants currently in a detention center in Nîmes, which converges with the one for [the people prosecuted for their solidarity](#), and also in support of [an Afghan exile who is likely to be sent back to Afghanistan](#) via Norway. [Read more...](#)

### **EURODAC Project : from asylum to the hunt of undocumented migrants**

<https://passeursdhospitalitesenglish.wordpress.com/2017/01/03/eurodac-project-from-asylum-to-the-hunt-of-undocumented-migrants/>

After a proposal of [reform of the Dublin Regulation](#), which is used to determine the country responsible for an asylum application, in particular with the aim of strengthen the rule for which the country responsible for an asylum application is the country of entry into the territory of the signatory countries (European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), and a rule for expulse to neighboring transit countries if they are considered "safe". After the project to [reinstate from 15 March 2017 deportations to Greece under the Dublin III regulation](#), while conditions of welcoming are still deeply degraded in this country. Now, the European Commission is planning a reform of the EURODAC Regulation. [Read more...](#)

## **EXILES IN THE BALKANS**

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### **Greece: the City Plaza continues**

<https://exilesinthebalkans.wordpress.com/2016/12/19/greece-the-city-plaza-continues/>

While Greece has covered itself with camps and has become a trap in which exiles are caught and blocked on their way to the countries of Europe where they hope to build their lives, an abandoned hotel was transformed into [a self-organised welcome center](#). It was April 22, 2016. [Read more...](#)