

# solidarnost je naša snaga

## Solidarity with war refugees

### **SOLIDARITY BEYOND BORDERS...**

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"There are seventeen of us here from Asturias and Aragon. We chop wood, and we cook every evening..." says Bruno, a member of the Spanish team. We suggested making some arrangements about the clearing of the yard, but Bruno replied that we should contact another tea. The Spaniards have been here for four weeks already and they are going to stay for an indefinite period of time, taking turns ...

Paul from Great Britain is active in 'Idomeni food'. And he tells us, almost apologetically: "We just 'only' prepare food. Otherwise, we wouldn't be allowed to do anything else."

Halim, Azel and others told us that they needed a shaving machine, and Fahro took it our immediately, gave it to them, and they used it on their own. We made a plan to prepare together an Afghan dish: to bring the meat, tomatoes, potatoes, onion and spices and perhaps some chicken as well. And we scheduled the cooking – on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon. Tomorrow, Mirko and Ljilja Č. will bring some shampoo, which they need.

There is a major change: in the yard around the hangar, there are fifteen flush chemical toilets! At last!

We go to 'Doctors without Borders' to make arrangements about the clearing work, borrow some shovels and get the refuse bags. They also gave us a dozen cartons of eggs, each containing ten eggs. On our way back, we came across a small group of men from Afghanistan, and gave them the eggs and the sweets we had taken with us. One of them has severe burn injuries. "The Taliban shelled our house, around 11 p.m. when we were all sleeping, everyone in my family was injured, and we ran away, I left the country ...". He says that his house is near a military base, which was actually targeted. He'd been attending a private school. But he had to leave everything ...

Ljilja from NORAS 381 remembered: "When in 1979 the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan began, my friend told me: "Today in Afghanistan, tomorrow in right in your house ...". The interdependence and interconnectedness of the world, when it breaks out in Kandahar or Homs, or Baghdad... you cannot have any illusion that the echo won't reach you and that war, poverty, armament and refugees are not directly linked...

We continued walking in the yard and talking, when at once, a young man sprang up before us: "Where is Jelka? When will she come? There's nowhere we can take a shower!" When I told him that I was going to Ljubljana the following day, he asked me to say hello to her by all means and ask her when she would be coming over. In Ljubljana, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association 'The deleted', is being marked. Nela and Marijana from Zagreb are coming, and we will also discuss joint solidarity actions with the refugees...

In the hangars, solidarity without borders or nations is at work, as opposed to the EU, with borders, nations and barbed wire...



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