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Visit to refugees / migrants in Sid

February 1st 2019

On February 1st 2019, activists of Women in Black visited Sid. On that occasion we met with the activists of the No Name Kitchen collective. We visited the house they stayed in and left the modest help we brought in food. Then we visited the area of the abandoned factory "Grafosrem" at the exit from the city in the direction of the highway. This is a spot where refugees / migrants are gathering.

This space is in a very bad condition, there is nothing but bare walls, window shafts are large in size, in some parts practically covering the whole wall, so this space offers very scarce possibilities to stay in it and warm up. All previous efforts of refugees / migrants, who, with the help of volunteers, have tried to improve the conditions at this place were brutally destroyed by the police.

The refugees / migrants come and go on a daily basis. On average, about 100 in the area. A part of them sleeps in tents in and around the factory. Recently, the police have come into this space. On that occasion they destroyed their property, and all the tents were collected on a pile and set on fire. Since the beginning of the year, there has been a noticeable change in police behavior in Sid. They attack migrants / refugees on the streets of Sid, beat them and harass. Because of this, they mostly avoid moving around the city. How much they fear is illustrated by the fact that they even hide from No Name Kitchen people where they are sleeping, fearing that the police will find and harass them.

The only help for refugees / migrants is from the No Name Kitchen collective, which in almost impossible conditions is managing to provide them with the most basic needs for survival in the form of food, clothing and footwear.

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