



Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing

**Racism Kills at the Eurafrican Borders:
From Awareness to Action**

Event Report

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Theme: Racism Kills at the Eurafrican Borders: From Awareness to Action

Date & Place: November 1st, 2025 — Berlin

Organized by: EYFA Berlin & Chkoun Collective

Format: Exhibition · Discussion · Networking

Audience: Target group: BIPoC youth, activists, community organizers, researchers, and/or journalists interested in issues of anti-racism, migration, queer and feminist justice, and decolonial solidarity.

Why This Event, Why Now

Recent developments across Northern Africa highlight the growing relevance of addressing racial discrimination, social exclusion, and protection risks affecting Black populations, including Black Northern Africans as well as migrants and refugees. These include unequal access to protection, forced displacements, detention practices, and heightened vulnerability in border and transit contexts in countries such as Tunisia, Libya, and Morocco. These dynamics particularly affect individuals at the intersection of race, nationality, gender, and socio-economic status.

These challenges are closely connected to European migration governance frameworks. Through cooperation agreements and external border management arrangements, Northern African states play an important role in managing migration flows towards Europe. While these partnerships aim to strengthen international cooperation and security, they also raise important questions

regarding human rights compliance, protection standards, and the treatment of vulnerable populations. Understanding how these policies are experienced on the ground is essential for developing more sustainable, inclusive, and lawful approaches to migration governance.

At the same time, civil society actors, journalists, and human rights defenders working on anti-discrimination, social cohesion, and migrant protection have faced increasing restrictions in parts of the region. As civic space narrows, access to reliable, community-based information becomes more limited, while misinformation and simplified narratives about migration and security continue to circulate widely.

In this context, anti-racist digital resource sharing plays a critical role. Documenting lived experiences, amplifying credible civil society knowledge, and facilitating cross-border exchange of information are key tools for promoting informed public debate, strengthening social cohesion, and supporting evidence-based policy reflection. When grounded in ethical standards and

inclusive practices, digital knowledge-sharing can contribute to early awareness, prevention of harm, and more coordinated responses among civil society actors across the EurAfrican and Euro-Mediterranean spaces.

Against this backdrop, the event sought to address the following key question:

How can anti-racist digital resource sharing (documentation, storytelling, and civil-society knowledge production) contribute to more informed, inclusive, and sustainable approaches to migration governance, protection, and social cohesion across Europe and its neighbouring regions?



Anti-Racist Digital Resource Sharing as a Strategy

This gathering was conceived as a space for sharing digital anti-racist resources and to build an itinerant exhibition centering digital resources to share knowledge about systemic anti-Black racism north and south the Mediterranean. The resources shared included podcasts, videos, testimonies, maps, and activist archives that already exist but remain fragmented or inaccessible. The collaboration between EYFA Berlin and Chkoun Collective was central to this approach. Both networks have spent years collecting, producing, and circulating knowledge on racism, borders, climate injustice, and migration.

By bringing these resources together physically through an exhibition space, and digitally through QR codes, podcasts, and online archives, the event aimed to:

- Multiply online outreach
- Mainstream grassroots knowledge already produced by

activists, researchers, community organisers, and investigative media.

- Share tools that can be reused, adapted, and replicated elsewhere
- Encourage young people to see knowledge-sharing as political action

This zine itself is part of that strategy: a portable, shareable archive of what we learn from.



What the Exhibition Brought Together: Tools, Voices, and Lineages of Resistance

The exhibition “From Awareness to Action: Echoes of Resistance” was conceived as a shared learning space rather than a static display. It brought together digital and physical resources produced by activists, collectives, and communities who have long been resisting anti-Black racism and advocated for freedom of movement border violence in northern Africa and across the Mediterranean.

Each contribution was accompanied by contextual texts and QR codes, allowing visitors to continue learning beyond the space and to directly access the work of those featured.



**1. Prisoners' Portraits: Naming
Repression, Refusing Censorship**

At the heart of the exhibition was a wall of portraits of activists and human rights defenders currently detained or prosecuted in Tunisia for denouncing racism against Black communities or supporting universal and EU precepts of Freedom of Movement. Featured figures included:

- **Saadia Mosbah**, Black feminist activist and founder of Mnemty, imprisoned for her work against racism in Tunisia.
- **Sonia Dahmani**, lawyer and radio host, jailed for publicly naming racism and prison violence.
- **Abdallah Said**, Black activist in Médenine, detained for helping migrants survive. Cherifa Riahi, prosecuted for humanitarian solidarity.

These portraits were informed by and connected to the work of **TunisianSolidarity.org**, the **FTDES**, and the tireless efforts of prisoners' families and support committees.

Racism is the crime. Solidarity is not.

Imen Werdani and Mohamed Iqbal Khaled



- > Detained since: 10 May 2024
- > Still awaiting trial
- > Charge: money laundering, fraud, facilitating the entry of migrants

Tunisian biologist and community advocate Imen Werdani has been unjustly deprived of her freedom since May 10, 2024. She is the former deputy mayor of the municipality of Sousse, and head of the Equal Opportunity Association. She played a vital role during the Covid-19 crisis by supporting vulnerable groups and promoting civic engagement in her city.

Today, she faces several politically motivated charges, including money laundering, fraud, and abuse of position. These charges stem from a partnership with the association *Toutse Terre d'Asile*, which aimed to open a guidance and support center for migrants. She was arrested together with the then mayor of Sousse, Mohamed Iqbal Khaled, on similar charges.

The Tunisian authorities should immediately release Imen Werdani and Mohamed Iqbal Khaled, and recognize their work for justice and human solidarity and equality. Their detention is part of a broader authoritarian strategy to increasingly weaponize the law to punish those who build bridges of care and support for vulnerable groups.

Imen Werdani
 Sarah El Ghannouchi

Imen Mohamed
 Sarah El Ghannouchi

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2. Video Corner: Contextualizing Anti-Black Racism and Resistance

A curated set of short videos produced by trusted human rights organisations and activist groups provided historical and political context for Queer and/or racialised European youth about northern Africa. These included:

- Explanatory videos on Law 50 against racism in Tunisia adopted in 2018
- Testimonies from Black Tunisian activists who contributed to and advocated for the law's adoption, and who now face backlash and repression.
- NGOs documentation of border violence, expulsions, and racial profiling.

These videos grounded individual stories within structural systems of violence and resistance.

RACISM IS
THE CRIME
NOT SOLIDARITY

العنصرية هي
الجريمة وليس
التضامن

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AADI MISBI

BDALAH SAIE



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3. Podcast Corner: Listening as a Possible Political Practice

Listening was central to the exhibition. Three podcasts in French and English were made available through headphones in a loop, each offering different entry points into anti-racist struggles:

Podcast 1 (French): *Y'a ça chez nous ?* by Nawal Ibtissam Benali

Épisode: Répression de l'antiracisme en Tunisie (Oct. 2024)

Guest: Zied Rouin (M'nemty)

> Deconstructs the roots of anti-Black racism in North Africa and the repression of anti-racist organising.

Podcast 2 (English / German original): #CommunitiesSolidarischDenken by xart splitta e.V. / The Living Archives.

Episode: Passing on Knowledge as Community Work

Guests: Layla & Chkoun Collective

> Explores knowledge transmission as political labour and community care.

Podcast 3 (English):

The Sea Belongs to All by *We Smell Gas / f.Lotta*

> Connects struggles for freedom of movement across the Mediterranean and beyond.

Each podcast was presented with a short curatorial text and links for further listening.

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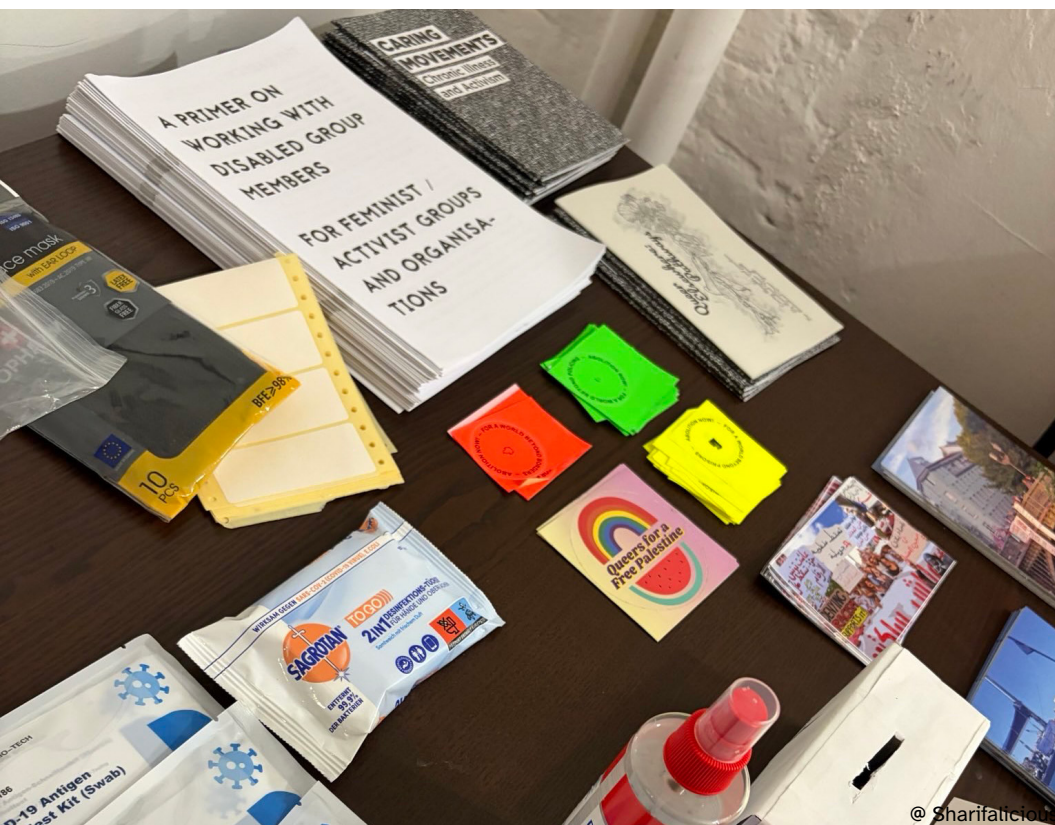
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4. Mapping, Testimonies, and the Sharing Corners

- An **interactive map on migration** on the African continent and the Mediterranean based on extensive research conducted by civil society organisations and research centers.
- **Testimonies from activist refugees** disrupted dominant humanitarian narratives and recentred agency, speaking back to dehumanizing narratives, policies and law enforcement practices, while reclaiming agency through videos they sent specifically for this event from various northern African contexts. Their messages addressed BIPOC (Queer) communities in Berlin, expressing the need for their struggles and demands to be amplified, particularly in centres of decision-making in Europe that impact their daily lives.
- The **Solidarity Corner** offered not only a plane canvas for visitors to share and brainstorm ideas and concrete ways to support (e.g. campaigns, letter-writing, fundraising, sharing information), but also postcards showcasing Chkoun's work and pictures from previous events. These postcards could be addressed to the activists and political prisoners showcased and named during the event.
- The **Zine corner** aimed to foster connections between actions and struggles, and as it is common practice by EYFA,

this corner displayed and offered for free EYFA's zines and publications from previous years, a corner that sparked a lot of conversations and expanded our outreach towards new networks.





Sharing Knowledge Is Not Neutral: Lessons from the Exhibition and the Discussion

Sharing Knowledge Is Not Neutral: Lessons from the Exhibition and the Discussion. A central message emerging from both the exhibition and the moderated discussion was clear: **Knowledge-sharing is political. It can either reproduce harm or become a tool for liberation.**

During the discussion *“Racism is a Crime; Solidarity is Not: Possibilities & Challenges in Enacting Pan-African Solidarities across Europe and the Mediterranean”*, speakers and participants reflected on how anti-Black racism and border violence are co-produced by state policies, and how resistance must therefore be transnational, careful, and accountable. By centering the input of Berlin-based Sudanese feminist and decolonial activists, artist and film-maker Ronnie Vitalia and human-rights advocate Napuli

Paul Langa in conversation with the video input sent by Tunisian Black feminist activist Khawla Ksiksi (La Voix des Femmes Tunisiennes Noires collective), intersectional and decolonial perspectives on freedom of movement and racism were pivotal during the event.

Key learning points included:

- Awareness alone does not protect people; organised solidarity does.
- Digital resources are powerful, but only when led by affected communities.
- Translation, multilingual access, and care are not extras, they are political necessities.
- Solidarity that extracts stories, labour, or visibility without redistribution reproduces colonial patterns.

Speakers stressed that ethical solidarity means:

- Naming and crediting sources
- Compensating activists when possible
- Sharing decision-making power

- Accepting that communities most affected define priorities
- Building sustainable pan-African solidarities between Black and non-Black communities for more peaceful and less isolating futures.

The discussion took place amid escalating violence in Sudan, underlining how media blackouts and racial hierarchies determine which crises are deemed urgent. Participants reflected on how Sudanese displacement, currently one of the largest in the world that has uprooted over 12 million people, remains marginal in European migration debates, even as Sudanese people are disproportionately affected by border regimes. Furthermore, northern African states such as Tunisia, Morocco or Egypt are contributing to the restrictions of African peoples freedom of movement amid genocidal wars.

From Berlin and Beyond: Continuing the Work

This event was never meant to be an endpoint.

This zine is part of the event itself, a tool to document, transmit, and replicate what was shared. It contributes to a growing archive of anti-racist digital resources that activists, educators, and community organisers can use and adapt.

What continues beyond the event:

- **Itinerant Exhibition**

The exhibition can travel. Groups, NGOs, collectives, schools, and cultural spaces are invited to get in touch if they wish to host and adapt it.

- **Solidarity Actions with Real Impact**

Coordinated pressure, including letter-writing campaigns, contributed to the release of some detainees presented in the exhibition, such as Sonia Dahmeni, Abderrazak Krimi and Mustafa Jammeli were released.

- **Ongoing Campaigns**

Chkoun's involvement in the f.Lotta campaign against the criminalisation of Black lives and solidarity at sea:

<https://flotta.noblogs.org/racism-is-a-crime-solidarity-is-not/>

- **Growing Digital Resource List**

Chkoun's open, evolving resource list on systemic anti-Black racism in Northern Africa, that ambitions to become more decolonial, accessible, and collective. Community feedback and contributions are welcomed. <https://chkooun.wordpress.com/ressources/>

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- **Call to Connect**

Whether you can host a Solli-event, have access to a small or large network where you can share content, have the capacity to connect people, offer translation, or simply pass information along, please reach out. Every action, connection or idea matters!

From Berlin, we continue to build Pan-African solidarities across borders, to which diasporic efforts are essential. Racism is the crime. Solidarity is not.

Credits and Special Thanks

This event and this zine were made possible through collective effort, trust, and shared political commitment. We extend our deep gratitude to all those who contributed their time, knowledge, care, and resources.

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