



**AND THE BELGIAN COORDINATION OF SANS-PAPIERS**

## **CALL TO SUPPORT "6 Heroes"**

On 17 August 2016 Belgium authorities attempted to forcibly evict a person of Cameroonian origin. That day he resisted his eviction, struggled and found himself hampered, fists and feet bound, in the plane intended to take him to Cameroon.

One witness told us: *"The first cry was that of the suffocating strangled migrant, the second cry came from the women, children and men who contested this inhuman treatment inflicted to the migrant."*

Gradually, passengers rose and expressed their disagreement with the police treatment, showing good sense and bearing "assistance to a person in danger". Faced with this opposition, the "expelled" and his "escorts" had to disembark. A few minutes later, the passengers found themselves facing the police. Police officers arbitrarily designates 6 passengers amongst those who opposed or worried. They will be quickly disembarked, taken to the police station and arrested for 24 hours. Presently dragged to court they are accused of "**rebellion**" and "**nasty hindrance to air traffic**".

By this indictment, the authorities criminalise and try to muzzle those who challenge their inhumane methods. Making one step further in the repression of solidarity and attack all who cannot bring themselves to accept this kind of methods. We ought to all be silent and accept the unacceptable without reaction.

This situation illustrates the willingness of the Secretary of State Theo Francken to stamp down any concrete resistance to these brutal methods and to shut the door to political solutions to the issue of undocumented migrants and asylum seekers. The arrests, the targeting of undocumented leaders, the evacuation of occupations, the deplorable reception of asylum seekers, collective expulsions and the aggressive and stigmatising speech that accompanies them attest this.

**Thursday 1 Decembre 2016**

**the trial of these 6 exemplary citizens will be held in Brussels.**

**Let's show our solidarity !**

**Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in front of the  
Palais de Justice in Brussels, Place Poelaert**

Defendants and international delegations will be present.

**An information meeting will be held on Wednesday 30/11, from 18.30h**

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