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The wheels of justice turn slowly – but turn they do. After five years of litigation, the Paris Court of Appeals has now upheld that the [cement corporation Lafarge](#) can be charged with complicity in crimes against humanity. With this ruling, the court will finally implement the decision by the French Supreme Court from September 2021. In the [Kilani case](#), we encountered a bitter setback: in Germany, double standards are apparently still acceptable when it comes to prosecuting the powerful.

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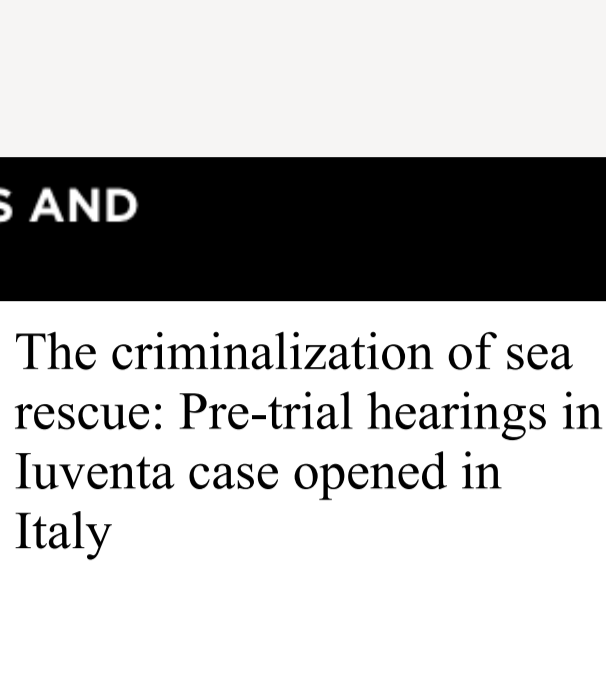
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The criminalization of sea rescue: Pre-trial hearings in Italy

On 21 May, the Trapani Court (Sicily) opened pre-trial hearings against four crew members of the civilian sea rescue ship *Iuventa*. The judge will decide whether whether the accused (altogether 21 individuals and three organizations) will be tried for aiding and abetting the illegal entry of migrants into Italy – the defendants could face up to 20 years in prison. ECCHR and other organizations will closely monitor the proceedings.

The *Iuventa* during a rescue mission in the Mediterranean © Kenny Karpov

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Israeli airstrikes in Gaza: No justice for the Kilani family

For seven years, ECCHR and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights have attempted to seek justice for the deaths of members of the Kilani family – but to no avail. The German Federal Public Prosecutor already decided in August 2021 not to open proceedings. In summer 2014, the Israeli army bombed targets in Gaza, which also killed members of the German-Palestinian Kilani family – including the father, mother and five children. The fact that Germany is closing the case makes it clear that, when it comes to the prosecution of the powerful and the rights of those affected, double standards continue to prevail.

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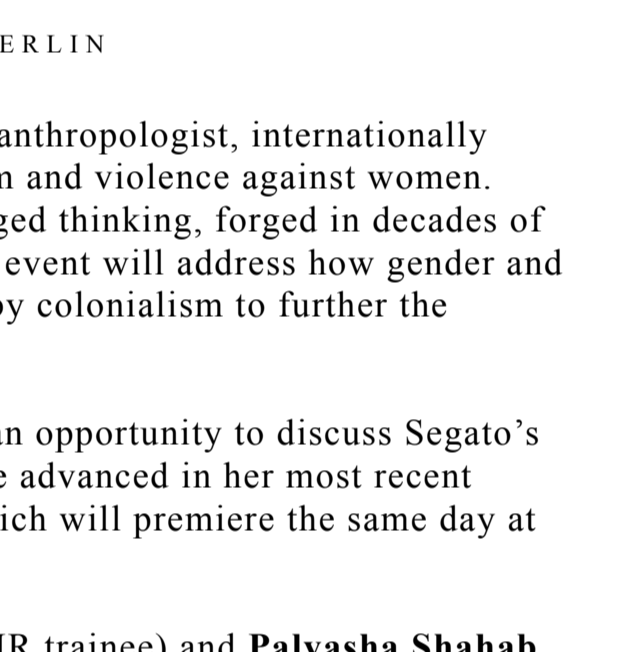
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Lafarge cement corporation: Charges of complicity in crimes against humanity upheld

Since 18 May, it is now certain: Lafarge will be charged with complicity in crimes against humanity. Our arguments finally prevailed over those of Lafarge in a legal dispute that has already lasted five years. With this step, the Paris Court of Appeals implemented the decision reached by the French Supreme Court in September 2021. The proceedings, which followed our and Sherpa's criminal complaint from 2016, seek to clarify, among other issues, whether Lafarge aided and abetted the crimes of armed groups in Syria.

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Arms exports to the Yemen war? Criminal complaint against French arms companies



Attacks on residential buildings, markets, hospitals – by exporting weapons to the military coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, French companies have potentially made themselves complicit in war crimes in Yemen. Thus, ECCHR, Mwatana for Human Rights and Sherpa submitted a criminal complaint with the Paris Court on 2 June. The complaint is directed against the weapons firms Dassault Aviation, Thalès, and MBDA France, as well as employees of the French arms export control authority.

A girl walks past her destroyed school in ad-Dali' © Mwatana

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In the struggle against oppression and racism: Peter Weiss receives Elie Wiesel Award

In May, the US Holocaust Museum awarded its most prestigious honor to the so-called Ritchie Boys. The former secret US intelligence unit, which included Peter Weiss, an honorary member of the ECCHR Advisory Board, played an important role in the fight against Nazism in Europe.

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Gender, race, colonialism: A conversation with Rita Segato

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Rita Laura Segato is an Argentine anthropologist, internationally recognized for her work on feminism and violence against women. Through Segato's original and engaged thinking, forged in decades of research, activism and teaching, the event will address how gender and race hierarchies were strengthened by colonialism to further the capitalist project.

The conversation will also provide an opportunity to discuss Segato's work on femicide and femi-genocide advanced in her most recent German-language book *Femizid*, which will premiere the same day at Volksbühne.

Moderated by **Bruna Santos** (ECCHR trainee) and **Palvasha Shahab** (Bertha Global Exchange Fellow).

With an Oud performance by **Alaa Zouiten**.

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Justice across borders: Survivor and civil society perspectives on universal jurisdiction in Germany

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Struggles for justice and accountability are not confined by borders. When the gravest crimes are committed – war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity – the principle of universal jurisdiction comes into play.

In conjunction with the 20-year anniversary of Germany's universal jurisdiction legislation, ECCHR is gathering some of our long-term and newer partners engaging with German courts in their struggles for justice – from Syria, Belarus, the Gambia and Kashmir – for a critical exchange. Our guests will share updates on the situations in their home countries and reflect on their expectations, hopes, doubts and challenges regarding their efforts in Germany.

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Transnational civil litigation and corporate liability: Mexico v Smith & Wesson

With Christian Schliemann-Radbruch (ECCHR) and other experts

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Reclaim the game

An event organized by Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung with: Piara Powar (FARE), Binda Pandey (Nepalese politician), Julia Bustamante (Formerly Olympics and World Cup People's Committee), Ronny Blaschke (journalist), Sebastian Sons (CARPO), Miriam Saage-Maaß (ECCHR)

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Is the future of international criminal law domestic?

With Catherine Marchi-Uhel (IIIM), Hadi al-Khatib (Syrian Archive), Jeanne Sulzer (Amnesty International), Beth Van Schaack (US Department of State), Andreas Schüller (ECCHR)

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With Balkees Jarrah (Human Rights Watch), Zachary D Kaufman (University of Houston Law Center), Wolfgang Kaleck (ECCHR)

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Menschenrechte und Klimakrise: Der Kampf gegen die Klima-Apartheid

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