



Another Emergency at the Deportation Center in Trapani Milo: surviving in conditions of Violence and Fear

At the Detention for Deportation Center (CPR) in Trapani Milo, conditions have spiraled into a situation of violence and despair over the last weeks that call for an immediate intervention. The detainees are making desperate pleas, fearing for their lives and wondering if they will survive the night. The Sicilian Network Against Detention has collected chilling testimonies of a night of violence inside the CPR. Following a brawl, it appears that the authorities did not provide any protection to the prisoners, nor did they react to guarantee their physical safety. The only intervention was reportedly the dispatch of riot police, who, however, did not intervene to defend the detainees.

News from inside the CPR describes extremely dire conditions for the prisoners, who are simply not safe. These incidents only confirm the inherently dangerous nature of CPRs, places where the right to life and personal integrity are systematically denied. Detainees are forced to survive in inhumane and overcrowded conditions. In such conditions, the CPR in Milo, like other deportation centers, creates and perpetuates an environment that generates violence and seriously endangers the lives of the people who are forced into it. Our demand is clear and urgent: the only way to guarantee the safety and right to dignity of the prisoners is the immediate closure of the CPR in Milo and of all other CPRs, and the release of the people detained there.

Testimonies from Inside: A Climate of Terror

The testimonies coming from inside the CPR paint an anguishing picture. Detainees live in constant fear of new outbreaks of violence, which could occur at any moment. The lack of security and the feeling of abandonment by the authorities (only when it comes to safeguarding their integrity, because otherwise they are very present) fuel a climate of unbearable tension. People describe scenes of brutal violence, where assistance was only offered when someone was seriously wounded, and a sense of helplessness in the face of the possibility of further violence.

The Need for Immediate Intervention

The situation at the CPR in Trapani Milo requires immediate and decisive intervention.

The closure of CPRs and the release of detainees represent the only solution to end this spiral of violence and inhumanity. It is unacceptable that people are forced to live in conditions that violate their dignity and jeopardize their lives. All components of society must join forces to ensure respect for human rights and the protection of every individual's life, by calling for the immediate closure of all deportation centers.

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Further violent attacks occurred throughout March.