

On your flight to Tunisi is going to be boarded somebody against his will.

His name is Hamid. It's twenty-four years that he lives in Italy. He is the father of four children born here. His wife is pregnant.

Because of some problems with his residence permit, he has been locked up in an Expulsion Center for immigrants (CIE). Now policemen want to embark Hamid on your same flight compulsory and by brute force, in order to send him back in his country.

The Judge didn't agree with his arrest, but he cowardly settled tomorrow the date for his liberation, only because the ticket to deport him had already been bought!

In this judge's mind, Hamid's life is worth less than an airline ticket. Hamid's freedom is at risk for a bunch of euros.

After the last agreements among the Italian government, Algeria and Tunisia, Italy has started mass deportations to these countries.

Tens of men and women who arrived years ago in Italy from Maghreb, are everyday controlled and harassed in the streets by policemen, locked up in the Expulsion Centers (CIE) and every week some of them are expelled, with the approval of their governments and the complicity of all the airlines.

In the CIE, the immigrants are going on with protests, escapes and revolts.

Today it's up to Hamid and to you who are reading, whoever you are: traveller, tourist, pilot or flight attendant,...

Hamid doesn't want to be taken off to Tunisi. On the contrary, he wants to be free and return to his beloved family in Italy.

Many other "slaves" have shared Hamid's vicissitudes; as him, they have been expelled from Italy. But Hamid's life today is intertwined with yours.

When you'll go on that flight, you'll have a double choise: you can turn your face and look at elsewhere, or you can decide to not be a party to his deportation and doing something for Hamid's freedom. For your own liberty. For everybody's liberty.



USEFUL SUGGESTIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT HAMID'S DEPORTATION:

- 1. Speak with the other passengers and/or find somebody who wants to make something like you, in order to prevent Hamid's deportation.
- 2. You can ask Hamid's news and express your refusal to travel in these conditions to the hostess, to the stewards, to the captain.
- 3. Keep always in mind that the captain is the chief of the airplane and he can decide to not take off while a deported person is in the flight. Ask to speak with the capitain and convince him to refuse the presence of a person handcuffed and boarded against his will on that flight.
- 4. People who have to be expelled usually are at the bottom of the airplane, hidden by a curtain, handcuffed and sometimes they're also gagged. It's better if you refuse boarding and remain on the ground until Hamid leaves the plane.
- 5. Once on board, passengers can express their own refusal simply standing: obviously, as more people do it as better it works. The same can be done by refusing to fasten your seatbelts.

Anyway, you can use your fantasy. Just remind this principle: "They are trying to deport somebody, but I do not collaborate".

- 6. It happens that policemen use sedatives and strong ways to contain the deported's protest. Sometimes it happened that a man/woman have been killed. If Hamid's health conditions worry you, please inform the crew and explain the reason for your anxiety and insist that you'll not be quiet until Hamid will be costrained on board by force.
- 7. Keep in mind the consequences of your actions. But don't forget that you're not alone because a network of people is acting with you against racism and deportations, in this airport and elsewhere.

This kind of actions has often been successful.

In France and elsewhere, captains, pilots, technicians and passengers have stopped some deportations simply by refusing to collaborate/cooperate and by asking for the disembarkation of the people boarded against their will.

We can stop the deportation machine... NOW!

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