

## More Information about Choucha

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**Please note: In the german and french version of this website one can also find videos, articles and information about the situation in Choucha and the struggles of the people having to live in this camp. In addition, we want to refer to the following four websites which also inform about Choucha:**

[Solidarity with Fighting Refugees in Choucha/Tunisia](#) This website has been installed on occasion of the refugee protests in the end of January 2013. It informs mainly in English about the newest developments.

[Facebook Choucha-Solidarity](#). Numerous pictures, videos and short reports about the protests in the end of January 2013 you can also find on the Facebook solidarity website (mainly in English, French and Arabic).

## 12.10.2014 | Protestletter against the closure of Choucha

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**To UNHCR, IOM, the Tunisian Red Cross, the Tunisian government and all the actors involved in the management of Choucha camp:**

Aware of the notice given by IOM and the Tunisian Red Cross to the people still living in Choucha camp about the forthcoming eviction of the camp, we, as a group of researchers, activists, academics and members of human rights organizations from Europe and Tunisia, denounce the intolerable treatment that you are planning to do against the refugees who have been living in the camp since 2011, with no effective solution for a space to stay. Humanitarian actors left those refugees dying in the desert after the official closure of the camp in June 2013, and most of them in fact have tried to cross the sea risking their lives – some also died. Now, you are trying to chase them from the only space they have for living, and without giving them any solution to their (illegal) status in Tunisia – both refugees and rejected refugees are currently without a residence permit. You suggest them to resettle themselves in the Tunisian cities, but which kind of integration are you thinking about for people that UNHCR has denied of the international protection and who are now treated as illegal migrants in Tunisia?

## November & December 2013 | Actions in Germany and Tunisia

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In November and December 2013 several actions have taken place in Germany and Tunisia for the admission (in Germany) of all the refugees who had stayed at that time still in the Camp. Unfortunately all those protests were without success. Pictures and reports of those protests one can find in the German version of this website – including many pictures:

[Protests in November 2013](#)

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## 06.09.2013 | Short report about an action in front of the UNHCR office in Tunis

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**More informations about Choucha can be found on this website at [the following place](#) (on English, German and French)**

This morning we were at the UNHCR office in Tunis, where refugees from Choucha, who are accepted, but did not get resettlement, are on a sit-in since almost 6 months. With a delegation

of two Germans, two Italians and one refugee from Choucha, we asked to talk about a responsible person of the UNHCR and Julia Gouyou Beauchamps, administrator for external relations, talked one hour with us. First we asked about the 15 places for resettlement mentioned in the newspaper "Sabah" of 2nd sept. She said it was a misunderstanding and these are no new places but refugees waiting for a long time to be resettled to USA and Canada.

## **28.01.2013 | Open Letter to Mr Guterres and Mrs Aboubacar / UNHCR**

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*This morning an open letter in solidarity with the protest in Tunis was sent to the Tunisian representative of UNHCR, Ursula Schulze Aboubacar, and Mr António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, himself. If you still want to sign the letter, direct an email to "choucha[at]riseup[dot]net"*

Dear Mrs. Ursula Schulze Aboubacar, Dear Mr. António Guterres,

we are activists and observers from different parts of the world. We were told by friends now in limbo in Choucha (with no hope either of settling there or of leaving) that they were staging a protest in Tunis addressing the UNHCR as well as the embassies of the US and the EU.

## **28.01.2013 | Break the isolation!**

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**About 100 rejected asylum seekers from the refugee camp in Choucha are currently protesting in the Tunisian capital.**

About 100 refugees from the refugee camp in Choucha, which lies on the border between Tunisia and Libya, reached Tunis on Monday 28th January in order to stage a protest that will continue for several days. They had no choice but to live in the desert for two years while the UNHCR negligently worked on their cases, and eventually rejected them as refugees. Since October 2012 they have been denied access to food and medical care. Now the protesters have taken the necessary steps to challenge their isolation and the consequent lack of prospects.