

Greece November 29th. – December 1st. 2015.

Olympia (Athens), Greece is known for having been the site of the Olympic Games in classical times and were held every four years throughout Classical Antiquity, from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD and were meant to unite all people. Haha, 16 centuries later things are turning out differently don't they?

So let me give you for starters some number: now we all know that almost all refugees come from the small Bodrum harbour, Turkey, to make the perilous crossing to Lesbos, Greece. Not all make it and drown but here are the numbers who did make it: during June 2015, an average of 6,000 people arrived each day at Lesbos, and the number of arrivals peaked on September 11 2015, when 9,500 arrived in a single day. Since February 2015, 400,000 refugees and migrants have passed through the island, which has a population of 85,000.

Anyways, I went to Athens, the cradle of the Olympics, and arrived on November 29th. and went straight to the Victoria square because I knew there were massive problems there and indeed, all the refugees from the island Lesbos and surrounding islands who could get a ferry to Athens were kind of dumped there by the Greek gov. saying "From here you are on your own, we don't fucking care."

The number of refugees on the Victoria square are numerous and all sleeping wherever they can and trying to get the hell away from there. But as one can expect this is asking for trouble so indeed, the three nights I stayed there there were fights all the time. I don't blame the refugees because imagine you are cramped between countless others. It was not easy to not get involved in fights. Anyways, I decided to join them, or at least the ones able to get on a train without a ticket, direction the border of Macedonia because I knew most of them would be heading for the promised land: Germany.

Let me spare you the details of the train rides to the border. Use your imagination. But what we saw at the border is beyond any imagination because Macedonia joined other E.U. member states, for example the Visegrád group: Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Poland, and erected a fence between Greece and their country.

Macedonia only lets refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Eritrea through as if there are no other countries at war and/or under brutal dictatorship ruling

Let me give you a wake up call and also food for thought also because I'm getting sick and tired that all attention goes to the Syrian refugees (with all my respect for them) because most are Christian , talking about Muslimofobia, but they're not the only ones:

Countries at (civil-) war:

Nigeria

Cameroon

Niger

Countries ruled by a dictator:

Afghanistan – Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai,
President

Algeria – Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President

Chad
Israel - Palestine
North-West Pakistan
Libya
Yemen
South Kordofan conflict
Sudan
Central African Republic conflict
South Sudanese Civil War
Donbass

Angola – Mr. Jose Eduardo dos Santos, President
Azerbaijan – Ilham Aliyev, President
Bahrain – King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King
Belarus – Aleksandr Lukashenko, President
Brunei – Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah
Burundi – Pierre Nkurunziza, President
Cambodia – Hun Sen, Prime Minister
Cameroon – Paul Biya, President of Cameroon
Central African Republic – Catherine Samba-Panza, President
Chad – Idriss Deby, President
China – Xi Jinping, President
Congo, Dem. Rep. of – Joseph Kabila, President
Cuba – Raul Castro, President
Djibouti – Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, President
Egypt – Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, President
Equatorial Guinea – Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President
Eritrea – Isaias Afwerki, President
Ethiopia – Girme Wolde Giorgis, President
Gabon – Albert-Bernard Bongo, President
Gambia – Alhaji Dr. Yahya Abdul-Azziz Jemus Junkung Jammeh, President
Iran – Hassan Rouhan, President
Iraq – Muhammad Fuad Masum, President
Jordan – King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, King
Kazakhstan – Nursultan Nazarbaev, President
Laos – Lieutenant General Choummaly Sayasone, President
Libya – Nouri Abusahmain, President
Mauritania – Mohamed Ould Abd Aziz, President
Myanmar (Burma) – Thein Sein, Prime Minister
North Korea – Kim Jong-un, President
Oman – Qaboos bin Said Al-Said, Prime

Minister
Qatar – Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin
Jabr Al-Thani
Russia – Vladimir Putin, President
Rwanda – Paul Kagame, President
Saudi Arabia – King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz,
King
Somalia – Hassan Sheikh Mohamud,
President
South Sudan – Salva Kiir Mayardit,
President
Sudan – Omar H.A. Al-Bashier, President
Swaziland – Mswati III, King
Syria – Bashar al-Assad, President
Tajikistan – Emomalii Rahmon, President
of Tadjikistan
Thailand – Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime
Minister
Turkmenistan – Gurbanguly
Berdimuhamedow, President
United Arab Emirates – Sheikh Khalifa
bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Uzbekistan – Islam Abdughanievich
Karimov, President
Vietnam – Truong Tan Sang, President
Yemen – Ali Abdallah Salih, President
Zimbabwe – Robert (Gabriel) Mugabe,
President
Turkey – President Putin.

Anyways, at the border approx. 2000 get a no passaran leaving them in Greece without enough tents, beds, blankets and other facilities nor medical care to spend the nights. □ Son `their` side the refugees had an illegal kind of base camp and the two days I was there there was one attempt after another to try and break through the fence. Some made it, others had to just try again leaving them again and again without food and water, let alone sanitary services.

I could not bring myself to try and talk with refugees. I felt too ashamed. All I can say for now is that I`m working towards the end of "Life is a bitch" but first I`ll go to the promised land Germany and after I`ll write Epilogue #2 and will finish with a personal message although everything I`ve written was personal.

Post scriptum: soon after I arrived in Berlin, Germany, the Greek authorities cleared the camp and deported all the refugees back to Athens where they had to start again trying to reach a less, to say the least, hostile country. Now, Macedonia might be thinking `2000 down` but there are a triple more where they came from and heading their direction plus the once deported before. No fence nor wall can stop refugees because they are incredible persistent and have a lot of

perseverance.

Post scriptum 2: BRD/TURKEY/EU

Angela Merkel (chancellor of Germany): "The E.U. cannot protect its external borders, if we do not also an agreement with Turkey." so she started talks with Erdogan to make a deal: you keep the refugees there, we give you a few billion Euro and free travelling visas for the 30 million Turks.

But Turkey demanded at least three billion euros, but chances are little that they'll get it. Merkel said after meeting with Prime Minister Davutoglu only: "Turkey wants extra money, and I understand that also." But according to Turkey, there is at least 3 billion Euro needed for the 2.2 million refugees from Syria. This is not, however, coming from the EU budget, but must come from all member States and the Turks expect that will not happen soon. Indeed, many member States, for example the Visegrád group, are not willing to pay any contribution at all.

The flipside of the coin: Turkey is known for not respecting human rights; freedom of the press and speech and thus also for the jailing of refugees for months and beatings after which they are deported to the Iraqi or Syrian borders and forced to cross by foot.

Anyways and to conclude: I'm raving mad at Merkel who now proves that her "Wir Schaffen das. (We can do it)" might not be worth a lot.
Lets see because I'm moving on to Berlin, Germany, now.