



No Coal from Colombia to Moorburg – Stop Vattenfall Boat Demonstration / Symbolic Blockade of the Elbe Friday, 10 May 13, Start 3.30 pm

***Dear Seamen and dear Seawomen,
you are more than welcome to join our action on occasion of next Hamburg's Port
Anniversary. For reasons of safety, but also to make sure everybody is able to take part, the
whole thing is announced as an official demonstration.***

The occasion

The coal-fired power plant Moorburg in Hamburg will be connected to the grid in the beginning of 2014 – with a lot of grave, immediate ecological consequences for the River Elbe, but also for neighbouring parts of the city, such as Wilhelmsburg.

This would make Moorburg a considerable producer of devastating climate change. With its annual 9 million tons of CO₂, Hamburg's emissions would double.

It's the population in the global South who is most severely affected by climate change. But also for Europe and Northern Germany the consequences of climate change cannot be controlled and are predicted to be fatal.

Mass container ships of the Panamax type are supposed to bring enormous amounts of extremely polluting hard coal to Vattenfall; one ship with 60 000 tons every four days, if the plant is running at its full capacity. The largest part of the coal would come from Colombia, where a bloody civil war is going on. People are murdered and evicted from their homes, especially for the exploitation of coal. Whole regions are already ecologically destroyed because of this. The next great 'claims' are about to be negotiated. After all, everything is happening to the benefit of multinational energy corporations such as Vattenfall. There is a lot of protest and resistance in Colombia, but the global public does not pay any attention to it, partly because information is systematically suppressed.

Let's set a signal together

During the Port Anniversary Hamburg celebrates herself as a maritime world metropolis. Being high on fish snacks, it is concealed, that the port is a vital hub in the globally organized trade with raw materials. The 'Gate to the World' idea is pure propaganda: Closed for refugees but wide open for all dirty fuels – on conditions dictated by the profiteers. The Elbe and the port are therefore the hot spot of protest against the globalized and intransparent trade with hard coal. With our action we also want to express our practical solidarity with those who have to suffer from the consequences of the dirty business - in Colombia and the rest of the world.

Vattenfall has no justification at all to heat up our Elbe until it is close to its ecological 'tipping point', nor has it got the authority to pester whole parts of the city with their Moorburg dirt.

***In this line: Set Sails, Be With us ...Port Anniversary – we are the Counter Current 13
Together we are rising against the main stream – so we will be able to tell our children and
grandchildren... at calm times... when we are gently rolling in front of the „Industrial Ruin of
the Coal-Fired Power Plant Moorburg“***

Ahoy !

