**For** [**Ingeborg Beugel**](https://www.groene.nl/artikel/mensen-haten-me-omdat-ik-kritisch-ben)**, arrested for hospitality in** [**Greece**](https://www.keeptalkinggreece.com/2021/06/22/dutch-journalist-ingeborg-beggel-arrest/#.YNK3W-aU1o0.whatsapp)**:**

**How can we be surprised?**

When Greece continues to push back migrants in the Aegean Sea

And against all signs denies it does.

While women and children have to hidein the woods on the island of arrival, to stay away from cops and sneak their way to a reception center.

Then why would Greeces government not try to intimidate the media that report these deliberate crimes?

While people actually die after Greek officials push them back in rudderless rubber boats. Even hand-cuffed.

How can we be surprised, when migrants around Europe are treated like balls in a pinball machine, when Europe’s migration management is nothing but a monster of denial.

Denial of humans, their rights, their lives.

Denial of values, European, Christian , ancient or otherwise.

All parts of the machine, from Frontex to IND, from Samos to Melilla, from IOM to KLM, from EU to China, duly turning the Mediterranean into a killing Sea.

So how? How could we be? Surprised?

If not only Ingeborg is realeased unconditionally of all charges related to her reporting and herhospitality.

If not only Feraidoon finally gets through the whole in the communication wall to be finally registered as an asylum seeker, rather than an undocumented, illegalized, migrant.

If Sigrid Kaag not only asks for apologies and Tineke Strik not only adds a note to her report on push-backs.

Surprising it is when hospitality becomes the rule, again.

When seas are for sailing, swimming and fishing.

When islands are places of leisure, not torture. Where temporary camps are not replaced by permanent prisons.

When countries are places for people to live and move and meet, not to be hunted or hunter.

When prison walls fall apart and their guards become gardeners.

When the pursuit of happiness is no longer a crime.

Then we will be surprised.

Jo van der Spek M2M, Solages de la Bastide 23 June.

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