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## INFORMATION

### THE GENERAL AUTHORITY OF THE POLICE IN DENMARK

#### DEMONSTRATION

The police cannot deny individuals the right to assemble and demonstrate in Denmark. If the police believe that a demonstration is rapidly escalating, they can demand that it be dispersed. If you do not leave the scene of such a demonstration, the police can arrest and charge you with disturbing the public peace or hindering police work.

#### DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

The police have a duty to disclose their name or service number if you request it. If a police officer claims that he or she runs a security risk by releasing this information, it can be denied. The police may only demand that you disclose your name, date of birth, and address.

#### SEARCHES

The police are required to charge you in order to perform a bodily search (search of clothing and bag), unless you consent to it. Police will ensure that an officer of your own sex performs the search.

#### MASKING/CONCEALMENT

The police can arrest and charge you with concealment in connection with demonstrations in public places. Police can also charge and arrest you en route to or from a demonstration if you are in possession of articles that could be used for purposes of masking or concealment, for example, caps, scarves, or hooded garments.

#### ARREST

The police can arrest you if they suspect you of committing or immediately intending to commit a punishable offence. The police are required to disclose the time of your arrest, and inform you as soon as possible regarding the charges facing you. Police can detain you for up to 24 hours, after which time they must release you or arraign you before a judge. The police must permit you to make one telephone call to your family, attorney, or embassy. This right may be temporarily denied, for example, if the police suspect you of intending to warn or influence the party you wish to telephone, or if the police lack the resources to grant such a telephone call.

#### INTERROGATION

The police cannot force you to make a statement during interrogation. The police must give you the opportunity to have an attorney and an interpreter, if required, during an interrogation, should you wish to issue a statement. The police are required to permit you to read through the interrogation report, but they cannot force you to sign it. The Copenhagen police labour union advises its members against signing interrogation reports where they are questioned.

#### HOUSE SEARCH

The police are permitted to search or ransack any address without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe that evidence of planned or perpetrated illegal actions may be located there. If police are denied entry for such a search, they are permitted to ransack the house if two witnesses are present. Possible witnesses might include neighbours or passers-by. The police have the right to remove any article that they believe might be useful in connection with any investigation in progress, for example, computers, videotapes, or photo albums.

#### DEPORTATION

The police have the right to arrest and deport you from Denmark if you are not a Danish citizen, and they assess that you intend to commit a criminal act or do not have sufficient funds to support your stay in Denmark.

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### MAKE YOUR OWN BOYKOT

1. Use the stickers. Make a statement in a public space.
2. Take a photo.
3. Send it to:  
[info@boykotdanmark.dk](mailto:info@boykotdanmark.dk)  
and have it posted on the website.

## BOYKOT DANMARK – CENSORED

August 2002

A part of the BOYKOT DANMARK campaign was a poster with a pixelated image of the Little Mermaid, taken by the initiator of the campaign, on a red and white checkered background. In late August last year BOYKOT DANMARK was contacted by the lawyer firm Norsker & Jacoby on behalf of Edvard Eriksen arvinger I/S for violating the copyrights of the sculptor of the Little Mermaid, which belongs to the inheritors of Edvard Eriksen (1876-1959).

At the time it was not to our knowledge that the Little Mermaid was protected by copyrights, some 40 years after the death of the sculptor. Since the sculpture is a national property and a worldwide known symbol of Denmark, it did not occur to us that taking a photo and

# Boykot Danmark

**BOYKOT DANMARK is an activist project addressing tolerance in the public spaces. It is a campaign, which encourages to reconsider and question the 'Danishness' and the national patriotism.**

The campaign was first introduced with the radical shift on the Danish Political agenda after the election in November 2001, and seems today more relevant with the rightwing warfare rhetoric and political aggressive actions taken towards refugees of Iraq.

BOYKOT DANMARK encourages the boycott of a Danish mentality witnessed in the public spaces. Boycotting the discrimination that manifests itself in subtle daily attacks on people with un-Danish habits and expressions. BOYKOT DANMARK boycotts the silent exclusion of people according to their cultural background, ethnicity or religion.

National symbols, especially in Denmark, are used to signify a certain standard of quality. All kinds of products become the ambassadors of a certain Danishness, advocating being Danish as some-

thing of exceptional high standard. Everything with a Danish origin has become a product selling a Danish outlook on life.

It is common to use the national flag for a wide range of occasions, from family birthdays to public holidays and national achievements. Another of these National symbols is a red and white chequered tablecloth used for family picnics and in traditional Danish restaurants. The tablecloth represents to an even larger degree the Danish way of life invoking a sense of solidarity among a cliquishness community.

With the latest political development, these symbols have taken on a new meaning. Red and white now personifies intolerance, ignorance, and disrespect. It chastises the dissimilar instead of advocating for an open democracy, dialogue and respect.

The latest tightening of the political asylum regulations has already caused serious attention and concern from abroad. The image of Denmark as a strong protector of

human rights has cracked. With the turnover of the EU leadership to Denmark on the 1. of July 2002, the paradox of addressing an open expanding European Union with closed borders is staggering.

BOYKOT DANMARK is in its primary phase a poster project arguing for a new standard, for a new code of conduct in the public spaces. BOYKOT DANMARK uses the current political situation in Denmark as the catalyst for a new awareness of public behaviour.

The poster campaign is accompanied by a series of stickers, targeting the specific spaces where silent discrimination occurs. The stickers trigger a subconscious response in the person's memory reverting back to childhood memories of being reprimanded for wrongful behaviour. The stickers are printed in Danish, English, and Arabic with alternating statements and tone of voice. The sticker, as an interactive part of the project, can be used to make comments in specific urban situations.

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