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ACHTUNG STAATSGRENZE ATTENTION STATE FRONTIER

Austria 1997, 79 min, color

German/Serbo-Croatian/Arabic w/ English subtitles



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Each year, 15.000 prisoners, mostly refugees on their way to a third country or applicants for asylum, spend up to six months in Austrian jails, waiting for deportation. The selection process for deportees or those who are granted a more or less semi-legal status is decided by criteria which are not always transparent: More and more foreigners are being deported, even those facing execution in their homeland. ATTENTION STATE FRONTIER is a film about those waiting for deportation, the efforts of refugee organizations, and about the problems of the authorities involved.