



SWEDEN

IN THE GHETTO

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OVERVIEW OF STOCKHOLM'S RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF KISTA, WITH THE HUSBY DISTRICT ON THE FAR RIGHT AND, ON THE LEFT, TENSTA AND RINKEBY NEIGHBOURHOODS



IN SWEDEN, RINKEBY IS A SYMBOL. IN THIS DISTRICT LOCATED AT THE NORTH OF STOCKHOLM THE 95% OF PEOPLE COME FROM ABROAD. IT'S A KALEIDOSCOPE OF 60 ETHNIC GROUPS AND 40 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES: THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM SOMALIA, IRAQ, SYRIA BUT EVEN FROM LEBANON, ETHIOPIA, TURKEY, BOSNIA, ROMANIA, BENGAL, PERU.

IN SWEDEN, PLACES LIKE RINKEBY ARE SCARING: LOCALS AVOID THEM, THE NEWS PICTURE THEM AS DANGEROUS. RINKEBY, TENSTA, HUSBY, AKULLA ARE REAL GHETTOS, BORN IN THE SIXTIES OF LAST CENTURY TO HOST SWEDISH WORKERS AND THEN HOUSE TO POLITICAL REFUGEES. HERE UNEMPLOYMENT SHOWS AN HIGH PERCENTAGE AND PETTY CRIMES ARE HUGE, STILL RINKEBY IS A GOLDEN, IKEA STYLE GHETTO: THERE ARE PUBLIC LIBRARIES, GREEN GARDENS WITH PLAYGROUNDS FOR KIDS, CLEAN ROADS, GOOD SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTS. IT'S AN AREA WHERE THE WORD MULTICULTURAL MEANS EXCHANGE, CREATIVITY, NEW ENERGIES EXPRESSING THEMSELVES THROUGH ART AND MUSIC. RINKEBY IS AN INTERESTING COHABITATION LAB, A "WORLD VILLAGE" MIRRORING A NEW COUNTRY.

SWEDEN NEVER REALLY FACED INTEGRATION MATTERS AND NOW – WITH ALMOST 2 MILLIONS STRANGERS OUT OF 10 MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS – DISCOVER ITSELF VAGUELY INTOLERANT. THE SWEDISH EXTREM RIGHT PARTY, CALLED 'SVERIGEDEMOKRATERNA' REACHED THE 15% AT THE LAST ELECTION, MAKING SWEDEN A COUNTRY WHERE A STRANGER START TO BE SEEN AS A DANGER AND NO MORE AS A RESOURCE.

TENSTA (SWEDEN), A PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
SUNDAY SERVICE HELD IN THE CITY HALL



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), AKRAM HASSAM, 15 YO, FROM ERITREA,
GRIEF OVER A MISSED GOAL DURING A FOOTBALL MATCH



SKOGÅS (SWEDEN), THE DEVOTION PERFORMS IN A COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE DISTRICT. THE GIRLS IN THE BAND ARE ALL FROM ABROAD: THEY'RE FROM GAMBIA, UGANDA, POLAND AND SYRIA





RINKEBY (SWEDEN), A WOMAN FROM SOMALIA WALKS ON A SNOWY STREET

RINKEBY (SWEDEN), THE TURKISH IMAM VAYSEL KILIK PREPARES HIS SERMON FOR FRIDAY'S PRAYER AT THE LOCAL MOSQUE



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), THESE TWO YOUNGSTERS FROM SOMALIA, IN SWEDEN FROM FEW MONTHS, ARE TEMPORARILY HOSTED BY A FELLOW COUNTRYMAN



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), KIDS FROM DIFFERENT ETHNIC
GROUPS PLAYING AND BUILDING A SNOWMAN TOGETHER



TENSTA (SWEDEN), MEMBERS OF A GOSPEL CHOIR
RELAX BEFORE THEIR SHOW IN A CHURCH





RINKEBY (SWEDEN), SAMIR AHMED, 33 YO, FROM ERITREA, A SOCIAL ASSISTANT WORKING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT, PRAY IN HIS OFFICE





STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN), PAKISTANI IMMIGRANTS
DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE MASSACRE OF
KIDS MADE BY TALIBANS IN PESHAWAR



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), A ROOM OF THE KISTA FOLKHÖGSKOLA INSTITUTE, WHERE ANNE PILGRIM IS TEACHING SWEDISH LANGUAGE TO SOME STUDENTS

KISTA (SWEDEN), A WOMAN JOGGING ON A TREADMILL IN A GYM





TENSTA (SWEDEN), SHUKRAT, FROM KAZAKHSTAN, WHILE TRAINING WITH A SWEDISH FRIEND IN THE BOXE GYM OF THE BLUE HOUSE, A CENTRE DEDICATED TO THE YOUNGSTERS OF THE DISTRICT

TENSTA (SWEDEN), BENJAMIN TAGOE (LEFT)
REHEARSING SOME HIP HOP STEPS WITH TWO FRIENDS
IN THE DANCE HALL OF THE BLUE HOUSE, A CENTRE
DEDICATED TO THE YOUNGSTERS OF THE DISTRICT





KISTA (SWEDEN), A WOMAN GOING TOWARDS A MALL.
MANY FAMILIES LIVING IN TENSTA AND RINKEBY
AREAS COMES TO KISTA FOR THEIR SHOPPING



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), YOUNG WOMEN ATTENDING
A CONCERT DURING A PARTY AT RINKEBYSKOLAN
BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), ZEYNEP UNLU, 27 YO, TRAINING WITH AKROPOL, THE FEMALE BASKET TEAM OF RINKEBY. THIS IS THE ONLY FEMALE BASKET TEAM BORN IN A SO-CALLED "GHETTO". IN THE TEAM THERE ARE ATHLETES FROM TURKEY, SYRIA, MAROC, SERBIA, U.S.A., IRAQ AND SWEDEN



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), A MAN WALKING UNDER THE PILLARS OF THE RINGROAD CONNECTING RINKEBY AND TENSTA DISTRICTS



TENSTA (SWEDEN), MEN PRAYING DURING THE SUNDAY MASS AT THE SIRO-ORTODOX CHURCH



RINKEBY (SWEDEN), ALJBOURI NAJEM SERVES A SOMALI CLIENT IN HIS BARBER SHOP



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