

Status of Hate Crimes and Xenophobia in Germany and Recommendations

Dear Delegations of OSCE Members,

In the last decades, we all have witnessed to the hate crime series in Germany, which is called "Bosphorus serial murders".

The Attorney General of Germany defined the organization behind these crimes as a "right-wing extremist group", who has the purpose to "kill out of xenophobic and anti-state sentiments all citizens of foreign origin"ⁱ.

German Prime Minister stated that "the cold-blooded murderer of nine immigrant shopkeepers by neo-Nazis is an "inconceivable" crime for Germany and a national disgrace"ⁱⁱ.

These serial hate crimes exposed that there is a deep state and complex relations at the behind. After all these hopeful expressions and preliminary findings, the public forecast was the fair judgment and the punishment of those responsible. However the German Court gave an interesting decision at the beginning of judgment and they didn't take the foreign press and Medias to the courtroom.

And also German Media try to give some sympathy to the situation by naming one of the murder suspects as "Nazi-bride" and by focusing to her with the Magazines' perspective. We are following the developments with deep concern. However they undermine our confidence to the fair judgment.

Moreover the increasing police violence (especially against to the foreigners or foreign citizens) is a worrisome development in Germany. We have just seen the last example of this violence for a month ago in Cologne-Bonn International Airport. This type of cases should not be considered as exceptional cases.

We don't want to diversify this Xenophobia as Anti-Semitism, discrimination against Christians or Muslims. Because we believe this must be the combat of all religions that they must stay in the same side and fight together.

Recommendations

- 1) German government must go over these illegal organizations bravely,
- 2) German government must show more effort in the effectively education of civil servants (especially police units, teachers, officers, etc.) against to Xenophobia (and police violence).

Recommendations for OSCE

- 1) OSCE must be the observer of this serial hate crimes' judgment.
- 2) OSCE must continue to bring all religions' delegates together and to encourage them to make consensus against to the hate crimes.

- 3) OSCE should consider the increasing police violence especially at the social events and organizations (mostly against to the foreigners (as Xenophobia)).

Thank you very much...

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ⁱ Range, Harald (13 November 2011). "Haftbefehl gegen die Brandstifterin von Zwickau wegen mutmaßlicher Mitgliedschaft in der terroristischen Vereinigung "Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund (NSU)"". Attorney General of Germany (in German). Retrieved 15 November 2011. (from Wikipedia)

ⁱⁱ "World News: Series of murders by neo-Nazis 'a disgrace,' says Germany's Merkel". Toronto Star. Retrieved 15 November 2011. (from Wikipedia)