

## **Warning from „Querdenken“ mobilization in Dresden!**

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“We have been observing for a few months a clear radicalization of the so-called „Querdenken“ movement throughout Germany: In addition to systematic violations of the Corona measures, there are increasing numbers of openly displayed anti-Semitism and social Darwinism at demonstrations. There is also no shrinking from threats and physical harm. This was shown, among other things, at the demonstration on 7th November in Leipzig. Several hundred hooligans and supporters of the radical right from all over Germany gathered there and targeted counter-demonstrators and journalists. According to preliminary information from the German Union of Journalists, 43 attacks on journalists took place on that day alone. A far higher number of attacks can be assumed overall. ”

Michael Nattke from the Kulturbüro Sachsen points out that the scenes from Leipzig can also be repeated on 12th December in Dresden:

“In the last few weeks, various calls for the meeting in Dresden have been observed in social media, especially on the Telegram messenger service, from the spectrum of neo-Nazis and Right-wing hooligan groups. In particular, the European dimension of mobilization must be emphasized. Calls are known from France, the Czech Republic and Ukraine. In Germany, the information about the demonstration next Saturday reaches into the “Blood & Honor” network and other extreme right-wing circles. Even if it cannot be said with certainty whether a mobilization in the spectrum will be successful, it should be taken very seriously in view of the developments of the last weeks and months. ”

The appropriate conclusions must be drawn from the experiences of Leipzig and the broad attempts at mobilization. Andrea Hübler said:

"The city of Dresden must issue legally binding conditions to prevent systematic violations of the Corona measures and to prevent the violence tolerance and justification from „Querdenken“." Andrea Hübler continues: "We expect the police to enforce these conditions consistently. This is the only way to prevent the pandemic situation from worsening further and to contain the real danger to life and safety of people. "

In addition, the expected violence-seeking participants from the hooligan and neo-Nazi spectrum must be taken into account of the deployment concept. Michael Nattke emphasizes:

“It takes reliable protection for counter-demonstrations and the work of journalists. We also expect the city of Dresden and the security authorities to prepare a risk analysis and take suitable protective measures for migrant, political and religious institutions in the city. ”

The Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V. and the RAA Sachsen e.V. call for broad solidarity and positioning against the planned "lateral thinking" gathering. Finally, Andrea Hübler:

“If people want to take part in the counter-protests, they should definitely behave responsibly. That means for us that the hygiene regulations are observed and those affected by attacks receive support. You can also help by contradicting conspiracy theories among friends and family or networking with neighbors, acquaintances, classmates and shopkeepers who do not fit into the worldview of neo-Nazis, anti-Semites and racists. ”

The Dresden advisors from „SUPPORT – Beratung für Betroffene rechter und rassistischer Gewalt“ will be available on this day if support is required. They can be reached between 12 and 18 under the telephone number: 0351 - 8894174. Incidents can be reported using the contact form: <https://www.raa-sachsen.de/support/vorfall-melden> or via Twitter: @RAASachsen.

If Arabic- or English-speaking people need assistance in making the emergency call to the police (110) or ambulance (112), the Dresden helpline can be reached around the clock at 0351 - 85075222, as always.