

Dear citizens of Nuremberg,

Between 2000 and 2007 the neo-fascist Organization „Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund“ (NSU; *eng: „National Socialist Underground“*) murdered nine migrant background citizens and a police officer. Three of these victims were killed in Nuremberg. At 13th June the death of Abdurrahim Özüdoğru will have it's sad anniversary. Ismail Yasar's death occurred on 9th June and the death of Enver Şimşek at 9th September. The NSU also planned several bombing attacks. The first took place in a restaurant in the southern part of Nuremberg. For years, the police focused in their search for the perpetrators just on the environment of the victims.

Meanwhile, the NSU process in Munich ended, but never brought true clarification. As well in Nuremberg, the investigation of the NSU's supporters' network is far away from unmasking the backers. The NSU process did not bring clarification or justice to the victims and their families and friends. In parallel there is the sad reality of racist houndings like the ones happened in Chemnitz - we could not have even imagined this a few years ago!

We are focusing the fact that racism and inhuman thinking are not just individual cases. A racist, partly even fascist party (AfD – Alternative für Deutschland; *eng: Alternative for Germany*) has entered the parliament of Bavaria. It is sending one of its Nuremberg representatives to the German parliament and has a district counselor who is well-known for the glorification of the NS-regime and keeping in touch to fascists. The former chairman of Bavaria's section of the AfD – today also a member of the German parliament – traveled to South Africa to join a firing practice of an extreme right, racist organization. Rallies and demonstrations of racist and fascist groups take place in Nuremberg quite often - also in the heart of southern Nuremberg, at the Aufseßplatz. Attacks on the housings of refugees, violence and threats against journalists and antifascist activists become more frequent. Sexual violence against women is used for racist propaganda.

In this time, it is more necessary, to stand up and speak up united against racism and discrimination. Hate and racism should not have a place in the Nuremberg society. Focusing on this, we, a widely ranged alliance, are organizing the “Straßenfest gegen Rassismus und Diskriminierung” (*eng.: “Street Festival against Racism and Discrimination”*) for the fifth time, at the Aufseßplatz. Numerous societies, organizations and institutions are taking responsibility for a better life, irrespective of descent, religion, skin color, sexual identity or language.

The Festival is going to take place at the Aufseßplatz in Nuremberg on 22. June, between 2pm – 10pm. We're happy to see you there!