

Together against political Islam and Antisemitism!

Call for protest against the international Al-Quds Day 2005

In 1979, the Ayatollah Khomeini called for a demonstration on the last Friday of Ramadan for the “liberation” of Jerusalem (Al-Quds) and the destruction of the state of Israel. This year the Iranian government together with its radicalised Islamist supporters have called once again to demonstrate in Teheran, Lebanon, Berlin, London, Jakarta, Toronto and worldwide. The Al-Quds Day activities fuel hatred against Jews and strengthen the power of the Islamic dictatorship in Iran and its supporters worldwide. We, the signatories of this call, have different views on the Middle-East conflict, but we are united in our protest against this international day of Islamist propaganda.

Since 1995 an Al-Quds demonstration has taken place every year in Berlin; this year it will most probably take place on October 29th. In the early phase of the Al-Quds movement the slogans like “Death to Israel” were directly calling for the destruction of the Jewish state. After increasingly vocal public protests, the organisers of the Al-Quds manifestations have been trying to use more neutral slogans as a cover for their real intentions. Nevertheless the Al-Quds Day is not a “peaceful demonstration against Israel”! Instead it is the expression of pure hatred, a public manifestation of Antisemitism under the cover of criticism of the State of Israel, as well as an attack on universal values of freedom, equality and emancipation.

The ideology of political Islam has become a vehicle to spread Antisemitism in the every day Muslim culture. The youth and the children are being intentionally indoctrinated through it. Antisemitism is not the only form of expression of aggressive Islamist thinking. Other forms of this totalitarian mentality include sexual apartheid and sexual discrimination with its various aspects – homophobia, honour killings, stoning. Only recently two minors have been sentenced to death and hung in Iran because of their sexual orientation. Three brothers are currently under investigation in Berlin for killing their sister, Hatun Sürücü, motivated by a misogynist code of honour. Their crime is also connected to the social model propagated by the ideology of Islamists, which stigmatizes any self-determined way of life as “profane”, “westernized” and “decadent”. It furthers a climate of violence among young Muslims in our society.

Neither the looking away of well-meant multiculturalists, nor the racist reflex of proponents to widen the praxis of deportations of foreigners can be the right answer to this worrisome development. For us fighting political Islam means first and foremost solidarity with its victims. Everyone who dares to resist the radical Muslims’ understanding of society is in danger. The terror acts in Madrid, London, Istanbul, Bali and Baghdad have been a clear proof for this threat. They have also demonstrated the close link between the thinking of political Islam on the one hand and the criminal conduct of its proponents on the other.

This is why we are calling to demonstrate against the Al-Quds manifestation in Berlin on October 29th. We also encourage countering Islamic propaganda in other cities and towns on this and other occasions.

Manifestation in Berlin on October 29, 2005

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