



CITIZENS' MOVEMENT PAX EUROPA

Human Rights Organization for Freedom and Democracy against Islamization  
(NGO)

presented by Conny Axel Meier (CEO) to the

**International Conference for Free Speech and  
Human Rights**

(Sponsored by the International Civil Liberties Alliance)

**European Parliament Brussels July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**Report on Free  
Speech in Germany**

# **Report on Free Speech in Germany**

**contains:**

**Free Speech is a Constitutional Right for all**

**Attempts by Politicians to limit Free Speech**

**Efforts made by Politicians to promote Sharia**

**Media and Universities in support of Sharia law**

**The Agenda of the German Muslim Organizations**

**How to succeed in defending free speech and  
fight against Sharia-law**

## **Free Speech is a Constitutional Right for all**

Freedom of expression is granted by Article 5 of the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany, which also states that there is **no censorship** and **freedom of expression may be limited by law**. Regulations limiting speech and the press can be found in the Criminal code.

Besides insult, malicious gossip and Holocaust-denial, dissemination of pornographic writings, the “Use of Symbols of Unconstitutional Organizations” and “Membership in or support of banned political parties”, there are still restrictions on so-called **Blasphemy**. **Hate speech** may be punishable if against “segments of the population” and “in a manner that is capable of disturbing the public peace”, including **racist agitation** and **antisemitism**.

## **Attempts by Politicians to limit Free Speech**

In the name of the “fight against right-wing extremism,” the Bundestag (Germany’s parliament) voted on March 11, 2005 for sweeping restrictions on the right of association and freedom of expression. The Social Democratic Party (SPD), the Greens and the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and Christian Social Union (CSU) voted to **extend laws covering incitement** as well as those banning or **restricting demonstrations**. Only the liberal Free Democratic Party voted against the new laws. The new regulations enable the authorities to ban gatherings or impose onerous

conditions if there are indications of a potential affront to the dignity of the victims. It is conceivable, however, that this prohibition could also be ordered against demonstrations protesting against the government's Euro-Politics or "Sharia law" and Islamization. Even that individuals participating in such a demonstration could be criminalised.

By prohibiting the regional political party PRO-NRW the use of Mohammed-cartoons in an election campaign, North Rhine-Westphalian Interior Minister **Ralf Jäger** encouraged extremist Muslims to engage in violence against police forces and injuring some of them seriously in Solingen and Bonn this year. Thanks to German court Jäger's order was rejected and PRO-NRW was able to show the Mohammed-Cartoons in their campaign. So instead of standing for the protection of free speech, Jäger tried to silence free speech by blaming the riots on PRO-NRW, calling it a "deliberate provocation", instead of on the violent Muslim extremists.

Former Chairman of the Committee on Internal Affairs of the German Bundestag, **Sebastian Edathy**, considers "Politically Incorrect" (PI-news.net), the foremost German political weblog, which is "pro-American, pro-Israel, against the Islamization of Europe and for fundamental laws and human rights" as a "potential threat to internal peace in Germany" and continues lobbying for its official surveillance and by German authorities and ultimately it shutting down.

In January 2009 German police broke into a flat in Duisburg to **remove an Israeli flag** to appease the anti-Israel mob during a pro-Hamas-demonstration. The mob cheered and applauded when the

Israeli flag was whisked away. Four weeks later a so called “Islamic Initiative Herten” held a “peace-rally” screaming slogans like “Child-murder Israel”, “Put the Jews in the gas-chambers!” in front of the town hall in Recklinghausen without any action taken by police. **Jamal Karsli**, an ex-member of German Bundestag, held a speech there claiming: “We are all Hamas!”.

German Journalist **Michael Mannheimer**, an expert on the Islamic world, Islam and Sharia-law, on political pressure was fined by a German court in Heilbronn with 2.500 EUR for writing in an article on his blog, claiming that Article 20.4. of the Basic Law in Germany (“Against anyone who undertakes to abolish this constitutional order, all Germans have the right to resist if no other remedy is possible”) gives all citizens the right to defend the constitutional order against sharia and Islamization, if there is no other legal possibility. This includes the use of weapons. Mannheimer rejected this fine and will battle this case in court.

### **Efforts made by Politicians to promote the Sharia**

Unlike in Britain, which has sanctioned an official arbitration body for Islamic inheritance, are family and commercial disputes since 2007, there is no such instance in Germany. While in the UK decisions of the arbitration bodies are enforceable in court, the decisions in Germany are left solely to the courts.

Rhineland-Palatinate's Minister of Justice **Jochen Hartloff** (SPD) considers the existence of Islamic tribunals in Germany admissible in

principle and promotes the introduction of Sharia in these cases, as reported by media on February 2, 2012.

The Federal Ministry of Justice with Federal Minister **Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger** later this year wants to set up a permanent commission for Sharia law. The "concrete form" would be "still in progress", as reported on April 7<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### **Media and Universities in support of Sharia-law**

The Islam-critical website Politically Incorrect (PI-News.net) is the most popular blog in Germany, and perhaps in Europe, so it's no surprise that it has been a major focus of media and governmental scrutiny. In 2011, journalists from the *Frankfurter Rundschau* and *Der Spiegel* ran **unremitting campaign to have PI investigated** by the federal "constitutional protection" (homeland-intelligence), all part of a longstanding effort to silence critics of multiculti and Islamization. They even used stolen and falsificated e-mails in order to construct some connection to the Norwegian Breivik-case. Other newspapers and magazines joined in this bashing of PI-

On the other hand the same media regularly minimize and underestimate the growing thread rising from Islam and sharia. There even exists a network of journalists financed by foreign sponsors called "**NEFAIS**" (network of journalsts for the Islamic world), with the objective of whitewashing Islam, Sharia-law and islamic terrorism in all mainstream-media.

One of the most popular Islamic scholars and legal advisers to the German government is **Prof. Mathias Rohe** from Erlangen. He is very busy in claiming that Sharia-law is compatible with constitutional law and he wants sharia introduced as a source of civil law in Germany.

Secular Muslim Necla Kelek accused Rohe of wanting to implement by stealth Sharia law as a method of resolving a dispute under German law. In addition, as a member of the relevant working group of the first Islamic conference, he ensured that it was recommended to accept the **headscarf for girls** "as a religious symbol" and to be tolerated at school, despite the opposition of secular Muslims.

Prof. Mathias Rohe also authored a legal report, which led a Berlin court to the decision which permitted a Muslim student his own prayer room in a public school. Interestingly, the court of appeal turned down this judgment by using another report, this time written by **Prof. Tilman Nagel**, a profound expert of Islam and Sharia law. The extra prayer-room was thus denied.

### **The Agenda of the Muslim Organizations**

Many of the Muslim Organization in Germany are under the control of the Turkish government and nearly all of them are subsidiary to one of the four big head-organizations. These are:

**DITIB Türkisch-Islamische Union der Anstalt für Religion**  
(Turkish-Islamic Union of the Institute for Religion)

DITIB is a sub-organization of the Turkish governmental bureau

DIYANET (Office for Religious Affairs) and is directed exclusively by a Turkish Diplomat at the Turkish embassy. The Friday prayer sermons are delivered from the Turkish embassy directly from the Turkish embassy to the mosques and all the „Hodjas“ (Imams) are officials sent by the Turkish State and remain in Germany only for few years before they are replaced.

### **Zentralrat der Muslime in Deutschland**

(Central Council of Muslims in Germany)

Muslim-Brotherhood-connected organization with close ties to Egypt and Saudi-Arabia.

### **Islamrat**

(Islamic Council)

Dominated by the Turk-Islamistic „Millis Görüs“ (founded by the Turkish ex-prime minister Necmettin Erbakan)

### **Verband der Islamischen Kulturzentren**

(Association of Islamic Cultural Centers)

Followers of Süleyman Efendi (1888-1959), a Turkish Sufi-Teacher

Official recognition as religious groups has so far been denied as all of the organizations are under the auspices of foreign governments; indeed, they are dependent on these governments. In order to achieve this objective – official recognition - they created the **Koordinationsrat der Muslime** (KRM, Coordination Council of Muslims).



All these organizations actively support the **agenda of the OIC** (Organization of Islamic Conference) and **support the Cairo-Declaration** of Human Rights in Islam, which promotes sharia and limits all human rights to the regulations of sharia, although they publicly claim to do otherwise. One of these organizations' main focus is the **fight against "Islamophobia"**, which includes all negative reporting and all criticism of Islam. In addition, they seek to prevent Muslims in Germany from integrating into their host society, but rather separated in their own communities, where they are more or less forced to observe Islamic customs.

On the other hand, they claim to want to participate in society, which means political power and influence. So they call for halal-food in public facilities, minarets, extra prayer-breaks at work, gender-separation in public swimming-pools, veiling of female teachers and pupils as well as acceptance of their religious rules by Non-Muslims in public events. They call for Islamic religious education in public schools, not only for their own, but for all children (see e.g. the Hamburg State Contract with Muslims). Finally they want the Government to **limit free speech by law** in order to forbid any criticism of the abovementioned. After all, these organizations are very eager and successful in finding Non-Muslim-supporters of their agenda in politics, society, the media, churches and universities. The use of blackmailing, threatening and bribery in order to find supporters are common not only in the Third World, but also in Germany.

Interestingly, the lobbyists for the Islamic cause in Munich are able to abuse a so-called "Fachstelle für Rechtsextremismus" (Office for

right-wing-extremism, Director is the extreme left-wing **Dr. Miriam Heigl**) threatening restaurants city-wide not to provide rooms for any Islam-critical events. If these restaurants do not comply, they are threatened with harassment from the City Council, which also predicts an attack on their restaurants. Although human rights organizations like BPE are far away from any right-wing extremism, the Munich's City Council persecutes concerned citizens, but welcomes every single plan to build new mosques and Islamic Centers within the city limits, completely ignoring the feelings of their own citizens.

**Bajrambejamin Idriz**, an imam and Impostor with Bosnian roots from Penzberg, a small town near Munich, with close ties to extremists and members of Muslim Brotherhood, for several years has followed his plans to build a huge European Islamic Center (ZIEM) with the money from Arab sponsors and the support of the Munich mayor. Until now, he has not succeeded, but he is still trying to deceive the public about his personal background and his project. He found a willing supporter in **Hildebrecht Braun**, a lawyer and ex-member of Bavarian Parliament. On April 24 of this year the newspaper *Stuttgarter Nachrichten* published several articles about Idriz and his fraud. So Idriz' friend Braun threatened the editor in order to silence free speech and negative reporting about Idriz, fortunately without success.

### **How to succeed in defending Free Speech and fight against Sharia-law**

Although the pressure of OIC and the Islamic organizations to limit

free speech increases constantly and legal critics are denigrated as “racism”, there is clear evidence for success in our activities to protect free speech and in opposing Sharia law. Our own lobbying for freedom and democracy makes people reflect on the validity of our issues and also has influence on political decisions.

A few weeks ago, on June 14, the Ministers of Justice, both on the federal and state levels, adopted a **resolution against the spread of foreign legal systems** in Germany, without singling out Sharia law. Rather, they want to strengthen the confidence of migrants in the German legal system.

**Christian Baldauf**, a spokesman of the Christian Democratic Party has this to say:

" **There is no place for a parallel justice system in Germany, in fact.** For anyone who lives here must apply only the German legal system. Anyone who thinks that he would open the door to ensure that migrants seek the help of lawyers of their respective culture is wrong. It is unacceptable that so-called self-appointed justices rule on of the peace cases in back rooms by their own rules and judgments. Exactly this would be the case if the bizarre Masterplan by Minister Hartloff if he were to introduce Sharia law."

In June 2011 the CITIZEN'S MOVEMENT PAX EUROPA held a four-day conference on Islam and Human Rights in Stuttgart. One of the keynote-speakers was **Robert Spencer**. The very first day we held a public event in the center of the city. A left-wing mob in tandem with Muslims tried to prevent free speech using violence. Thanks to the

presence of hundreds of police officers the worst was prevented. I received information that after the event more than twenty rioters were sentenced by a German court. A little victory for Free Speech!

**Contact:**

CITIZEN'S MOVEMENT PAX EUROPA (BPE)

Conny Axel Meier, CEO

Postfach 06

D- 75046 Gemmingen

fon: +49-7267-911940

mail: [c.meier@bpe-online.net](mailto:c.meier@bpe-online.net)

BPE is a Human Rights Organization with actually 979 registered members and is registered at DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG (German Parliament) as Human Rights Organization and is registered at the OSCE as NGO (Non Government Organization).