

In memory of Mohamed Idrissi

Mohamed Idrissi from Gröpelingen was killed by the police in front of his home on 18.06.2020.

Mohamed Idrissi has lived in Gröpelingen for many years. Many people knew him. Especially children remember him, he often played with them. His neighbours report that he was a very shy and insecure man and lived rather reserved. After all, Mohamed Idrissi had many difficult times and problems. For some years he suffered from a persecution complex which strongly influenced his everyday life. Mohamed Idrissi was always fearful. His greatest fear was that someone would shoot him.

On 18.06.2020, the Espabau housing association gave Mohamed Idrissi his resignation without notice. As a result, he was to be taken to a psychiatric examination against his will. Although it was known that Mohamed Idrissi suffers from massive anxiety, the social psychiatric service was neither waited for nor were his carers on the spot. With guns pointed at him, several police officers tried to take him against his will. Even when he took a knife in his hand out of desperation to defend himself, the operation was not cancelled, but escalated further with the use of pepper spray.

Mohamed Idrissi was later killed with two shots in his chest. Mohamed did not want to hurt anyone, he just wanted to escape from the situation.

In order to justify the fatal shots, authorities, politicians and the media portray Mohamed Idrissi as "aggressive" and "insane" and evaluate the actions of the police as unavoidable. Consequently Mohamed is dehumanized and criminalized even after his death.

But we say: That was murder!

It was known to all parties that Mohamed Idrissi suffered from massive fears. Nevertheless, why didn't they wait for the social psychiatric service? Where were the carers? Why wasn't the operation cancelled when it became clear that the situation was escalating? Why is it possible for a person with mental health problems to leave their own home and be thrown out on the street?

It is clear: if Mohamed had been a white person, he would still be alive. If he had been rich and had lived in Oberneuland or Schwachhausen, he would still be alive. If he had not been mentally ill, he would still be alive.

Therefore we will not stop being loud and visible in Bremen.

We demand justice for Mohamed Idrissi!

We share his family's sorrow for their great loss.

The death of Mohamed Idrissi is not an exceptional case. He is one of over 160 non-white people murdered by the police in Germany since 1990. We cannot bring them back to life, but we can make them a promise: We will do everything we can to make sure that this never happens again!

Let us take care of this together, let us march together on the streets against racism, against police violence, against poverty and the stigmatisation of people with mental illness!

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Come to our actions!

Donate for the family who has to pay all the costs (lawyer, funeral, expert opinion) by themselves.