



Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh

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Invitation of the Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh to an analysis and strategy conference

Self-organisation against racist police violence and reasons of state in Germany and Europe

from 26 - 28 October 2019 in Berlin

Starting with the Oury Jalloh case, in the past 14 years we have fought against the massive resistance of state authorities in the police, judiciary and politics in order to advance the investigation of the murder of Oury Jalloh. Ultimately, we have had to recognise that we have to take the clarification that we have been demanding for a long time into our own hands, as no public prosecutor or judge was ever willing to do so. In spite of the legal defeats, we have not allowed ourselves to get down or let our desire for enlightenment be broken by years of massive repression. The closer we got to the truth, the more audacious the lies they tried to spread in public to cover up these crimes became. Last year, we finally established an Independent International Commission for the Clarification of the Truth about the case of Oury Jalloh, thus further strengthening our competencies. At the same time, we have to realize that racist murders continue in prison cells and on the streets, and that the murderers of Oury Jalloh are still at large, because the so-called law enforcement agencies do not prosecute the perpetrators, but protect them with all their powers. Instead, we are persecuted as activists* - not because we actually committed crimes, but only because we enlighten and publicise them.

Oury Jalloh is not an isolated case and the murderers are not individual killers either. Behind these murders and their cover-ups is a system that we must understand in order to act effectively.

In memory of the recent victims of racist violence:

Hussam Fadl (27 September 2016, refugee shelter Berlin) shot dead by policemen

Matiullah Jabarkhil (13 April 2018, bakery in Fulda) - killed by 4 shots of a policeman

Amad Ahmad (29 September 2018, JVA Kleve) – burned to death in prison cell after unlawful and manipulated incarceration

Rooble Muse Warsame (26 February 2019, Schweinfurt Police Station) - Assumed "suicide" in a police cell with no means to do so

William Tonou-Mbobda (26 April 2019, UKE Hamburg) - fixed to death by security

We invite all relatives of victims of racist violence and activists* from the relevant initiatives to join in discussing how we shall counteract state-organised killings and cover-ups of crime more effectively.

We consider it not only important, but urgently necessary, that we, as activists working on the same issues with the same goals, come together to discuss the state of affairs and our strategies intensively. With the organisation of this conference at the end of October 2019 we want to offer a trans- or international framework.

The conference is therefore aimed exclusively at relatives and the corresponding initiatives and groups and is to be organised by us activists* ourselves through lectures, discussions and workshops.

The conference will focus on:

- Exchange of experiences and analyses in the fields of education and repression (against associates and activists*)
- Discussion about strong and poor strategies in dealing with the Cover-up of racist murders
- a better organisation of our structures and the establishment of a sustainable (international) networking

The conference shall be self-organised, uncomplicated, flexible and geared to the needs of all its participants*. High costs should be avoided however possible. That is why we rely on mutual solidarity when it comes to arrivals, translations, sleeping places, food and premises. In this context, solidarity also means that no one should feel excluded for cost reasons or that the cost savings should be supported through joint regional organisation and independent fundraising.

While on 26 and 27 October 2019 the focus of the conference will be on joint work, we are organising an international press conference for the third day. This means that on Monday, 28.10.2019, participants* of the conference should make a joint statement to the public.

There will also be space for commemoration throughout the conference. Please bring your pictures and banners!

Nobody will forget! Together we are strong!

With solidarity greetings

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----- **Oury Jalloh - That was murder!** -----
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