#WeNeverForgetOuryJalloh - January 7, 2021 - Davidwache

2021 – 16th Anniversary of the Death of our Brother Oury Jalloh in Dessau

The Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh calls for a Day of decentralized Commemoration and Protest on Thursday, January 7, of the 16 anniversary of Oury Jalloh’s murder. In accordance, we call out for a remembrance Rally in commemoration of Oury Jalloh and all other victims of especially deadly police violence and other forms of racist, institutional killings with impunity in front of Davidwache from 5 to 8pm.

Oury Jalloh was unlawfully arrested by Dessau police officers on January 7, 2005, illegally detained, brutally tortured, severely injured and then tied by his hands and feet to a fireproof mattress and burned beyond recognition. The perpetrators immediately claimed that Brother Oury Jalloh had burned himself. To this day - 16 years after his brutal and agonizing death - Although the available evidence conclusively excludes the alleged "self-inflicted combustion hypothesis" the murder of Brother Oury Jalloh has not been clarified, nor have the perpetrators been charged or convicted. Although the available evidence conclusively excludes the alleged "self-inflicted combustion hypothesis" prosecutors and judges still claim that there would be no “factual evidence" for a murder.

The murder of Oury Jalloh is not the only unsolved one in the Dessau police station - already in 1997 Hans-Jürgen Rose was tortured to death by police officers and Mario Bichtemann was beaten to death in the same cell no. 5 of the same police station in 2002.

The Initiative in Remembrance of Oury Jalloh has been fighting for clarification and justice in the case since 2005 and has presented several extensive and conclusive expert opinions that clearly prove:

Oury Jalloh - This was MURDER!

Oury Jalloh – not only in Dessau but also here in Hamburg!

In December 2001, Achidi John was arrested and killed in the UKE through the emetic torture-method which is again an example of institutional and police brutality and in February 2016 Yaya Jabbie was arrested and killed in custody intransparently labeled suicide. Throughout Germany there are many, many more police killings of our Black Sisters and Brothers, all of which have gone unpunished - from Brother Kola Bankole (1994) and Mareame N’deye Sarr (2001) to Christy Schwundeck (2011) and Mikael Haile (2017).

Even on the very same day January 7th 2005 another Sierra Leonean fellow Brother Laye-Alama Condé died in Bremen after a forceful and violent emetic torture procedure on December 27th 2004 – court procedures against the medical doctor instilling emetic fluid and water into Condé’s lungs were finally suspended in 2013 due to inability of the defendant to stand further trial.

And there are far more victims of racist police violence and deaths in custody with impunity within migrant communities beyond our Black community from Halim Dener (1994) to Amad Ahmad (2018) or Adel B. and Aman Alizada (2019) that need to be shouted out for clarification and accountability. We stand as one against the systemic racism and the continuity of state killings.

On this 16th anniversary of Brother Oury Jalloh’s and Brother Laye-Alama Condé’s death, let us send a clear signal not only against anti-Black racism in the police, judiciary and state institutions but also react now more than ever against police brutality in all its forms. We call on all Brothers and Sisters, anti-racist friends and organizations to join us in front of the historic Davidwache in St. Pauli. The most famous police station in Hamburg stands as a landmark for violent repressive and criminalizing measures sanctioned by the Hamburg judiciary. This is where brutality and profiling against Black people in Hamburg have a special "home".

We all know that racist prejudices and deadly escalations of repressive violence are directly connected! Police and state as well as institutionalized racism in politics, media, educational and welfare institutions form the breeding ground and the corner stones for systemic and everyday racism within the general population and especially of the strengthening, organized right in Hamburg, Germany, Europe and worldwide.

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Racism is not an "opinion", but an organized crime against humanity!

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