

Hamburg, December 8th 2021

20th Anniversary of the Murder of Brother Achidi John at the UKE

On December 9, 2001, our Brother Achidi John (Michael Paul Nwabuisi) was brutally murdered at the Institute of Forensic Medicine of the Hamburg UKE by Dr. Ute Lockemann and several police officers through the use of emetic torture. Brother Achidi John, in fear of his life, resisted the forced administration of the emetic Ipecacuanha and warned his murderers repeatedly and urgently by shout out: "I will die! Brother Achidi John was brutally restrained by a total of 5(!) police officers, while the doctor Dr. Lockemann tried several times to insert a stomach tube through his nose in order to then forcefully pump 30ml of emetic and 800ml of water into him. When Brother Achidi John lost consciousness, went into a coma and died as a result of this amount of fluids being pumped into his lungs, his tormentors did nothing and instead insinuated that he was only "faking" his dying. Only after a medical student present could no longer feel a pulse and intervened, a resuscitation team from the UKE was called in, but they were unable to save his life. Brother Achidi John then was artificially "ventilated" by machine for 3 more days as a matter of an intensive care alibi treatment to cover up any proof that the emetic had been wrongfully instilled into his lungs. The attending intensive care physicians told the family's lawyer that they had virtually been given a corpse for "treatment". Then, on December 12, 2001, the body was officially declared brain dead and the ventilator machine was turned off.

To this day, none of those involved have been held responsible for the murder of our Brother Achidi John - in fact, even the contrary is true: the murdered man was made responsible for his own death by a postmortem diagnosis of an alleged heart abnormality. None of the responsible acting, ordering and enabling persons, institutions or authority representatives have so far apologized to the family of the brutally killed or even accepted the obvious responsibility for the violent death of brother Achidi John. All those involved have not only remained in office unmolested, but have all risen in their career ladders despite or perhaps because of their involvement. The most prominent climber is the newly elected German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who officially introduced emetic torture for election campaign purposes in June 2001 as the then interim Senator of the Interior in Hamburg, despite serious medical-ethical, legal and human rights concerns. The killing doctor Dr. Ute Lockemann rose to the position of professor at the Institute of Forensic Medicine and the director Prof. Dr. Klaus Püschel maintained the implementation of emetic torture at his institute until his retirement in November 2020, despite clear resolutions of the German Medical Association and the Hamburg Medical Association and contrary to medical ethics and the relevant medical duties of care, without having to fear any consequences.

The systemic institutionalized racism of the emetic torture, which was introduced by Olaf Scholz in Hamburg despite far-reaching medical risks and legal concerns, is already

reflected in the fact that the "target group" of the measure were mainly People of African Descent in the so-called "publicly perceivable drug crime scene", although experts in the fight against drug crime put the "market share" of this sector at only about 5% of the total drug trade in Hamburg. The Law & Order measure is thus clearly populist in nature and fundamentally unsuitable for actually or effectively combating the problem of drug-related crimes in Hamburg. It appeals to a selective perception within a racist consensus and, in its contempt for humanity and readiness to kill, was decided upon and executed only because People of African Descent, in particular, were designated as the very group to be targeted. An essential prerequisite of this institutionalized racism was and is a racist judiciary, which as a rule exempts the violent actions of perpetrators and murderers from criminal prosecution, although these intentional bodily injuries and killings were always carried out with explicit knowledge of the existing risks and despite the fact, that the physical and psychological damage or deaths caused could not have occurred without these very actions. The ignorant refusal to acknowledge accountability in connection with the criminal emetic torture practice is the last consequence of state racism against People of African Descent, which implies the clear signal that neither those politically responsible in the Hamburg Senate, nor those medically responsible at the UKE, and certainly not those legally responsible, see any need or have any intention to end this racist institutionalized Status Quo. It shall obviously be allowed to continue to discriminate, criminalize, mistreat, torture and kill People of African Descent in Hamburg systematically and with impunity.

We demand the official acknowledgement of the criminal responsibility of all those involved in the Hamburg emetic torture and an official apology including compensation for the victims and survivors, in order to credibly signal to People of African Descent that there is a real political and institutional will to learn from the inhumane history and to effectively end anti-Black racism in official and institutional practices. Without recognition and compensation for those affected by the Hamburg emetic torture, the tradition of systematic anti-Black racism via racial profiling will simply be perpetuated.

Together with the ***Initiative in Remembrance of Achidi John***, we call for

protest rallies on December 10, 2021

at 3 p.m. in front of the UKE main entrance

and

at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Institute of Forensic Medicine

to remember our Brother Achidi John and reinforce the accountability of the UKE and the Institute of Forensic Medicine for his murder!

TOUCH ONE – TOUCH ALL !

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