

Stop the cooperation of the German judiciary with Israelis injustice system immediately!

"Behind every terrorist stand dozens of men and women, without whom he could not engage in terrorism. ... They are all enemy combatants, and their blood shall be on all their heads. Now this also includes the mothers of the martyrs, who send them to hell with flowers and kisses. They should follow their sons, nothing would be more just. They should go, as should the physical homes in which they raised the snakes. Otherwise, more little snakes will be raised there."

Submitted by the current Minister of Justice of Israel, Ayelet Shaked, published on 1 July 2014 on facebook. A few days later Israel starts a new punitive expedition in Gaza, killing two thousand one hundred Palestinians according to UN figures.

We - activists who advocate the observance of human and civil rights in Palestine and Israel - protest in the strongest terms against a "close and trustful cooperation between the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection and the Israeli Ministry of Justice".

We ask ourselves, what should be the subject of a close and trustful cooperation with the Israeli judiciary. Doesn't the German Minister of Justice know, that the Israeli judiciary is a maid of occupation, a decades-long crime against millions of Palestinians?

That it is an auxiliary body to legalize the expulsion, dispossession, arbitrary detention, torture and unpunished execution of Palestinians - like it happens daily in these days. That the Israeli justice is a permanent mockery of justice?

When will the Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection (!) finally act to prevent, that the fruits of the criminal occupation - products from illegal Israeli colonies in the West Bank - can be sold profitably in Germany to unsuspecting consumers? Or does he prefer to chat over a cup of coffee with Israel Justice Minister about her plans for the extermination of the families of Palestinian "terrorists"?

The height of cynicism is no doubt, that the "cooperation" should be deepened by a conference under the motto "democracy and rule of law"!

Because no matter how low one adjusts the requirements: Israel is far removed from a egalitarian constitutional state or a democracy - and not because negligence, but quite deliberately.

Israel: Neither democracy ...

A democracy is characterized by the fact, that the population determines the respective government by elections, where 'population' means all the people who live within the boundaries of the territory, controlled by that State.

But Israel is far away from that: Because Israel defines itself as a 'Jewish state', although only slightly more than half of its population is Jewish. A definition which denies the existence of the other half of the population - the Palestinians.

This denial is by no means accidental. The Israeli policy since its beginning aims at the 'destruction' of the Palestinians, at their transformation into destitute refugees and beggars, as Theodor Herzl wrote into his diary in 1895.

Although appr. 1.5 million Palestinians have an Israeli passport, they are legally discriminated against by some 50 laws: they exclude them, for example, from the use of about one-eighth of Israel's land. And half of that Land was stolen from them by the Israeli state after 1948. A crime that was subsequently legalized by the Israeli legislature and the judiciary.

Although these Palestinians can participate in the elections to the Knesset, they have no way to overcome their discrimination through them. Because that discrimination is constitutive for the 'Jewish State': parties that reject that, are excluded from parliamentary elections by the electoral law (!).

Approximately 2.7 million Palestinians live under a military dictatorship built by Israel in the West Bank, that terrorizes them in every imaginable way. The goal is to turn them into refugees or to concentrate them in small reservations in order to make room for new Jewish colonies and to annex the land later. The Palestinians have no civil rights, no influence on their Israeli rulers and their human rights are always at the disposal of the occupier.

More 1.8 million Palestinians live in Gaza, a permanent war zone under a continuing, comprehensive siege by the Israeli army.

The besiegers grant neither civil nor human rights to the Palestinians – appr. half of them were already expelled and robbed by them in 1948: Not even the elementary right to life, as the last two punitive expeditions have shown clearly - which killed several hundred Palestinian civilians. To this day, these people have to live with the threat of being killed without warning by the Israeli military at any time.

In summary, Israel can barely claim to be a democracy for more than half of its population. The other half under his rule is doomed to an existence as third-class citizens, or to live in a prison that partially reminds of a hell.

... nor egalitarian Constitutional State

A democratic state is not necessarily a civilized state: In a democracy, the majority may decide to rob and expel the minority 'democratically' - or to invade a neighboring country and murder its population.

Opinion polls during the last Israeli punitive expedition in 2014 showed for example, that the overwhelming majority of Israelis supported the crime.

Much more crucial than the democracy question is, whether Israel meets the criteria of an egalitarian constitutional state and respects fundamental human rights.

An egalitarian constitutional state is a state that enshrines and protects the equality of all his citizens before the law - regardless of color, race, religion or gender - like Article 3 of the German Constitution does.

However, Israel is no such state: And that is true not just for Gaza and the West Bank, that were conquered in 1967 - in which Israeli soldiers and policemen rob and murder Palestinians virtually with impunity - but also for the territory conquered 1948, the so-called Israeli heartland.

Also in this area, where 1.5 million Palestinians live, they are formally discriminated against the Jewish majority - by laws and judiciary. The basis of this discrimination is a twofold model of citizenship that adds 'nationality' to ordinary 'citizenship' and gives 'nationality' a higher rank.

The Israeli civil rights organization Adalah enumerates alone fifty openly discriminatory laws. Among them the 'right of return' that grants Israeli citizenship to all Jews of the world, while it denies it to Palestinians, even if they, their parents or their grandparents were born in Israel. Not to mention the Palestinians of East Jerusalem, who live under the constant threat of losing their residency rights.

That includes the denial of the right of family reunification for Palestinians: if they marry a partner

from the West Bank or Gaza, they have to leave Israel, if they want to live with him/her.

Conclusion

By the standards of Germanies Basic Law (Grundgesetz) Israel is neither a democracy nor a constitutional state.

Israel's institutions are permeated by racists, militarists and colonialists. With her initially cited demand to murder the parents and relatives of Palestinian "terrorists", Israels Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked fits well into the picture of her other cabinet colleagues.

However, the "close cooperation" with Israeli institutions is not only a threat to the Palestinians – who trample on their civil and human rights - but also for us, German citizens. Because that directs even more water on the mill of the ubiquitous "friends of Israel" in Germany, who seek to consolidate the "German-Israeli friendship" by doing everything possible to transform Germany into a copy of Israel: in a racist and militaristic oppressor-state - just as islamo- and arabophob, also mired in war and occupation – i.e. in a state that will "naturally" regard Israel as a friend.

Against this background, we - as a human and civil rights activists - demand, that the "close and trusting cooperation between the German with the Israeli Justice" shall be suspended, until Israel meets the criteria of a civilized, democratic, egalitarian constitutional state.