

Massive police operation in Munich—an attack on democracy

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The German authorities have used the pretext of the shooting spree in Munich, by an 18-year-old young man, to conduct a massive emergency and civil war exercise, locking down a city with a population of 1.5 million for hours, and unleashing fear and panic. July 22 marks a turning point in the decline of democracy in Germany.

civilian clothes but were visibly carrying weapons—leading to many passersby taking them for terrorists—contributed to the feelings of insecurity in Munich.”

Vague rumours that other perpetrators were possibly on the loose could not justify such a massive deployment of the police and security forces. There have been terrorist attacks in Munich in the past, with a high number of casualties—in 1970 against an old peoples’ home of the Israelite religious community, in 1972 against the Israeli Olympic team, and in 1980 against the Oktoberfest—but the response of the security forces had never been so extensive.

The only conclusion to be drawn is that the Munich attack served as a pretext to implement emergency plans that had long been planned, and to test out the state of emergency.