

# Berlin police violently disperse Gaza protest camp in front of the parliament

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Scenes that are otherwise only known from brutal dictatorships took place in front of the Bundestag (parliament) on Saturday. In order to break up a peaceful protest camp against the genocide in Gaza, police officers used massive force against the spontaneous counter-demonstration and arrested dozens of participants.

The protest camp, consisting of around two hundred tents, food stalls and information stands, had been set up at the beginning of April. The demonstrators' demands include an immediate end to the occupation of Gaza, the halting of the supply of weapons to Israel and an end to the criminalisation of expressions of solidarity for Palestine against the NATO-backed massacre in Gaza.

Terrorised and banned an international protest in Berlin. The Socialist Equality Party, SGP) in the European elections condemned and documented the police terror. The violent dissolution of the protest camp was another high point in the wave of class struggle against democratic rights in Germany. Although the protest was officially authorised, the police refused to provide evidence of this to several press reporters.

On this flimsy pretext, police then acted with extreme brutality. A group of 10 officers grabbed individual participants from the crowd, separated them from their companions, choked their airways and threw them to the ground or used punches, kicks and painful blows as soon as a demonstrator was isolated and overpowered, they took them away one by one in a throng of police and placed into custody.

As a growing spontaneous protest formed against this violence, the police immediately declared it a "substitute assembly" and brought dozens more police in riot gear to forcibly prevent the demonstrators from peacefully protesting against the violent measures.



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