

1000 leaflets against dictator Erdogan thrown out of a window at Gezi Park in Istanbul!

July 1st, 2017: Yesterday at 9.30am (CEST), a special unit of the Center for Political Beauty has thrown over 1000 copies of a leaflet against the Turkish dictator Erdogan out of a hotel window at Gezi Park in Istanbul.

The action was preceded by an act of resistance in the form of a contest with the title 'Scholl 2017'. For the past four days the contest aimed to find the Hans and Sophie Scholl of our times. The participants were asked to be ready to travel to a dictatorship of their choice and to spread leaflets against the regime. Until yesterday evening, more than 70 candidates agreed to participate. Yesterday morning at 9.30am (CEST) the winning leaflet has been spread over 1000 times at Gezi Park in Istanbul. In the leaflet written by Turks living in Germany it says in Turkish:

'Erdogan and the AKP have converted Turkey into a totalitarian dictatorship [...]. We urge you: Don't be a spineless herd of followers allowing that neighbours are being jailed or killed. Defend the democracy. Fight against racism. Bring the dictatorship down. [...] Resistance is life! We may not forget all the revolutionaries. Let us be just like them, let us resist until the end, for the liberation of the society from the dictatorship. Together we are stronger than every system! Death to the dictator!'

According to the Center for Political Beauty, 'the resistance of Hans and Sophie Scholl is not only relevant for our history. The circle of students around Hans and Sophie Scholl, Willi Graf, Christoph Probst and professor Kurt Huber took a stand against the inhumanity and war policy of National Socialism. They saw themselves as part of the European civilisation and referred to an idealism, which was based both on socialist thinking and christian teachings. As from June 1942 the 'White Rose' spread leaflets in the University of Munich and in many other places near Munich. Their activities were unveiled and the group got arrested and sentenced to death in 1943.

In one of their leaflets they state:

'Why do the German people behave so apathetic in face of all of those most horrible and inhumane crimes? Hardly anyone is concerned about it. The fact is being accepted as such and ignored. And again the German people continue to sleep in its blunt and stupid slumber and gives those fascist criminals the courage and the opportunity to continue with their killings, - and they do so.'

Even today its legacy is of great importance for us: by staying silent with respect to the dictatorship, by offering business dialogues to Turkey while German journalists are in prison because of absurd accusations, we put everything to shame that we uphold when it comes to the White Rose.' The Center for Political Beauty is looking forward to the state visit of many more high ranking dictators in Germany on the weekend to come and is confident that the German civil society will treat them accordingly. Forgetting kills!