Islamist chants at Stuttgart Christmas market spark concern

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Tausende Syrer zogen am vergangenen Sonntag über den Stuttgarter Weihnachtsmarkt

Thousands of Syrians marched through the Stuttgart Christmas market last Sunday

"Allahu Akbar" statt "Stille Nacht" Allahu Akbar instead of Silent Night

At the Christmas market in Stuttgart, instead of traditional

carols, Islamist chants were heard. This past weekend, thousands of Syrians celebrated the defeat of President Bashar al-Assad there. Security experts are concerned that similar events may occur at other markets in Germany.

According to recordings on social media, young men chanted "Allahu Akbar." The police in Stuttgart confirmed a demonstration with 3,000-5,000 participants. The recordings are being analysed, and the chants are being translated and assessed by authorities.

Along with Syrians in Germany, we are pleased that Assad's unjust regime has ended. Celebrating this is fine. However, chanting Islamist slogans is completely unacceptable, especially in the atmosphere of a Christmas market. Anyone who flees to a democratic constitutional state and then glorifies Islamism should leave our country, quotes Bild, citing parliament member Andrea Lindholz from the CSU party.

The German newspaper also quotes extremism expert Ahmad Mansour, a psychologist of Arab-Palestinian origin living in Germany. "Consciously using Christmas markets for demonstrations is disrespectful and in bad taste. There are other ways to celebrate the end of a tyrant without fuelling cultural tensions," he stated.

In Germany, Islamists go to Christmas markets and start reciting the SAME prayer that Mohammed's army recited when they invaded Mecca and drove out the pre-Islamic population.

It's crystal clear, don't you think?

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– Dr. Maalouf □ (@realMaalouf) <u>December 11, 2024</u>

The <u>European Conservative</u> reports similar demonstrations in Essen, <u>Dresden and Leipzig</u>

On Sunday, December 8th, 11,000 Syrian migrants entered the Christmas market in Essen, Germany, chanting "Allahu Akbar" and firing shots.

This latest gathering of Syrian migrants was known to and prepared for by the police. But the planned demonstration grew in size as the fall of Bashar al-Assad was confirmed, followed by his flight from Damascus, the Syrian capital. The numbers far exceeded advance estimates: with only 300 participants expected, ultimately, thousands of Syrians lined the streets of the city carrying flags.

In the videos circulating on social media, the contrast between the aggressiveness of the demonstrators and the festive, family atmosphere of the Christmas market is striking. Online, some have asked if the choice of location was random or deliberate. They see the targeting of the Christmas market as an offensive by the demonstrators against a symbol of Christian civilisation.

The Essen police have defended themselves by claiming to have deployed appropriate security for the gathering, including a helicopter. The concern of the local population is explained by the demonstrators' gunfire and use of smoke grenades.