

perhaps now is the time to say something again on our behalf.

in any case, we, a large number of the prisoners from the raf, would like to make everything clear.

none of us, and none of our supporters, proposed the idea for a short-term regroupment, the idea now being tossed about by the media.

this is not our demand, and we reject it, because our demand is the same as ever: freedom now, and regroupment until that time.

if we were to be put together now for a few months or weeks, our theme would neither be "armed struggle", nor ever our own freedom. in other words: not about making peace with the state and making the final unwinding of our history after the last two catastrophic years, but rather how we can reach a level of strength from the society against the state which can finally get us out of the prisons - because they comprehend the situation, their own, they comprehend its perspective and significance, to take the ability to decide about moving political forces away from the power-drunk political classes.

the current history is a new one in this stage-managed time of the so-called "kinkel-initiative", about which nothing is real, but rather, people should see it for what it really is, a cover for exchange and disorientation and formulas such as "solution" and "conciliation", a synonym from the apparatus for endless prison terms for a pre-determined section of the prisoners.

if the campaign around the "kinkel-initiative" only got the support of a few prisoners who went in for it, and those on the outside with the "new" politics of the raf, with its "steinmetz" unity, then they will come out with nothing. this is a clear fabrication by the security agencies, the politicians, and the media. they no longer need anyone for our "demands", and thus our years-long prisoners' project has been taken over by the state by means of its "kinkel-initiative" and those that support it.

now we hear, something phenomenal for us, that this artistic creation (because this "meeting" could never actually become reality) has spawned discussions in social sectors which had for years no longer concerned themselves with the prisoners, because in their minds the matter had long since been taken care of.

you all are worried about a possible "new escalation in violence from the left"?

you all should spend more time worrying about the state.

that fat-ass kohl only seems to do less and less as time goes on.

there will be no new dealing with us with anything like the "kinkel-initiative", in whatever form it may take on today. if so, then it will clearly be directed against us.

that's all i can say in consensus with brigitte, christian, rolf (heissler), eva, heidi, and rolf (wagner). that's by no means all of the prisoners who think this way, but rather we are the prisoners from the raf who will sit endlessly in prison as a result of the legacy of the "solution" which has been developed since '92.

as for ingrid and sieglinde, i don't want to even begin at this time.

perhaps with a little contemplation, you all will understand that we cannot accept that, and perhaps it will even dawn on you that this present situation is well beyond the boundary of what the state can do to us, particularly because each of us has already experienced what they can do.

as for the anticipated repetition of the same old statements from the "hard-liners", i think back once more upon how it was us that wanted for years to make a break, because we were fed up with the lies and the malicious tales which were forever being weaved, so i'd just like to point out that we were the ones that took the step of calling off "targeted deadly actions against the representatives of state and capital". we did this at least one year prior, and we were greeted with a lack of understanding, and then kinkel came onto the scene, and then the "break" faded into the background.

we prisoners did not start our course of "discussion" and "break" since the late-80s, and also the concurrent de-escalation in our confrontation with the state, based on any notion of "giving up the struggle", rather we took this step based on our conviction that the events of the continued capitalist march needed to be looked at, now more than ever, because now a situation was becoming a reality, in anticipation of which we had struggled for 20 years to prevent.

we wanted this to be our specific prisoners' contribution to a process of clarification and a re-establishment of a politics of change, one which today can reach out well beyond the left- radical, and even the general left-wing, spectrum. we knew that we would only have a certain limited amount of time in the period of change for this, because otherwise the effects of this change would be complete, and that then there would break out a new struggle for survival, both socially and politically, and a confrontation in a collapsed social fabric, as well as a great destruction of the global political living reality, and that this, in turn, would mean that the political possibility would be under pressure and it would be too late for a solution to our prisoners' problem, because the state, in a period of crisis, would rather use us as an object for demonstrating their assertion and pushing-through of power and their escalation of power rather than let us go.

it was an attempt - on a not insignificant level, since the raf-state confrontation had affected society for more than 20 years - to make a formulated anchoring for fundamental political processes against the foreseeable and increasingly chaotic and brutal contradictions, at both the micro- and the macro-level, of everyone being against everyone.

things which are happening today could not be predicted 3 or 4 years ago. not the rise in fascism, nor racism, nor the social collapse. nothing. everyone was so happy when the "new world order" broke out. today, no one gets past the point of seeing the attempt as pointless.

if things today have come to the point with this state- creation, this short-term regroupment, so that they think that they can just plough under the harvests of the past 2 years and point a pistol at everyone's chest and call on them to disavow "armed struggle", then i can answer immediately: i will no longer take the political position that i have represented for the past few years. today, it's no longer even a position. the possibility which arose during the break [the cease-fire -trans.] seems to have been lost. armed actions and militancy will simply be found in various political and social confrontations, in all possible forms. it doesn't matter what the raf and the prisoners say. and in many instances, i would see that as a good thing. nonetheless, i'll be damned if i'll ever "swore off" armed struggle.

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