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### 1. Changes in legislation / governmental actions for the period

In North-Rhine Westfalia the state parliament decided there will be **special statistics report on islamophobic crimes** in the future to better cope with this type of hate crimes. Until now there are only special statistics on anti-semitic and homophobic incidents<sup>1</sup>.

In Hessen a Neonazi-comradship managed to get a official club status, which brings them a lot of advantages. The department of the interior of Hessen inspects now whether the club **"Sturm 18 e.V.**" can be forbidden<sup>2</sup>.

Bavaria has forbidden the brutal and complex Neonazi-Comradship "**Freies Netz Süd**" (FNS) in July. The state also confiscated a house which was a meeting place for the right-wing extremist scene in Bavaria and Germany in Oberprex and the articles of a Neonazi-mailorder business ("Final Resistance") which was located in the house<sup>3</sup>.

Because at several Pro -Palestinian demonstrations in German cities turned into forums for anti-Semitism, several German politicians call for solidarity with Israel and the fight against anti-Semitism, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU)<sup>4</sup> and foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier (SPD)<sup>5</sup>.

### 2. Xenophobia

There were quite a lot of racist incidents in Germany in connection to **the FIFA-World Championship 2014**. At least four persons were attacked and hurt for racist reasons visiting public viewing events or just walking on the street afterwards (incidents under point 3. Hate Crimes). There were a lot of racist postings on Twitter and Facebook, and a lot of incidents were reported from all over Germany where people used the "celebration" of football to express their nationalism, patriotism, right-wing extremism and hatred against other through racist, neo-Nazi or even national socialist slogans, flags, T-Shirts and so on<sup>6</sup>. When the German soccer team celebrated their victory at the Brandenburg Gate, they mock on the

3 http://www.br.de/nachrichten/oberfranken/inhalt/verbot-freies-netz-sued-freistaat-100.html, http://www.muenchen.tv/freies-netz-sued-innenministerium-verbietet-neonazi-organisation-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.tagesspiegel.de/politik/islamhass-gewalttaten-gegen-muslime-sollen-gesondert-erfasst-werden/10171102.html

<sup>2</sup> http://www.sz-online.de/nachrichten/neonazis-im-vereinsregister-2887097.html, http://www.fr-online.de/rhein-main/-sturm-18--minister-prueft-verbot-von-neonazi-verein,1472796,27906258.html, http://www.fr-online.de/rhein-main/rechtsextremismus-in-hessen-fragen-zu-neonazis,1472796,27980442.html

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<sup>4</sup> http://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/article/view/id/20163

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://www.rtl.de/cms/news/rtl-aktuell/steinmeier-warnt-vor-zunehmendem-antisemitismus-in-deutschland-3fbbd-5f19-10-2037619.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> To see all, visit: <u>http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/fu%C3%9Fball-wm-woche-1-party-patriotismus-fordert-erstes-opfer-nidda-9528, http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/fifa-wm-woche-2-blackface-und-andere-scheu%C3%9Flichkeiten-9542, http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/fifa-wm-woche-3-reichsflaggenjubel-twitter-rassismus-und-der-hakenkreuz-cannabis-papst-9559, http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/fifa-wm-woche-3-reichsflaggenjubel-twitter-rassismus-und-der-hakenkreuz-cannabis-papst-9559, http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/fifa-wm-woche-4-%C3%BCberlegenheitsfantasien-nazi-vergleiche-und-kritik-der-fifa-9577, http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/rassismus-und-aggressiver-patriotismus-zum-wm-finale-9582</u>

team from Argentina with a "Gaucho Dance". This leads to a big discussion all over Germany about fairness and discrimination in sport<sup>7</sup>.

On August 31th there where **state elections in Saxony**, in September there will be state elections in Thuringia and Brandenburg. Therefore, the right-wing extremist NPD was electioneering in July and August, trying to get some interest from the society. To talk to pupils and young people, the right-wing extremists invented a mascot, a deer unintentionally looking like a brown pig, who went without permission into schools to spread the racism of the NPD, before he was stopped some days after his first appearance<sup>8</sup>.

In other places the NPD showed presence on market places in smaller cities, usually accompanies by loud protest of the civil society of this places<sup>9</sup>. Another important theme of the pre-election was for the NPD racist propaganda against refugees with which the Neo-Nazis tried to address racist resentments in the main society. In the end, the NPD wasn't successful: They got 4,95 Percent of the votes and lost their seats in the parliament of Saxony, which means a great loss of money and influence. The NPD was in the Saxony parliament for 10 years. Now the NPD is only still in one state parliament in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. But there are still a lot of far right thinking voters in Saxony: The right-populist "Alternative für Deutschland" (AfD) got 9,7 Percent of the votes<sup>10</sup>.

The "Alternative für Deutschland " (AfD) itself uses to say that it doesn't have anything in common with right-wing extremism. But there are reports that AfD-members support NPD politics on a local level, for example in Rostock<sup>11</sup> and in Duisburg<sup>12</sup>. After the state election in Saxony some AfD-members there are found with contacts to right-wing extremist organizations or bands<sup>13</sup>.

In Munich the police reports to find an increasing number of **weapons and chemicals** which belong to right-wing extremist owners<sup>14</sup>.

Again and again the **NPD goes to court** to forbid democratic politicians to warn the public about the right-wing extremist propaganda of the party. This was the case with Germanys President of the Federation Joachim Gauck and at the moment there is a trial against the family minister Manuela Schwesig. Until now, they are absolutely unsuccessful with this strategy, but get a lot of attention<sup>15</sup>.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://www.fussball-gegen-nazis.de/beitrag/zum-gaucho-tanz-der-deutschen-nationalmannschaft-9586
 <sup>8</sup> http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/npd-nachwuchs-sucht-nach-karrierealternativen-%E2%80%93-nazi-pl%C3%BCschhirsch-s%C3%A4chsischen-schulen

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://www.mdr.de/sachsen/npd-wahlkampfauftakt100.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/die-npd-und-der-wahlbetrug-9671

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> http://www.svz.de/lokales/gadebusch-rehnaer-zeitung/afd-lehnt-npd-boykott-ab-id7035336.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> http://www.xtranews.de/2014/07/03/duisburg-aktion-fuer-deutschland-unterstuetzt-npd-fraktionsvorsitzender-kassiert-anzeige-wg-volksverhetzung/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/ein-schwieriger-start-die-afd-im-s%C3%A4chsischen-landtag-9683

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> http://www.sueddeutsche.de/muenchen/alarmierende-funde-in-muenchen-hakenkreuzwimpel-imwohnzimmer-1.2054725

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> <u>http://www.welt.de/newsticker/news2/article130395409/NPD-will-Ministerin-Schwesig-in-Karlsruhe-Maulkorb-verpassen.html, http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/deutschland/eilantrag-npd-will-manuela-schwesig-den-mund-verbieten/10229782.html, http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/npd-verklagt-manuela-schwesig-9602</u>

Every year in August there is a revisionist demonstration of Neo-Nazis at the Wincklerbad in **Bad Nenndorf** (Niedersachsen) – accompanied by counter-demonstrations of the democratic society. This year, there were 190 Neo-Nazis, but 1.000 democratic demonstrators<sup>16</sup>.

In Treuenbrietzen (Brandenburg) **nursery school teacher** and member of the conservative CDU was uncovered by a Antifa-Network: she was one of the leading members of the "Thiazi-Forum", one of the mayor german right-wing extremist networks on the internet (forbidden 2012)<sup>17</sup>.

A study of academic Markus End shows how much **antiziganism** in Germany is still supported by media coverage of the theme. TV and newspapers use racist pictures and wording when reporting on Sinti and Roma or even when reporting on antiziganism and thus enlarge the stigmatization of Sinti and Roma in Germany<sup>18</sup>.

Since the **Gaza-conflict** erupted again, Pro-Palestine-demonstrations are used to spread **open anti-Semitism** on german streets (and on the internet): And this is not only done by migrants or neo-Nazis, but shows off to be a quite big cross-front theme: You find prejudices and hatred against jews all through the society. There were even several jews attacked in German cities (incidents under point 3. Hate Crimes)<sup>19</sup>.

Right-Populists tend to say that there are more **crimes by migrants** and stoke by this fears of immigration. A new study shows: young migrants in Germany do not commit more crimes than german youngsters – but they are more often reported to the police. (<u>Spiegel</u> <u>online</u>, <u>Mediendienst Integration</u>).

In the last years the number of attacks against mosqes increased in Germany – a brutal indicator of growing islamophobia in Germany. From 2001 to 2011 there was an average of 22 attacks a year – 2012 it were 35, 2013 it were  $36^{20}$ .

## 3. Hate crimes in the period

**31.08.2014, Ingolstadt:** From a group of three men and two women, a 25-year-old Senegalese is racially abused, beaten with fists and kicked. As the victim can flee, the men

<sup>18</sup> <u>http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/antiziganismus-ein-mediales-problem-9574</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> http://www.endstation-rechts.de/news/kategorie/demonstrationen-1/artikel/bad-nenndorf-2014-buendnisse-wollen-neonazis-zum-zweiten-mal-in-folge-die-suppe-versalzen.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> http://www.rbb-online.de/politik/beitrag/2014/07/Brandenburg-Treuenbrietzen-CDU-Ruecktritt-Nicola-Brandstetter.html , http://www.pnn.de/pm/877444/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> <u>http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/polizei-justiz/gaza-demo-in-berlin-american-jewish-committee-stellt-</u> strafanzeige-wegen-volksverhetzung/10224356.html,

http://essen:%20http/www.wa.de/nachrichten/nrw/linke-jugend-demonstriert-gegen-gaza-krieg-festnahmenessen-3714730.html, http://blog.zeit.de/stoerungsmelder/2014/07/18/querfront-gegen-israel 16722,

http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/gaza-offensive-israels-botschafter-entsetzt-ueber-demo-parolen-a-982214.html

<sup>20</sup> http://www.noz.de/deutschland-welt/politik/artikel/494135/immer-mehr-ubergriffe-auf-moscheen, http://www.taz.de/Rassismus-in-Deutschland/!143245/

attack a 26-year-old Moroccan and also beat a 27-year-old German soldiers down, wanted to help the victims<sup>21</sup>.

**29.08. und 31.08.2014, Chemnitz:** The Mozambican Augusto Mendes is attacked by two men who racially abuse him and and beat him up. The only reason why he was not seriously injured, was a 22 year old cook who helped him against the perpetrators. A few days later, on 8/31/2014, probably in revenge, the cook became a victim of right-wing violence himself<sup>22</sup>.

**27.08.2014, Luckenwalde:** In the refugee camp Luckenwalde a window glass was broken by unknown persons<sup>23</sup>.

**26.08.2014, Frankfurt:** An employee of the "Journal Frankfurt" is abused in Frankfurt-Bockenheim on the street as "baby killer" and "dirty Jew". The police does not recommend a display - that would lead to nothing. Now he does not longer wear his yarmulke - even though it means a lot to him<sup>24</sup>.

**26.08.2014, Hannover:** Fire attack on the shell of a new refugee hostel in Hannover,, the roof catches fire<sup>25</sup>.

**25.08.2014, Konzell:** In Konzell unknown persons destroy the window glasses of a hotel where refugees live at the moment – on 15.08. and on  $25.08.2014^{26}$ .

**22.08.2014, Bernsdorf:** Seven men enter the room of the club Solitaer e. V., order beer without paying for it and insult the guests racist, spit on them and even attack some of them physically<sup>27</sup>.

**21.08.2014, Berlin-Schöneberg:** A 22-year-old black man is racially abused by a 53-year-old, spit on and beaten with a water bottle. (Berliner Register).

**21.08.2014, Erfurt:** The Chairman of the Foreigners' Council in Erfurt, the 52-year-old Angolan José Paca, has been racially abused in the street and threatened with a knife and a pistol<sup>28</sup>. (Thüringer Allgemeine, mdr).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> http://www.donaukurier.de/lokales/ingolstadt/Ingolstadt-Rassistischer-Uebergriff-vor-Disco;art599,2955287#plx399848679

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> <u>http://www.freiepresse.de/LOKALES/CHEMNITZ/Familienvater-im-Konkordiapark-brutal-</u> zusammengeschlagen-artikel8956568.php, <u>http://www.freiepresse.de/NACHRICHTEN/TOP-THEMA/Ein-</u> dramatischer-Einzelfall-artikel8959914.php, http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> http://www.maz-online.de/Lokales/Teltow-Flaeming/Scheibe-im-Asylbewerberheim-eingeworfen

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> http://www.journal-frankfurt.de/journal\_news/Panorama-2/Antisemitismus-in-Frankfurt-und-dann-riss-er-mirdie-Kippa-vom-Kopf-22476.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> http://jungle-world.com/artikel/2014/36/50515.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> http://www.regio-aktuell24.de/fensterscheibe-beschaedigt-fremdenfeindlicher-hintergrund-20001/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> <u>http://www.thueringer-allgemeine.de/web/zgt/leben/detail/-/specific/Vorsitzender-des-Auslaenderbeirats-in-Erfurt-attackiert-und-bedroht-1874475544#.U\_wi2tYmshM.twitter, http://www.mdr.de/thueringen/mitte-west-thueringen/angriff-paca100.html</u>

**19.08.2014, Schönbeck:** At the refugee center in Schoenbeck on one evening cars drive by several times with ten to fifteen persons inside. Five of these persons ran inside the refugee center - despite security guards - and search three Syrians. In the following conflict one of the residents was injured at his hand<sup>29</sup>.

**11.08.2014-19.08.2014, Bielefeld, Berlin:** In Bielefeld on 08.11.2014 in a mosque two Korans and a prayer rug were set on fire. The following night, flames shot out of a new mosque in Berlin Kreuzberg. 60 firefighters took an hour to extinguish the flames. On 19.08.2014 now, back in Bielefeld, the offenders increased in the early morning through the window. They piled books together, including several Korans, and set them on fire<sup>30</sup>.

**18.08.2014, Erfurt:** Three men shout several times "Sieg Heil" towards politicans of the party "The Left", show the Nazi salute and verbally abuse the politicians<sup>31</sup>.

**16.08.2014, Berlin-Kreuzberg:** In Berlin-Kreuzberg a 25-year-old neo-Nazi was arrested after he insulted a Turk and then showed him a swastika tattooed on his bare chest<sup>32</sup>.

**15.08.2014, Potsdam:** Two young men attack in Potsdam a handicapped 70-year-old resident of a refugee home. The 30-year-old men injured the woman from Russia with punches and kicks<sup>33</sup>.

**12.08.2014, Berlin-Kreuzberg:** The fire in the Mevlana Mosque in Berlin-Kreuzberg was set on fire intentionally, say the police after investigastions. It was an arson attack. The background is still unclear<sup>34</sup>.

**12.08.2014, Traunreut:** A young asylum seeker is stung by an unknown man with a sharp object in the left forearm without any reason<sup>35</sup>.

**11.08.2014, Woldegk:** In a supermarket in Woldegk a stranger threatens a black youth by showing him his tattooed swastika on the neck<sup>36</sup>.

**10.08.2014, Sondershausen:** On the night of Sunday, unknown persons desecrated the Jewish cemetery in Sondershausen. A grave stone was overturned, a fence destroyed<sup>37</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> http://www.mz-web.de/mitteldeutschland/unbekannte-dringen-in-asylbewerberheimein,20641266,28185198.html

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> http://www.zeit.de/gesellschaft/zeitgeschehen/2014-08/moscheen-anschlaege-islamfeindlichkeit-ignoranz
 <sup>31</sup> http://www.thueringer-allgemeine.de/startseite/detail/-/specific/Sieg-Heil-Rufe-bei-Linke-Wahlstand-in-Erfurt-238976749

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> http://www.morgenpost.de/berlin/polizeibericht/article131303860/Neonazi-festgenommen.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> http://jungle-world.com/artikel/2014/35/50492.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/feuer-in-berlin-kreuzberg-brand-in-mevlana-moschee-war-anschlag/10612880.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> http://www.traunsteiner-tagblatt.de/home\_artikel,-Asylbewerber-verletzt-\_arid,154240.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> http://www.nordkurier.de/polizeiticker/unbekannter-droht-farbigem-kind-mit-taetowiertem-hakenkreuz-149037908.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> http://www.thueringer-allgemeine.de/startseite/detail/-/specific/Juedischer-Friedhof-in-Sondershausen-geschaendet-1142021966

03.08.2014, Reutlingen: In the night from Saturday to Sunday ten neo-Nazis stand in front of the flat of a member of the party "The Left" and shout slogans like "Sieg Heil" and threaten him<sup>38</sup>.

30.07.2014, Neuenkirchen: In Neuenkirchen two men empty cans of beer above the head of a 17-year-olds student. When he asks why, he is racially abused. The perpetrators throw a beer bottle at him, but it misses the students. Then the men come up to him to box and kick the 17-vear-old<sup>39</sup>.

29.07.2014, Wuppertal: Arson attack on the Neue Bergische synagogue in Wuppertal-Barmen: Three persons threw several Molotov cocktails into the entrance of the synagogue<sup>40</sup>.

29.07.2014, Dresden: A group of four men rang an apartment door in Dresden and invaded, as the 35-year-old resident opened the door. She and a 29-year-old guest were racially abused and beaten up<sup>41</sup> (addn.me, RAA Sachsen).

29.07.2014, Berlin: A 52-year-old man was in Berlin-Neukölln beaten with an object on the head that he suffered a laceration, while racially abused<sup>42</sup>.

29.07.2014, Saalfeld: In a racist attack in Saalfeld a teenager was injured. The 15-year-old was initially approached by a drunken 30-year-old who asked him on his skin color. Later the 15-year-old was beaten by the man in a parking lot. Three friends of him where also injured when they tried to help the victim<sup>43</sup>.

28.07.2014, Bad Nenndorf: Unknown persons smeared a Jewish memorial with swastikas few days before an annual revisionist Neo-Nazi-demo in Bad Nenndorf took place<sup>44</sup>.

**26.07.2014**, Dresden: On Saturday evening a 27-year-old man insulted in the tram a 16year-old girl and her 43-year-old father because of the headscarf of the young woman. He struck the father and also a passer-by who tried to help<sup>45</sup>.

26.07.2014, Schwarzenberg: About three o'clock in the morning 10 neo-Nazis, armed with iron bars and baseball bats, gathered before a left housing project in the city of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> http://www.swp.de/reutlingen/lokales/reutlingen/Neonazis-bedrohen-linken-Aktivisten;art5674,2737458 <sup>39</sup> http://www.mv-online.de/Region-Rheine/Neuenkirchen/1677269-Schueler-erleidet-Handbruch-und-

Prellungen-am-ganzen-Koerper-Polizeipraesidium-Muenster-ermittelt-Fremdenhass-17-Jaehriger-wird-beleidigtund-schwer-verpruegelt

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> http://www.derwesten.de/region/18-jaehriger-wirft-molotow-cocktails-auf-synagoge-in-wuppertalid9645020.html#plx526230108

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> https://www.addn.me/nazis/verletzte-nach-rassistischem-ueberfall/, http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> http://www.welt.de/newsticker/dpa\_nt/regioline\_nt/berlinbrandenburg\_nt/article130684769/Polizeiermittelt.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> http://ww.e110.de-wertsachen.e110.de-wwww.e110.de/index.cfm?event=page.detail&id=75552

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> http://www.abendblatt.de/region/article130648656/Hakenkreuze-auf-juedischem-Mahnmal-vor-Neonazi-Aufmarsch.html <sup>45</sup> http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

Schwarzenberg and insult the residents. When the residents called the police, the neo-Nazis withdrew<sup>46</sup>.

**25.07.2014, Berlin-Plötzensee:** A 35-year-old man from Cameroon drowned in outdoor swimming area in Berlin-Plötzensee. Mike Z., lifeguard of the swimming area, had not intervened, even though he had been asked for help. Z. was in his past NPD and Comradeship member, but claims to have left the neo-Nazi-scene years ago. At the moment there are investigations against him because he rendered assistance, but racism as a motif to do so is not mentioned<sup>47</sup>.

**24.07.2014, Berlin:** Within a few days it happened for the second time that a man was attacked because he was wearing a yarmulke. He was beaten, lost his glasses and escaped in a synagogue<sup>48</sup>.

**24.07.2014, Herne:** In Herne unknowns have destroyed the construction fence at the Shoah Memorial and cast a concrete base of the fence on the memorial. It is clearly damaged - already for the fourth time in this year. In Gelsenkirchen unknown persons threw a manhole cover through a window of the synagogue<sup>49</sup>.

**23.07.2014, Frankfurt:** Unknown persons throw a full beer bottle into the bathroom window of a well-known Frankfurt Jewish. When the woman wonders aloud, "What are you doing" someone calls in as a response "Jewish pig"<sup>50</sup>.

**19.-20.07.2014, Hannover, Göttingen, Berlin:** At the weekend there were in several German demonstrations against the Israeli military action in Gaza. In Hannover and Göttingen pro-Israel demonstrators were attacked. In Hannover, pro-Israel demonstrators were attacked with kicks. Also in Göttingen there were physical confrontations. Participants in the demonstration attacked a counter-rally. In Berlin, a passerby was insulted anti-Semitic at a pro-Palestinian demonstration on Saturday. A physical attack was prevented by the police<sup>51</sup>.

**17.07.2014, Krugsdorf:** In Pomerania a 32-year-old woman insults young tourists from Berlin in a racist way and attacks them with stones<sup>52</sup>.

**14.07.2014, Löbau:** During a rally of the NPD in Löbau a counter-demonstrator was hit in the face by a participant of the NPD rally.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> http://www.berlinonline.de/nachrichten/wedding/tod-von-anneck-e-53856

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/polizei-justiz/antisemitismus-in-berlin-charlottenburg-18-jaehriger-offenbar-wegen-kippa-geschlagen/10253640.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> http://www.derwesten.de/region/rhein\_ruhr/antisemitismus-viele-juden-in-nrw-fuehlen-sich-bedroht-id9631979.html#plx178044254

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> http://www.fr-online.de/frankfurt/antisemitismus-anschlag-auf-juedin,1472798,27999118.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> <u>http://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article130361852/Demonstranten-in-Berlin-greifen-israelisches-Paar-an.html, http://www.tagesschau.de/inland/israel-angriffe-demonstrationen-100.html,</u>

https://www.taz.de/Antisemitismus-auf-Pro-Gaza-Demos/!142761/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> http://www.e110.de/index.cfm?event=page.detail&cid=2&fkcid=1&id=75350

**13.07.2014**, **Jena:** During the World Cup final match a visitor to the JG-Stadtmitte in Jena was insulted homophobic by a fan of the German team and afterwards slapped in the face<sup>54</sup>.

**13.07.2014, Jena:** On Sunday morning several guests were attacked by three neo-Nazis after a concert in the JG-center in Jena. One victim had to be hospitalized<sup>55</sup>.

**12.07.2014, Gardelegen:** In Gardelegen 15 right-wing extremists threaten a landlady as she wanted to close her pub<sup>56</sup>.

**12.07.2014, Burg:** In Burg the police were alerted by citizens because out of a neighboring apartment they heared neo-Nazi music. When the police tried to end the party with seven guests, the officer was attacked an beaten in the face<sup>57</sup>.

**12.07.2014, Bremen:** In Bremen escalated a Gaza demo in anti-Semitic slogans and violence. A journalist was harassed and shoved, a passerby suffers a punch in the face<sup>58</sup>.

**11.07.2014, Jena:** On the afternoon of 11.07.2014 in Jena two people were racially abused and attacked<sup>59</sup>.

**11.07.2014, Weiden:** A 16-year-old student jumped from the third floor of the Business School in the early morning. He succumbed to his injuries in hospital. According to police, the motive was unclear. From student circles, however, was to hear that the young person was often bullied because of his foreign origin<sup>60</sup>.

**07.07.2014, Berlin:** On Monday afternoon, a 67-year-old man was attacked by two men, insulted anti-Semitically and he was punched in the face. As the 67-year-old told police he wore in the attack a cap with a Star of David, which was also the cause of the dispute<sup>61</sup>.

**06.07.2014, Kelsterbach:** A 30-year-old insulted a member of the Security Service of the Deutsche Bahn in a racist way and punches him<sup>62</sup>.

**05.07.2014, Berlin-Lichtenberg:** A 33-year old car driver attacks two men from Libanon out of racist motivation with an axe. While the first victim managed to escape with his car, the perpetrator attacked a second man who could only be saved by the police<sup>63</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> http://www.raa-sachsen.de/chronik.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> http://www.ezra.de/chronik/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> http://www.mz-web.de/mitteldeutschland/neonazis-in-burg-und-gardelegen-rechte-party-endet-mit-faustschlag-gegen-polizisten,20641266,27801740.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> http://www.mz-web.de/mitteldeutschland/neonazis-in-burg-und-gardelegen-rechte-party-endet-mit-faustschlag-gegen-polizisten,20641266,27801740.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> http://www.taz.de/Eskalation-bei-Demo-in-Bremen/!142364/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> http://www.ezra.de/chronik/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> http://www.otv.de/weiden-16-jaehriger-schueler-springt-aus-drittem-fenster-und-schwebt-in-lebensgefahr-128473/#.U75jrJR\_t4j

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> http://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/polizei-justiz/berlin-tiergarten-rentner-bei-antisemitischem-uebergriff-verletzt/10167038.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> http://www.echo-online.de/region/polizeimeldungen/Polizei;art6510,5201651

**05.07.2014, Neumünster:** For the fifth time in the last two years there was an attack on the office of the party "The Left" in Neumünster. The office window was smashed with a concrete slab<sup>64</sup>.

**04.07.2014**, **Aachen:** After the World Cup match between Germany and France on 07.04.2014 Nazis have attacked a pub in which an anti-fascist activists had fled. He had previously told police cops that nearby Nazi hooligans showed the Nazi salute in front of a pub. About 50 neo-Nazis persecuted him and injured guests of the pub, in which the activists had fled<sup>65</sup>.

**01.07.2014, Brandenburg an der Havel:** During a public viewing of the World Cup match between Germany and Algeria several Neonazis shout slogans like "Sieg Heil" and "Heil Hitler". A courageous 26-year-old calls on the neo-Nazis, not to do so. When leaving the venue he was attacked by at least four perpetrators, beaten and kicked lying on the ground<sup>66</sup>.

# 3. Misuse of anti-extremism , anti-discrimination and anti-defamations legislations for the period

None.

# 5. Statements and actions (both domestically and abroad ) of the authorities , the media, political and religious organizations, representatives of civil society against neo-Nazism, radical nationalism and xenophobia

YouTube launches – together with the Amadeu Antonio Foundation and other NGOs – for the fourth time their annual video-competition "361 degrees against mobbing and discrimination" against Right-wing extremism, racism and other group-focused enmities<sup>67</sup>.

Hackers manipulate the website of the right-wing extremist party NPD. It says for hours: "Kein Mensch ist illegal", a popular german slogan against the discrimination of refugees<sup>68</sup>.

During their pre-election campaigns in Saxony, Thuringia and Brandenburg, the NPD focused on inciting hatred against asylum seekers. Fortunately, a lot of residents protested against this effort<sup>69</sup>.

2122444.html, http://www.gulli.com/news/24135-partei-webseite-geknackt-hacker-macht-sich-ueber-npd-lustig-2014-07-08

<sup>69</sup> <u>http://www.svz.de/lokales/buetzower-zeitung/buetzow-zeigt-sich-bunt-und-tolerant-id7203356.html</u>,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> http://www.berliner-register.de/chronik/lichtenberg-hohensch%C3%B6nhausen

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> http://www.beranet-sh.de/index.php/id-2014.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> http://www.taz.de/Ueberfall-von-Rechtsextremen-in-NRW/!141938/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> http://www.opferperspektive.de/rechte-angriffe/chronologie-rechter-angriffe/brandenburg-an-der-havel 67 http://www.netz-gegen-nazis.de/artikel/361-grad-gegen-mobbing-und-ausgrenzung-jetzt-f%C3%BCr-videoworkshops-bewerben-9571

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> <u>http://www.stern.de/politik/deutschland/webseite-gehackt-und-ploetzlich-mag-die-npd-sinti-und-roma-</u>

http://www.endstation-rechts.de/news/kategorie/demonstrationen-1/artikel/buergerdemo-in-buetzow-ohne-npd-geht-nichts.html

In Bad Nenndorf 190 Neonazis do a revisionistic demonstration – countered by 1.000 demonstrants for democracy. Actions included a demonstration, a sports festival and an ecumenical service<sup>70</sup>.

#### 6. Conclusion for the Period

After ten years, the NPD didn't manage to stay in the parliament of Saxony. This is a relief and weakens the NPD all over Germany, because that means that the NPD loses 1,4 million Euro, approximately 40 jobs for their supporters and the possibility to spread their hatred in the publicity of the parliament. On the other hand, their neo-Nazi supporters will not disappear. The strict ones return to underground organizations, the moderate ones changed to the right-wing populist AfD, which gained 9,7 percent of the votes in Saxony and will definitively influence the politics in Saxony in right-populist, islamophobic, homophobic way, also promoting a strong Law-and-Order-mentality. This is still very problematic for a democratic society.

For almost a year now neo-Nazis and NPD focus on the theme of asylum seekers to spread racism, addressing prejudices which seem to be still in the heads of large numbers of the population in Germany. Unfortunately, this also vents itself in a growing number of threatening, attacks and violence, even against children and old, disabled persons. This is a thread to human rights in Germany.

Through the demonstrations on the Gaza Conflict a degree of anti -Semitic attitudes in Germany is visible once again which beforehand not even pessimists would have considered possible - and this extends from the left of the political spectrum over the middle to the right-wing spectrum, is found equally within migrant and native communities - an unholy alliance of conspiracy and anti-Semitic hatred.

 $<sup>70\</sup> http://www.ndr.de/nachrichten/niedersachsen/hannover\_weser-leinegebiet/1000-Bad-Nenndorfer-gegen-190-Neonazis, badnenndorf604.html$