

## **Coalition against Transnational Repression in Germany**

### Mission Statement

We are a coalition of German human rights and diaspora organizations that aim to **raise awareness about the threat of transnational repression** (TNR) and its impact on human rights, freedom and security in Germany.

Growing authoritarianism worldwide is forcing more and more critical voices, dissidents, human rights defenders, members of persecuted peoples and journalists into exile. Germany is an important harbor for members of these groups. Open criticism, networking within the diaspora and outreach in the regions of origin makes them a target for authoritarian regimes and their supporters. In Germany, too, critical voices and members of threatened peoples are subjected to repression from their countries of origin.

Our coalition defines TNR as a strategy employed by **foreign governments reaching across borders to intimidate, silence, or harm members of diaspora and exile communities in order to prevent them from exercising their human rights** as defined in the German Basic Law. TNR includes physical and digital attacks, stalking, surveillance, obstructing mobility, coercing people back to their home countries, and threats from afar such as coercion by proxy. Some threats may be punishable under German criminal law, while in many cases attacks are purposefully conducted below the threshold of criminal liability. It is many times obvious that they originate from state actors, but often difficult to prove in court. Important contact points, such as law enforcement agencies, lack experience with transnational repression. This makes it difficult to acknowledge, understand, persecute and counteract TNR in Germany.

The coalition is committed to promoting a better understanding of the phenomenon, protection and support for those affected and to raising awareness among society, politics, security authorities and administration. To promote these goals, the Coalition provides a space for affected people and civil society organizations to exchange ideas, carries out public relations and networking work and engages in joint advocacy work.

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### **Tibet Initiative Deutschland e.V.**

Since 1989, the Tibet Initiative Deutschland (TID) has been advocating for the Tibetan people's right to self-determination and the protection of human rights in Tibet. In recent years, TID has increasingly been campaigning against China's influence in Germany. We have about 1,500 members and 50 regional volunteer chapters throughout the country.

### **Mikroskop Media**

Mikroskop Media is an Azerbaijani exiled media currently based in Berlin, Germany. It was launched in February 2018 by exiled journalists Fatima Karimova and Javid Abdullayev. Mikroskop Media covers investigative stories, fact-checking materials, explanatory videos, monitoring and infographics. Since 2021 the English version of it has also been active.

### **Journalisten und Anwälte für Meinungsfreiheit (JAM) e.V.**

JAM e.V. was established in Berlin to support free speech and journalism in exile. We are working to support media professionals in exile in the best way can including offering legal support, professional training, opportunities for integration with host county media as well as conducting advocacy against threats from home governments and against populist propaganda.

### **veto! Human Rights Defenders' Network - Deutsche Sektion e.V.**

veto! was founded in 2014 and is based in Germany. veto! aims at protecting human rights defenders. We advocate for the release of imprisoned human rights defenders and support them to continue their human rights work in exile.

### **Law and Democracy Support Foundation (LDSF) e.V.**

Non-profit organization based in Berlin, dedicated to supporting the rule of law, upholding human rights, and defending freedom of opinion and expression. It actively promotes the freedoms of assembly and peaceful protest while striving to combat impunity. It also advocates for democratic transition in Egypt and the Middle East through raising awareness, exposing human rights violations, and enhancing the legislative framework governing rights and freedoms.

### **Freiheit für Hongkong e.V.**

Freiheit für Hongkong e.V. (Freedom for Hong Kong Association) is a registered charitable non-government organization based in Berlin. It was founded in 2022 by activists from Hong Kong and Germany in response to the continual deterioration of the human rights situation in Hong Kong. Our mission is to strive for a free and democratic Hong Kong.

### **MangMang Magazine**

MangMang is an independent diaspora media based in Europe. It was founded in 2022 by members of the Chinese diaspora living in Germany after the Blank Paper Movement. We aim to provide uncensored information and articles in Chinese language. Since 2022, MangMang has been a platform for sharing uncensored perspectives of overseas Chinese youth, from personal stories to reflections on and responses to public issues. MangMang focuses on social movements, human rights issues and gender issues related to China, and is committed to providing space for young Chinese activists to express themselves openly and freely.

### **Reporter ohne Grenzen e.V. (RSF)**

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) is an international NGO defending media freedom since 1985. RSF has 14 offices worldwide, a network of correspondents in 130 countries and consultative status with the United Nations. In 1994, RSF Germany was founded as the German section of the organisation, based in Berlin.

### **Belarusische Gemeinschaft Razam e.V.**

The Belarusian community RAZAM e.V. was officially founded on 9 August 2020. Razam promotes the representation of the interests of the Belarusian diaspora in Germany, including the Belarusian language and culture. It aims at making Belarus visible to the German and European public and engages in strong advocacy for a democratic Belarus. Razam actively supports and provides assistance to victims of repression, including political prisoners.

### **World Uyghur Congress (WUC)**

Founded in 2004 in Germany, the WUC represents Uyghur interests globally, advocating their rights through peaceful, democratic means for East Turkistan's future. WUC coordinates worldwide Uyghur groups and collaborates with various partners, promoting Uyghur human rights, religious freedom, and democracy on national and international platforms, including the UN and EU. It actively engages in advocacy campaigns, submits reports, and organizes events to highlight Uyghur issues.

### **Verein der Tibeter in Deutschland e.V.**

On 29 December, the Association of Tibetans in Germany was founded in Hennef near Bonn by Tibetans living in Germany. The safeguarding and enhancement of Tibetan language and culture, as pillars of national identity, are key aspects of the association's mission. This encompasses various activities, including Tibetan language classes and cultural programs for children. Another aspect of the association's work is its dedicated involvement in the international Tibet movement. The Association of Tibetans in Germany maintains close relations with international Tibetan organizations and various national and international support groups. It is actively engaged in meetings and collaborates in the planning and execution of political campaigns.