

*Schools in German capital
ordered to distribute leaflets
describing 1948 Nakba as myth*



Berlin, February 24 (RHC)-- Germany's leading Social Democratic Party (SPD) – German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's party – and the opposition Christian Democratic Party (CDU) have asked high schools in Berlin's borough of Neukolln to distribute brochures titled "The Myth of Israel #1948", the London-based Middle East Eye website said in a report on Friday.

The report cited a motion that was passed during a public meeting of the borough's council on Wednesday stating that "the district office is asked to advocate the use of the brochure 'Myths#Israel1948' in Neukolln's secondary schools to confront existing anti-Semitic narratives within the educational framework of the school."

"The expanded definition of anti-Semitism of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) and the German government should also be communicated," the motion further read.

More than 750,000 Palestinians were forcibly removed from their ancestral homes in Palestine and 500 villages and towns were destroyed by Zionist militias before the Israeli regime declared its illegal establishment. Palestinians are still enduring the repercussions of this catastrophe to this day. The systematic ethnic cleansing occurred between 1947 and 1949.

The incident is known among Palestinians as the Day of Nakba, or the Day of Catastrophe, and it is commemorated every year on May 15.

The leaflet distributed among high school students in Berlin's Neukolln borough flatly rejected, among others, this catastrophe as a "myth" despite the fact that ample credible evidence in favor of the occurrence of the incident are impossible to ignore.

Based on such overwhelming evidence, the United Nations, for the first time in its history, commemorated the 75th anniversary of Nakba Day back on May 15 last year.

The UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), at the time, organized a high-level special meeting.

It was presided over by the chairman of the committee, Ambassador Cheikh Niang of Senegal, and included a keynote address by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Senior UN officials and representatives of regional groups and civil societies also made statements to commemorate Nakba.

The leaflet stresses that criticism of illegal Israeli settlements is anti-Semitic

According to the report, while Germany stands out with its unwavering political and military support for Israel, the German left is split over its stance on Palestine.

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