

German police conduct raid on homes of pro-Palestinian activists



Berlin, October 1 (RHC)-- Police in Germany have raided the homes of five pro-Palestinian activists in Berlin in its latest Islamophobic move. German authorities said on Monday that the homes raided were in several locations in the German capital.

The police and public prosecutor's office announced the five men whose homes were raided are suspected of criminal offenses "through allegedly pro-Palestinian motivated activities" including publishing online posts containing "anti-semitic content."

The men -- whose mobile phones, computers, and other data storage devices were appropriated -- are aged between 18 and 40. They are accused of inciting violence through online posts, as well as an offense related to displaying symbols of organizations outlawed in Germany.

The men are under investigation to determine the authorship of social media posts and their affiliated networks in the pro-Palestinian scene since the Israeli regime launched its genocidal war on the Palestinians trapped in the besieged Gaza Strip last October.

Succumbing to the pressure of Zionist lobby, Germany has banned the oldest and leading Shia Muslim center and affiliated organizations in latest Islamophobic move. One of the suspects is also under investigation over an attack on a state politician. He allegedly threw a microphone stand at Berlin's culture minister, Joe Chialo, at the opening of a local arts center in mid-September. The 18-year-old suspect missed the minister but hit a woman instead.

More than 120 law enforcement officers were involved in the raids. German authorities in past months have been cracking down on pro-Palestinian activists, succumbing to the pressure of the powerful Zionist lobby.

In July, German police conducted an unannounced and unwarranted raid on 53 properties across the country linked to the Islamic Center Hamburg (IZH).

The raid on IZH came on the heels of German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser's statement that the Shiite center and its affiliated organizations would be banned for "pursuing radical Islamist and anti-constitutional objectives," without elaborating what she had meant by her remarks. She linked the center to the Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah, which Berlin has labeled as an unlawful "terrorist" organization. The center was also connected to "anti-semitic" propaganda.

The Islamic Center Hamburg, also known as the Imam Ali Mosque or the Blue Mosque, is a major organization of Shia Islam in Germany, founded in 1953 and opened in 1965 in the central upmarket area on the shores of the northern German city's Outer Alster Lake.

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