

# Know Your Enemy!

## Information about the security architecture and strategies against it

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*All images that show protest or resistance are for political education!*



*„The biggest security operation ever in Germany“*

(Defence of the Constitution, Police,  
Police Trade Union, Federal Criminal Investigation Department)

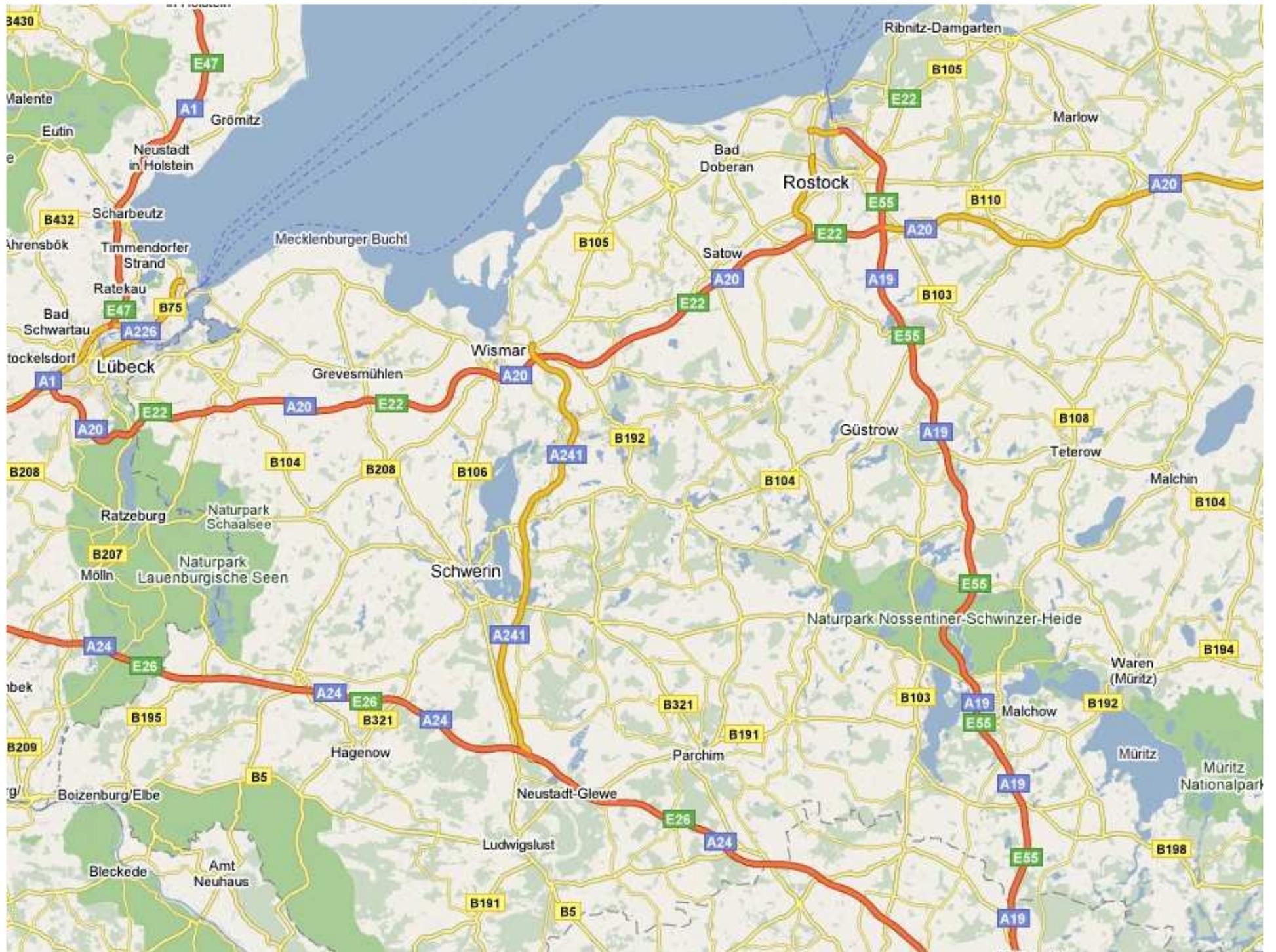




Heiligendamm

Hamburg

Berlin



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## Planned Actions (under permanent construction)

**21<sup>st</sup> May:** Convergence Center Hamburg, Berlin, Rostock

**31. Mai:** Bombodrom, Camp and beginning of the caravan of Euromarches towards Heiligendamm

**2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Big demonstration Rostock. closing rally, Concert

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Agriculture action day, Concert

**4<sup>th</sup> June:** Migration action day – actions against immigration removal centers, “foreigner’s office”, etc., demonstration Rostock

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June:** civil disobedience actions/ blockades

**6<sup>th</sup> June:** Antimilitarism action days, blockade of the military airport Rostock-Laage

**5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Alternative (counter-) summit, Rostock

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** Blockades around Heiligendamm

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** Demonstration to Heiligendamm, starting from different points: Nienhagen, Kühlungsborn, Bad Doberan, Kröpelin

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** "Music and Message": Concert Grönemeyer in Rostock

**Furthermore:** camps, bicycle caravans, samba bands, clown army, black block, Pink & Silver, big puppets, actions of church groups, UN-millennium campaign, special trains etc. etc.





**Army and navy secured sea and air space**

**„Request for support“ to the Minister of Defense  
ABC-security forces, ambulance services, Information and communication units, transport**

**“civil-military cooperation”  
(Art. 35 of the Constitution; Natural catastrophes, accidents)**

**16.000 federal police  
2.000 national police  
1.000 national criminal investigation department**

**General trainings of army, police**

**Police officers from other countries**

**Crisis committee of the Provincial Ministry of Interior**

**Collective flight operation centre of army and police**

**Special police force „Kavala“ Waldeck**

**„BAO NIPOG – non-policial defense of danger“  
Rostock (police, fire brigades, rescue services and other support services from three provinces)**

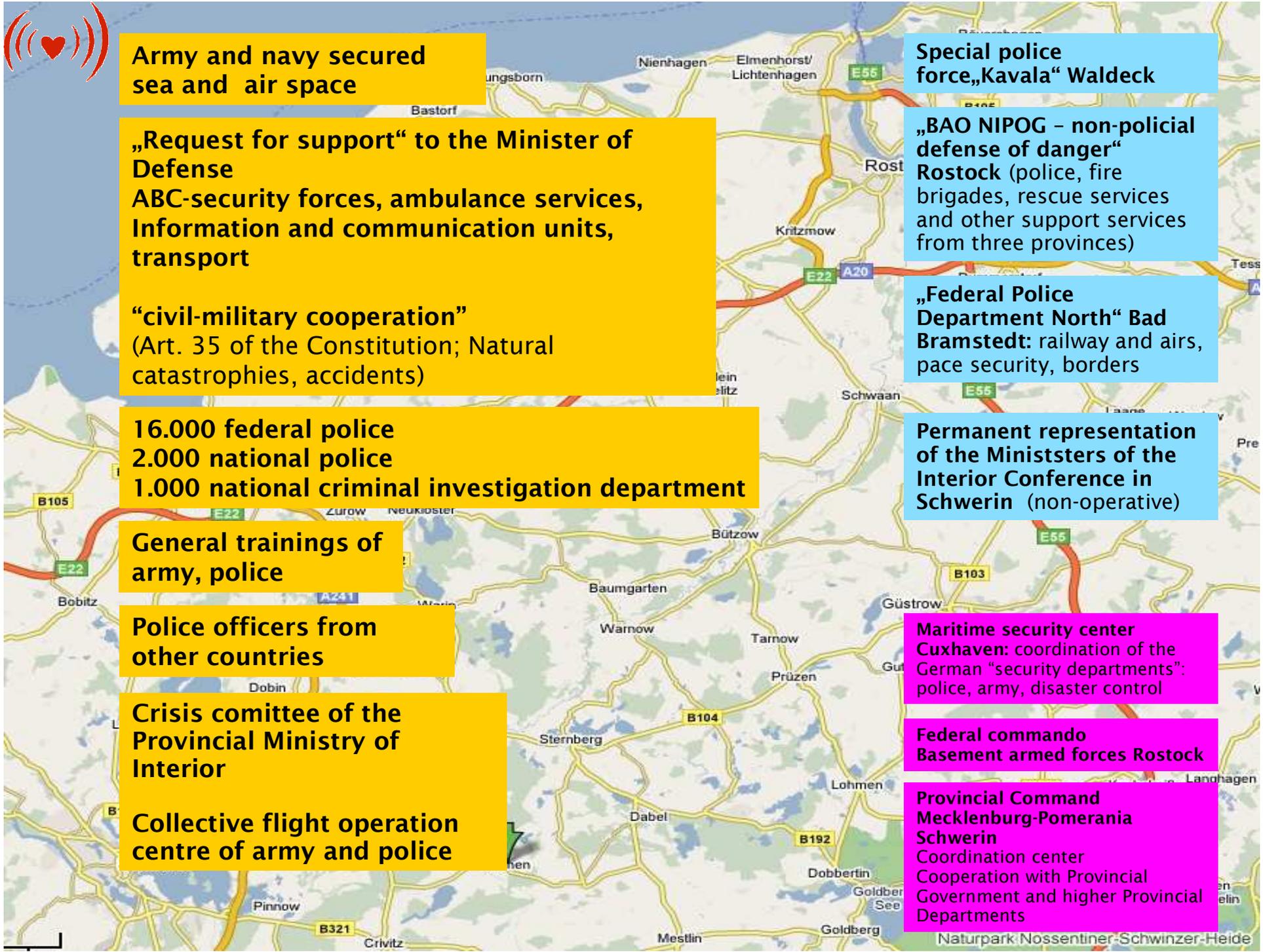
**„Federal Police Department North“ Bad Bramstedt: railway and air, pace security, borders**

**Permanent representation of the Ministers of the Interior Conference in Schwerin (non-operative)**

**Maritime security center Cuxhaven: coordination of the German “security departments”: police, army, disaster control**

**Federal commando Basement armed forces Rostock**

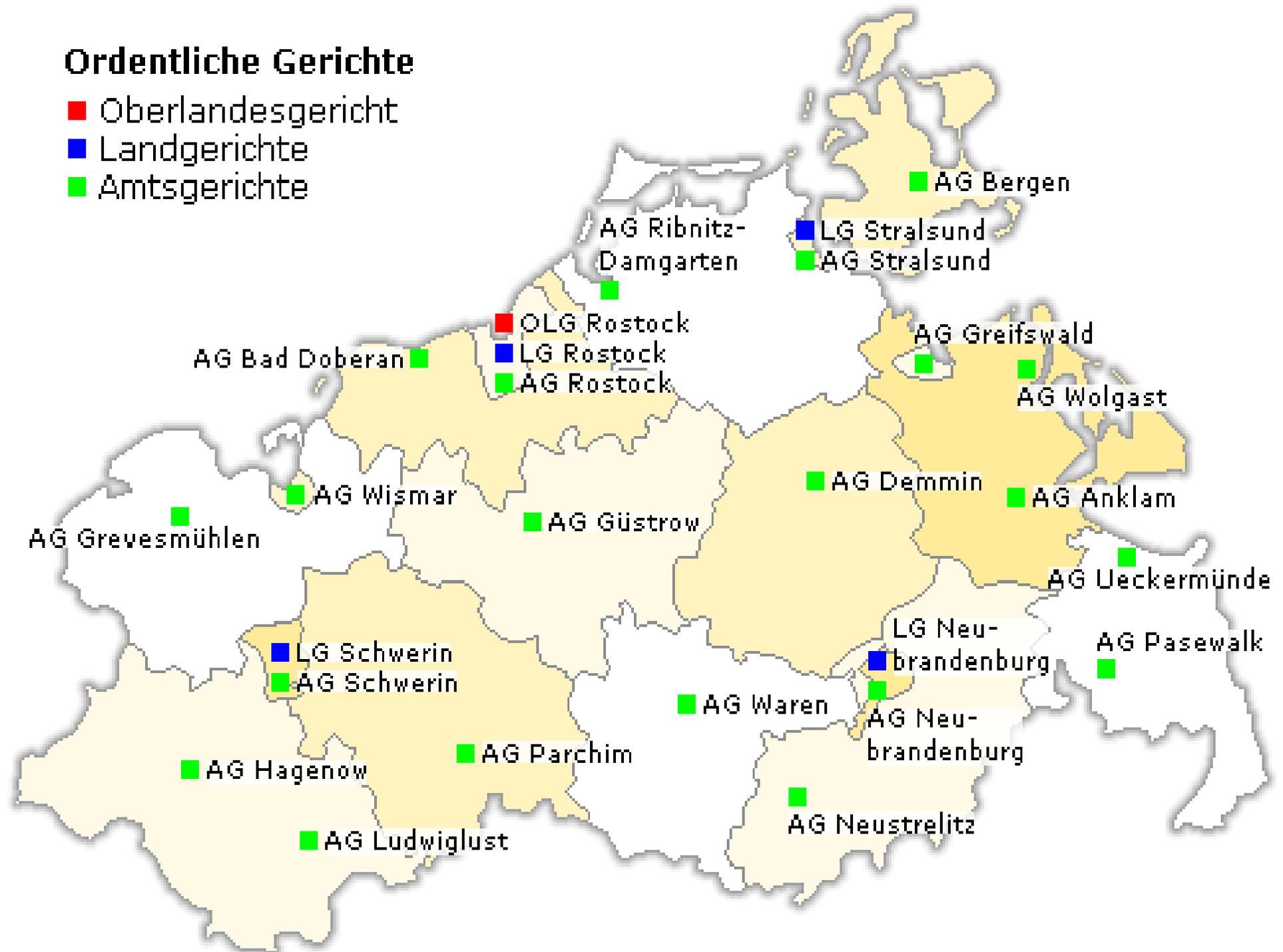
**Provincial Command Mecklenburg-Pomerania Schwerin  
Coordination center  
Cooperation with Provincial Government and higher Provincial Departments**





## Ordentliche Gerichte

- Oberlandesgericht
- Landgerichte
- Amtsgerichte





*„The technical barrier is designed to prevent people from entering the security zone.“*

*Regarding the terrorist threat and attacks by militant and violent summit protestors the barrier has a special tactical significance“.*

Police commander, „BAO Kavala“  
Knut Abramowski



*„Barrier installations, besides diminishing the necessary forces, are also meant to prevent violent groups and individuals from reaching the summit, as well as to buy time for the police forces to react and re-locate their forces to the focal points“.*

Head of the police department within the ministry of interior in Mecklenburg Pommerania, Frank Niehörster







## Technical Details:

- . 12,5 km long
- . Finished by end of April (300m per day)
- . costs: 12,5 Mio. EUR
- . roughly 1.000 € per meter
- . 500 tons of steal
- . 4.600 elements
- . each element 75 kg, 2,5m long, 2,45m broad
- . screwed together
- . screws welded together
- . cement elements 900 kg
- . fixed in the ground
- . “tunnel digging prevention“ 50cm deep
- . video cameras and movement detectors

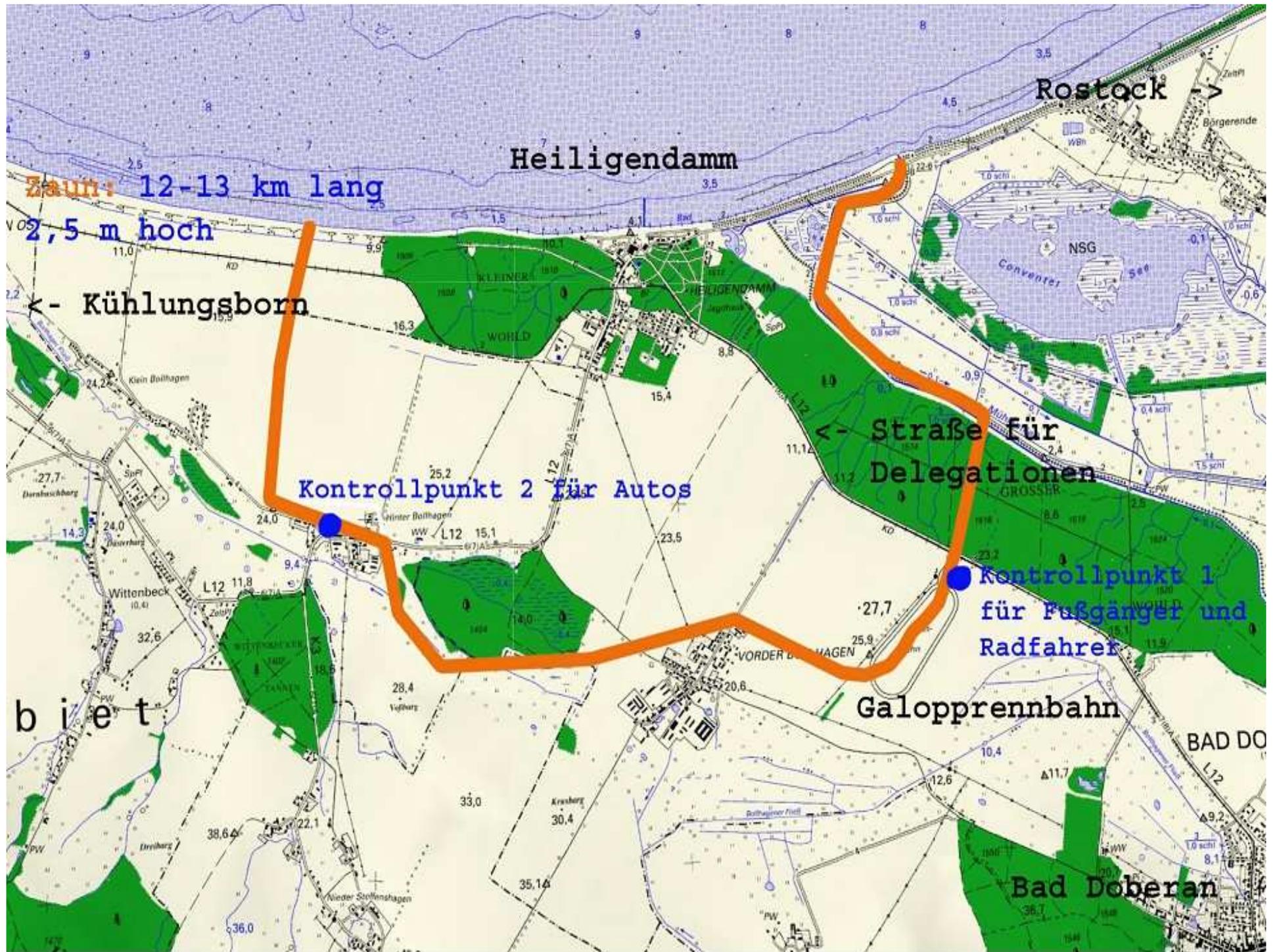


Metall-Zaun-Stahlbau GmbH & Co. KG (MZS), Bargeschagen  
[www.mzs-zaunbau.de](http://www.mzs-zaunbau.de)

## Previous attempts...

- Several ropes (Cancun)
- “give slight jolts”
- dismantle the NATO wire
- Cover with blankets, carpets, tarpaulins
- stilts
- ladders
- tree trunks
- ...





Sea side: security zone,  
military boats and submarines,  
Police at the coast

Air space surveillance (AWACS)

Inner circle: Criminal investigation police

Zaun: 12-13 km lang  
2,5 m hoch

Outer circle: national police

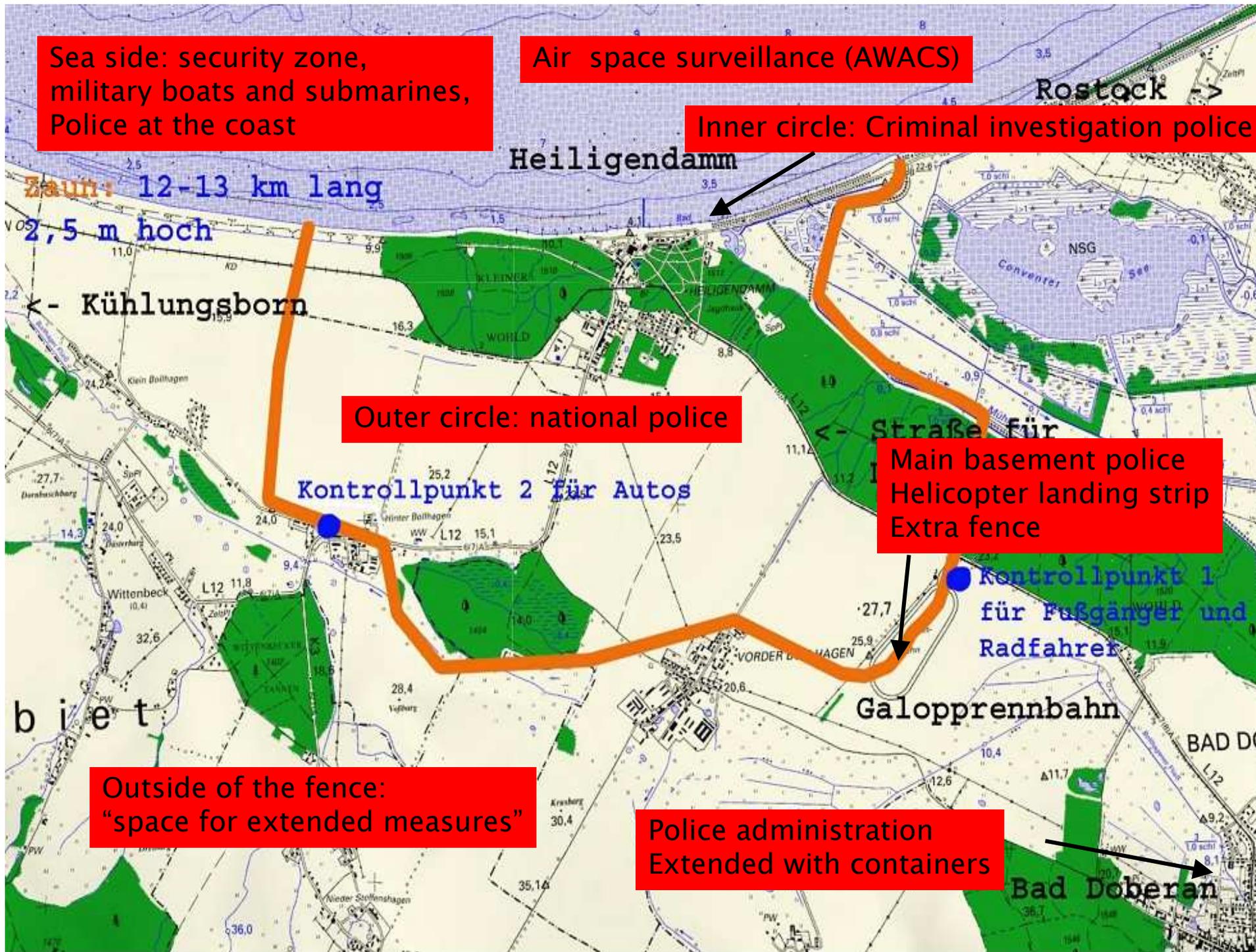
Main basement police  
Helicopter landing strip  
Extra fence

Kontrollpunkt 2 für Autos

Kontrollpunkt 1  
für Fußgänger und  
Radfahrer

Outside of the fence:  
"space for extended measures"

Police administration  
Extended with containers





## Army

(original quotes of the federal government)

- 1.100 soldiers and civil employees
- 10 mio. €
- right to defence against criminal acts against the army and the right to self-defence
- military police has military order and security tasks in military real estates
- military traffic control, security tasks
- 6.500 places for accommodation in barracks for federal police and provincial police
- 9 marine boats (6 traffic boats, 2 mini hunting boats, one min hunting boat as platform for mine divers, one frigate for air force)
- connection commando's of the army with civil staff for a fluent flow of information



One destroyer and one cruiser from the US are located in the sea at Heiligendamm during the G8 summit

Both ships participate in an international maneuver called "Baltops"

The German air forces and marines are participating



**Prohibited air space radius 50 km**

- Tornado-Jets
- Phantom-interceptors
- AWACS-resolution

**Military airport Wittmund  
(Ostfriesland), Neuburg an der  
Donau, Jagel (Schleswig Holstein)**



## **“Press contacts and publicity accompanying the operation”**

*„The aim is to inform the public long before the event about the effects of police measures“*

*“Besides the communication of a positive security atmosphere in the public we also aim to advertise understanding for the necessary police measures“.*

Head of the police department in the ministry of internal affairs MV, Frank Niehörster



## Quotes from the website of the police MV:

*Damage of persons and of private or public property during the G8 summit: basically we will charge the responsible persons*

*Police and judges prepare for quick trials against troublemakers and criminals*

[[www.polizei.mvnet.de](http://www.polizei.mvnet.de)]



## New „Law for Security and Public Order“ in MV

### Extended competences after „renewal“:

- . video surveillance of public spaces
- . automatic license-plate-recognition
- . preventive surveillance of telecommunication
- . extension of police searches based on personal data of individuals
- . compulsory blood tests
- . video documentation in police vehicles



## Excerpt from the “Chronicle of Repression“

**November 2006:**

„security conference“ SECON in Rostock with security institutions of the G8 states and EUROPOL.

President of the criminal prosecution police, Jörg Ziercke afterwards:



*· the potential of violence is not predicable. Up to 100.000 protestors from diverse political backgrounds. Terrorist attacks are not to be excluded. Collaborative anti-terror strategy: high search pressure, prevention, and international cooperation*

*· Travel bans for violent anti-globalization activists. Good experiences with travel bans during football world championships. Use of scene-competent security officers.*

*· Provincial Police responsible for security, although in close coordination with federal departments and the foreign security forces*

## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

### January 2007:

Involved “security forces” release statements: the federal and provincial minister of internal affairs, the police trade union, the conference of the provincial ministers of internal affairs (chairman: Körting, Berlin, SPD), criminal investigation police, police direction Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, the army

*“Broad, also militant campaign”, “underestimation of left extremism”, “Islamic terror”, “left-extremist perpetrator groups”, “so far unknown security requests”, “violent confrontations”, “riots”, “higher security risk than during the World championship”, “more police forces”, “blockades will be cleared immediately”*

*“In March there was the first security exercise for the coming G8 summit in Heiligendamm to train for the cooperation between security and support forces, for example during demonstrations or confrontations with militant anti-globalization activists.”*

[Oberst Manfred Pape, head of the regional commando of the German Army]



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

### January 2007:

- Raids, searches, identity checks in Munich, Erlangen, Berlin
- Charge: flyer and brochure for mobilization against NATO security conference and G8 summit (including also. for the blockades of the military airport Rostock Laage)
- Munich: security service wanted to confiscate the magazine “G8 extra”. Examining magistrate, who consented with the raids before, refuses this time: *“The call for blockades cannot be interpreted as threat of or call to a criminal act, since there are non-criminal ways of blockading, e.g. simply through the presence of a large amount of summit protestors.”*
- Authorities responsible for the defence of the constitution try to get informants surveillance of information events



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

February 2007:

- Police in Hamburg confiscate stickers in a left-wing bookstore
- “Kavala” finishes first information tour in the region about the security measures against summit protesters: “For each inhabitant there are three police officers. There will be a sufficient amount of colleagues to protect you.”
- Emergency forces and hospitals: *“Since one can anticipate heightened levels of violence we should be prepared for a mass of injured people”*



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

March 2007:

- Trade Union of the police: *“Biggest and probably most dangerous police operation since decennia”*

- Police: *“Biggest operation ever”*

- Head of the federal police Schleswig-Holstein:

- *“Force of police exceeds all previous dimensions”,  
“clearly bigger than during the football World  
Championship”*

- Criminal Investigation department: *“Heiligendamm  
high priority as potential targets for attacks“*



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

March 2007:

Exercises of police and emergency forces



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of repression“

**April 2007:**

- “BAO KAVALA” tests in an exercise technical equipment, computer, breakdown security, and cooperation between basements
- After conference of the ministers of internal affairs: “Internal security in all Northern German provinces is guaranteed despite the large-scale operations”
- “Kavala” gets double amount of police officers. In a ‘Kavala’ report the shots of Gothenburg and Genoa are blamed on the protestors



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of Repression“

### April 2007:

- Police dismantles a banner in Potsdam
- "Zero tolerance against summit anarchists". Media smear campaign in the run up to the summit, protests in Hamburg.
- Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania: telephone surveillance during protests, supported by US frigates with tapping technology
- "BAO KAVALA" is testing technical infrastructure, computers and cooperation between the different bases during maneuvers
- After the conference of the Ministers of Internal Affairs: internal security will be guaranteed in all Northern-German states, despite big-scale operations."
- „Kavala“ contingent is doubled, reaching 367 police officers. In Kavala reports the shots in Gothenburg en Genoa are blamed on the demonstrators



## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of repression“

May 2007:

- Minister of Interior Hamburg: preventive arrest in Hamburg
- Minister of Interior Germany: „preventive arrest“, “re-introduction of border controls”
- Minister of Interior Mecklenburg West-Pomerania: „Up to 10 days of preventive arrest“
- Utrecht/ NL: detention of 100 bike caravan cyclists
- Berlin special unit „information + intervention“ (disguised cops in typical activist outfit) goes to Heiligendamm
- Star march, planned for 7th of June forbidden



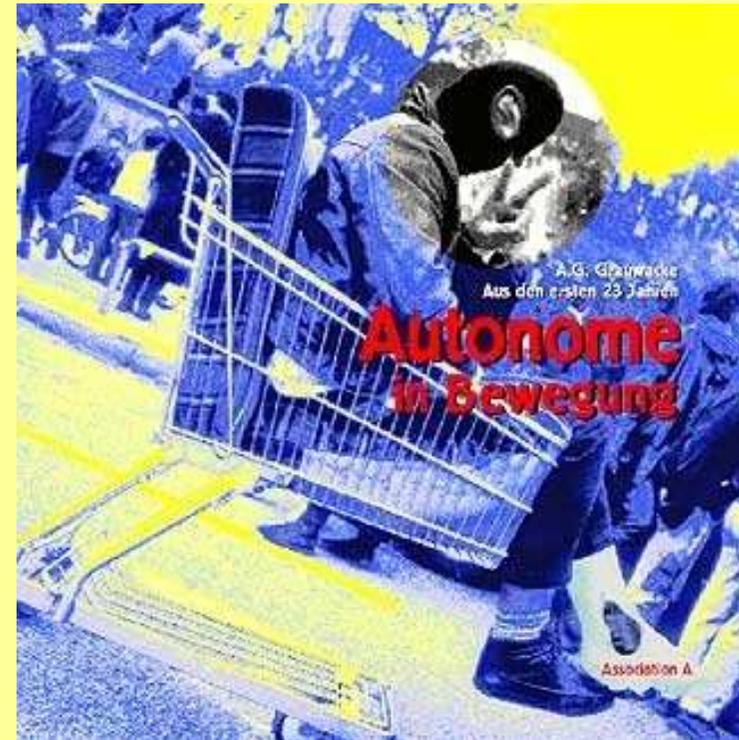
## Excerpt from the „Chronicle of repression“

May 2007:

### Fasten your seatbelt!

- 9th of May: nationwide 40 objects are searched, 9000 police forces intimidate private persons and left projects
- “Formation of a terrorist association with the goal to prevent the G8 summit”
- *“The current investigations are intended to provide evidence about the structures and personal composition of these groups and did not serve in the first place to prevent concrete attacks. For this we do not have any evidence.”*

*“We shut into the bush to see what is moving there”*





## **Castor (Nuclear Transport) and Heiligendamm**

**Christiane Röttgers, head of association department  
“Kavala”**

From Luneburg, specialized on general bans

**Alfred Tilch, head of the operation section 6 (around the  
fence in Heiligendamm)**

Famous from anti-nuclear transport protests; there he is head of the last stage, often orders his forces to use truncheons at the end of a police operation; has gotten several reports, a.o. because of encirclements



## „Architecture of Security“ (incomplete)

### Kavala

- . 367 police forces, *“Control of information about protesters, screening of violent conflict potential, assessment of the level of danger, defense of attacks”*, department for public order and public assemblies. Control over provincial police outside of the fence. Subjected to Caffier, Minister for Internal affairs of the province
- . 55 more in the “project group world economic summit” for accommodation, food, technical and logistical equipment

### Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs

- . Own “BAO”: Railway- and air space security, borders
- . Security of the state guests within the fence
- . basement in Bad Bremstedt (between Kiel and Hamburg)
- . Federal Criminal Investigation Department: security of individual persons



### Conference of the Ministers of Internal Affairs (CMI)

- . permanent representation of the CMI in Schwerin

### Army: “Maritime security center” Cuxhaven

provincial command Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania in Schwerin, army basement in Rostock, flight operation centre with police

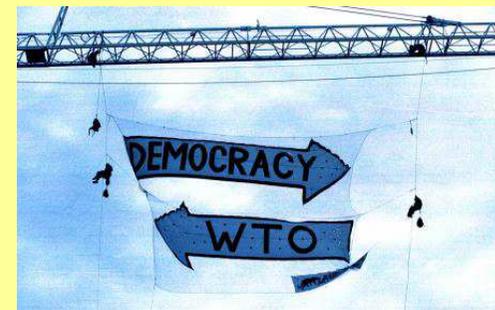
**Authorities responsible for the defense or protection of the constitution** (provincial and federal administrations)

**Federal Supreme Court Prosecutors** (investigates on the base of §129a, a law against “terrorist associations”)

**Federal Chancellery:** „Sherpa“ State secretary Pfaffenbach, Benterbusch (State council)

## G8 2007 in Heiligendamm...

- . a new peak for the movement
- . all tendencies of the political left are involved
- . huge international mobilization
- . Eastern European protest movements much more present
- . revitalization of the politics of militant attacks on property
- . police are nervous
- . so far all attempts to split the movement have failed



## Repression Against Protests

### Genoa

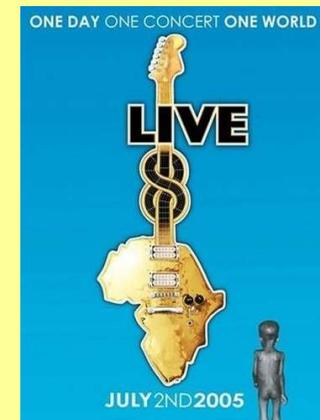
- violent repression

### St. Petersburg

- repression & symbolic cooptation (government-friendly „protest“, the only allowed assembly was the Social Forum in a stadium)

### Gleneagles

- Cooptation of civil society (welcoming the G8 summit, Live8, Make Poverty History, Iraq politics of Tony Blair)



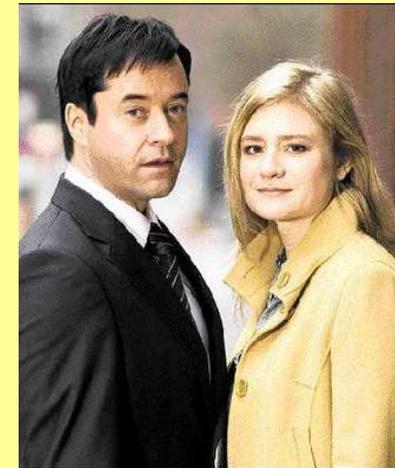
## Dealing with the Protest Against the G8...



### Cooptation

25th/ 26th April "G8-Dialogue with civil society" Forum  
Umwelt und Entwicklung/ VENRO with Federal  
Government, Bonn

Bützow-camp, Grönemeyer, Bob Geldof, Bono, Wetten  
dass...?, „The Girl in the Café“, Junior8-summit, Model G8  
etc.



### Splitting

„Rightwing- and leftwing extremists“, „riots“,  
„Vandalism“ versus alternative summit



### Media engineering

### Repression/„prevention“





## The police usually operates with ...

- . preventive controls prior to demonstrations
- . designation of “security zones”
- . arbitrary checks
- . arbitrary bans (for certain areas)
- . detention (usually maximum 48 hours)
- . snatch squads and undercover cops (also on the sidelines or at the end of demonstrations)
- . encirclement/kettles
- . truncheons, dogs, horses, clearing tanks, helicopters, water canons, colour marking spray, police in passive armament
- . chemical weapons (CS, pepper spray, sometimes mixed with water)
- . video surveillance (through special units)
- . senseless violence
- . harassment



## Means of the police in the run-up...

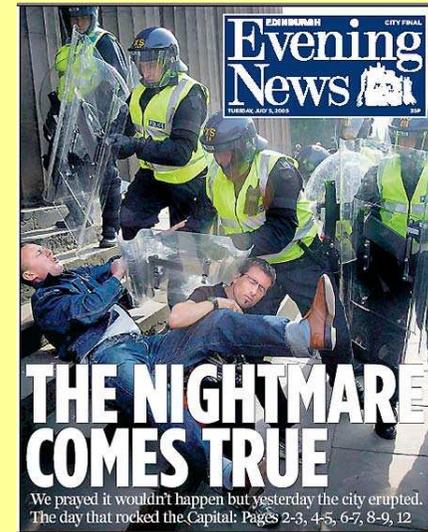
- Daily report obligations
- letters to people estimated as “dangerous“, house visits
- House searches
- Attempts to de-legitimize the protest in the media
- Infiltration and recruitment of infiltrators (provincial and federal criminal investigation department, Defence of the constitution)

## Additionally with foreign activists...

- Suspension of Schengen agreement (border controls)
- Entry refusals
- Expulsions/ deportations
- Remand custody
- bail conditions

## Typical during summit protests...

- Data exchange between police administrations
- Attempts to impede the entry of foreign protesters
- Exaggerated media reports in the run-up
- Raids of infrastructure (alternative media centre, camps, and other sleeping places)
- Blockades/ encirclement of alternative infrastructures (camp)



## Speciality of the German Police: snatch squads

- . they mostly act in formations of 6 police officers
- . 3 are trained to snatch targeted individuals out of a crowd.
- . 2 are trained to prevent other persons from interfering with the operation (press, protesters)
- . 1 police officer videotapes the event
- . snatch squads are usually disguised, sometimes supported by undercover cops. They do not carry shield
- . Photo of the targeted individual is sent to snatch squad, e.g. per mobile phone through the central operation command
- . they often mingle with the crowd during big protest events
- . they also attack protesters purposefully. This way, a big demo can be stopped or even separated. While the front part does not notice anything, the back part is blocked, encircled and detained.
- . they are often active after the end of actions in order to snatch people on their way home



**In Germany there are special rules for behaviour during demonstrations. These rules can be interpreted differently by police officers**

**It is forbidden...**

- to disguise or to take objects with you that might be used for impeding identification
- to protect oneself passively against police measures or to carry body protection, shields or gas masks with you
- to carry normal sandwich knives with you
- to carry penknives, sticks, and in Berlin even to wear boots with steel toecaps

**What is considered an insulting or criminal badge often depends on the individual police officer. If one of the forbidden objects are found during preventive controls, this can result in immediate detention.**

**For every demonstration there are conditions determined by the police, that even may arrange the length of banners and banner sticks.**



## Counter strategies of the past...

- . trauma work
- . affinity group training
- . direct action
- . forming chains in demos (against snatch squads)
- . side banners (against snatch squads)
- . avoid encirclement
- . Solidarity within demo, stop when there are assaults of the police
- . Blockade police vehicles
- . Rebel Clown Army
- . disguise your face (sun glasses, colour, scarf, banners, beard, red nose)
- . making a record of events (as soon as possible!)
- . care for injured people
- . make police feel insecure



## In the case of an arrest...

- only give the obliged details: name, first name, date and place of birth, address (where registered)
- don't agree to talks - refuse to give evidence!
- say that you do not consent to identification measures (including DNA tests)
- never cooperate actively, do not sign anything
- tell fellow detainees about their rights. Never speak about actions (danger of informants and bugging systems)

## Insist on your right to...

- medical treatment when having been injured
- phone call with lawyer/ legal team
- translators
- toilets
- food, drinks
- blanket, mats etc. during longer stays in encirclements and prisons
- being body-checked by same-sex police officer
- protest and dissent



## What can happen afterwards...

- house searches; e.g. looking for shoes, caps, other clothes
- warrant of arrest: do not consent (14 days, the best is to do it in cooperation with the legal team/ anti-repression groups)
- a summons to appear at the police or at the Public Prosecutors office
- “invitations to collaborate with the authorities“

## What you should do...

- contact the legal team/ anti-repression group
- refuse to give evidence when being accused
- refuse to give evidence as a witness in police procedures
- apply for information about the recorded data



## Traumas during summit protests

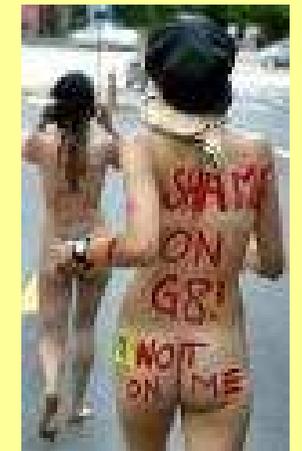
Traumatizing is a calculated and intended (!!!) result of police repression. A trauma is nothing else than a psychological wound

- . Still the public perception of trauma is that of a personal weakness
- . dealing with anxiety and emotional effects of protest and repression should not be a taboo, but a basic condition for solidarity.

### What to do if you are concerned?

- . Go to a space where you feel safe.
- . Try not not isolate yourself.
- . Be patient with yourself.
- . Realize that what has happened is not your fault.

**Any form of suppression has negative effects and reinforces the danger of permanent traumas!**



## What can you do for friends that are experiencing traumas?

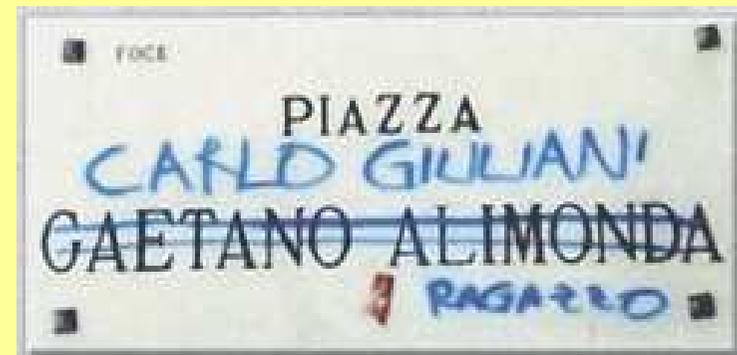
- don't wait until you are asked for help
- the time directly after the experience is especially important for talking
- be a good listener
- telling what happened chronologically helps the brain to work things out
- don't forget that reactions sometimes occur later
- irritability and ungratefulness - being unapproachable are typical "symptoms"
- lack of support can reinforce reactions ("secondary traumas")
- also for you: these times can be heavy, but they will be over

[from: trauma flyer, [www.activist-trauma.net](http://www.activist-trauma.net)]



## Your contribution to successful protest....

- . spread information about repression and trauma and motivate others to engage with these topics
- . (see also, “When the going gets rough”-brochure of the “Rote Hilfe” on [www.dissentnetwork.org](http://www.dissentnetwork.org))
- . don't support any splitting of the movement! There are different action forms and different origins, but one common goal: abolish the G8, prevent the summit!
- . organize events in the run-up to the G8 in your city/region!
- . counter repression collectively and in solidarity!
- . support anti-repression structures (e.g. Rote Hilfe)



## Summit protests mean repression and anti-repression work costs money

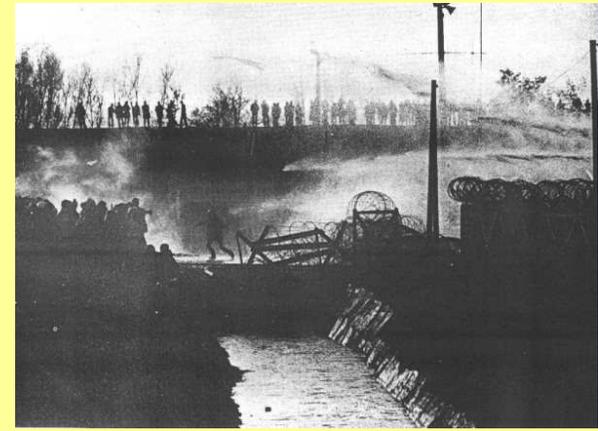
### What you can do now already

- . The international anti-repression-account needs donations NOW already! (This would make us feel much more relaxed when demonstrating)
- . We will need a lot of money for the trials afterwards!
- . if everyone just gives 1€ in the solidarity fund, we have several ten thousand already for the defence of activists!
- . organize a solidarity party, concerts and collect money in your friend and family circles!
- . every little contribution helps!





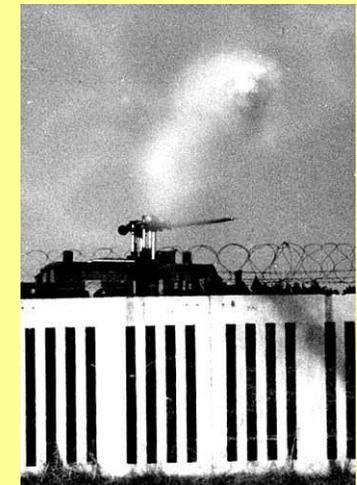
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“Technical barrier” Wackersdorf.



“Technical barrier” Startbahn–West.



“Technical barrier” Cancun (2003).



“Technical barrier” Gleneagles (2005).







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