

Human Right Violations in Slovakia

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Shocking video images show that the Slovakian police attacked ethnic Hungarian supporters on November the first during a football match between Slovan from Bratislava (Pozsony) and DAC from Dunajska Streda (Dunaszerdahely). These video images are available on the internet.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j13gggBqbE> or download as an [AVI](#) file.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aaBy7QLCz8> or download as an [AVI](#) file.

These images, as well a statements made by supporters, prove that the Slovakian police lacked any kind of justification to attack the ethnic Hungarian supporters. The Slovakian police did not take any action against the supporters of Slovan who were throwing fireworks and other burning objects.

Supporters clubs declared that 16 persons were injured and 2 persons were heavily injured. A third injured person needed to be reanimated.

It seems this action is a hidden political message from the Slovakian government. Dunajska Streda (Dunaszerdahely) lays in South-Slovakia, which is the home of almost 600 000 ethnic Hungarians, who are oppressed by the current Slovakian government.

They have to live in fear and fear the Slovakian Police, for whom the usage of the Hungarian language, the usage of Hungarian national symbols or the sole fact of not being Slovak is a reason to beat up innocent persons. The location, a football stadium, is a very useful mask to disguise the real nature of the police violence to the outside world.

The date of the attack by the Slovakian police is not by coincidence; on this day it was exactly 70 years ago that Hungary annexed the ethnic Hungarian south of Czecho-Slovakia. This was the consequence of the first treaty of Vienna of 2-11-1938. Slovakian state violence against Hungarians is not unprecedented, since it occurred previously in 1992.

The Slovakian government is quite controversial, because it is consisting of a red brown coalition of Social democrats SMER (Fico), old communists (Meciar) and a national socialist party, the SNS of Jan Slota. This hate party is openly racist and xenophobe and has a reputation of rehabilitating war criminals such as Tiso and Hlinka ⁽¹⁾, the party also proposed a law that would make gypsy sterilization compulsory.

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This party glorifies the Nazi state Slovakia that existed from 1939 till 1945. The European socialist party suspended the Smers membership for 18 months because of its coalition with the extreme right SNS.

The Slovakian government recently confirmed the Beneš decrees. These Beneš decrees, which were equal to constitutional laws, made Hungarians and German collectively guilty of causing the Second World War. Collective guilt is incompatible with the principles of the European Union.

These Beneš decrees excluded Hungarians and Germans from participation as equal civilians in the new Czechoslovak state after the Second World War and in fact also in today's Slovakia.

This makes Slovakia the only country in the European Union, which makes a distinction on the bases of ethnicity by law. This however is nothing compared to the following public statement of Jan Slota: "Hungarians are the cancer of the Slovak nation, without delay we need to remove them from the body of the nation." ⁽³⁾ Mr Slota has also never hidden his aversion from Jews and gypsies.

This anti-European hate coalition ⁽⁴⁾ in Slovakia threatens the stability of central Europe and creates a ground for a Europe of injustice, where people can be discriminated on the basis of collective guilt and ethnicity.

It is time for the European Union and the Netherlands to investigate what's really going on in Slovakia.

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