

In Gedenken an Aman Alizada



Demonstration am 12. Oktober 2019

**14.00 Uhr
am Pferdemarkt Stade**

Demonstration on 12th October 2019

Beginning: 2 pm (afternoon)

Where: Pferdemarkt, Stade

Why did Aman Alizada have to die?

At the end of 2015, 15-year-old Aman Alizada fled from Afghanistan to Germany on his own. As a member of the Hazara ethnic minority he sought safety and protection against further violence and persecution.

But instead of the wished-for protection the 19-year-old met his death – through the shots that were fired from a German policeman's duty weapon. The deadly gunshots against Aman were fired in the evening of the 17th of August in a refugee hostel in the district Bützfleth.

Aman who suffered from a mental illness, was in an acute state of crisis. The roommate, worrying about his friend Aman, decided to call the police for help. Dealing with people in an acute state of crisis is part of everyday life for police officers. That is why we don't understand why the officers from the police district Stade killed Aman.

Through the demonstration we want to express our grief, fear and anger and we repeat the questions that are still left unanswered.

The police is talking about having acted in self-defence. However, they are failing to mention that they had already called upon Aman on the 16th of August because of an acute crisis. Thus, ever since then at the latest they knew about Aman's mental illness. However, instead of preparing for the situation, acting in a de-escalating manner and giving him the necessary help, they reached for their weapon and shot him. We fail to understand why six police officers didn't manage to handle the situation without the use of their guns.

Furthermore, the investigation of the case raises questions: Five weeks after the deadly shots only one of Aman Alizada's roommates has been questioned. The questioning took place immediately after the killing of Aman. A translator had been present, but as he didn't speak the required language he couldn't really communicate with the roommate.

On the 12th of October we demonstrate to express our grief, fear and anger and to remember Amad.

We will not forget the killing of Aman by the hands of the German police.

The death of this young person leaves all of his family and friends with feelings of void, grief and incomprehension. It also leaves many unanswered questions. We demand a complete clarification of this tragic death and together we want to make room for the commemoration of Aman.

Join us, come in large numbers and don't let these events be forgotten.