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PRESS STATEMENT:

Solidarity with Greta Thunberg against the media baiting! Stop the attempt to divide the worldwide youth environmental movement Fridays-For-Future! Long live international solidarity!



The conflict about the escalation in the Middle East has also become an essential question of the environmental movement.

Among others merkur.de headlined on 27.10.23: "Gretas' climate savers hard on Hamas course". The German Greens and also Fridays for Future/Germany distance themselves from Greta Thunberg.

Josef Schuster, the chairman of the Central Council of Jews, demanded on 27.10. that Fridays-For-Future/Germany should "rename" itself. This is nothing less than a call to divide the worldwide youth environmental movement! Why does Luisa Neubauer - the German "face" of FFF - distance herself from Greta Thunberg in this situation, instead of rejecting such attempts at division?

Greta Thunberg, the role model for many young people and children, is to be dismantled as a Hamas supporter or trivializer of fascist terror. She herself says:

"It goes without saying - at least that's what I thought – that I am against the terrible attacks of Hamas. As I said before, the world must raise its voice and call for an immediate ceasefire, justice, and freedom for the Palestinians and all affected civilians." (merkur.de 10/27-23)

We support Greta's demand for justice for Palestine explicitly! The undoubtedly barbaric terror of the religious-fascist Hamas against the Israeli civilian population we strongly condemn. But this does not justify mass bombing of the entire Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip! We criticize that any criticism of Israel's decades-long oppression of the Palestinians is slandered as anti-Semitism.

This debate also clarifies the fronts in this important dispute in the environmental movement.

Long live international solidarity!

For the unification of the workers-, environmental- and peace-movement also in Israel and Palestine!

Immediate stop of the war!