

Speech Commemoration minute / January 7, 2026

We now want to commemorate the many people whose lives were taken by the deeply entrenched racism in the police, the judiciary, politics, the medical profession, and *white*-dominated society.

Our sympathy goes out to their relatives and friends, who miss them dearly.

We remember

- **Laye Alama Condé** and **Achidi John** – both drowned by emetic torture.
- **Oury Jalloh** – murdered by police officers in Dessau 21 years ago today, on the same day as Laye Condé

We remember those who were killed **in the past year alone** by racist violence perpetrated by institutions – especially the police – including:

- **Qabel** – shot by police on March 4, 2025, in Nuremberg during the execution of an illegal arrest warrant in his apartment. Qabel was 38 years old.
- **Najib Boubaker** – shot dead by police on March 14 in Dortmund. Najib was epileptic and had simply refused to be taken to hospital, according to neighbors. In August, the public prosecutor's office closed the investigation and ruled that the shooter had acted in self-defense. Najib was 70 years old.
- **Lorenz** – shot from behind at close range by a police officer with four bullets on April 20, 2025, in Oldenburg. Lorenz was 21 years old.
- **Glorya K.** – shot nine times by two police officers on June 7 in Munich. Glorya was 30 years old.
- **Bilal K.** – shot on June 26 in Wangen, Baden-Württemberg, during his arrest in his apartment. The police officers were not wearing body cameras. Bilal was 27 years old.

In 2025, 17 people were killed by police gunfire alone, many of them in exceptional mental health situations. Eight more people died last year in police custody or in prisons under unexplained circumstances – one of them, Nelson, was only 15 years old.

Usually, the police officers who kill remain unpunished – like the five police officers from Dortmund who, in 2022, assaulted 16-year-old Mouhamed

Dramé, who was in a suicidal crisis, with pepper spray and a Taser and finally executed him with six shots from a submachine gun. They were all acquitted.

This is the brutal situation in this country, and even though we are aware of police violence and racism, it leaves us stunned, deeply saddened, and angry time and time again.

In addition to those killed by the police, we also remember all those who have been murdered by racist, anti-Semitic Nazi terror, by racism against Romani and Sinti people:

In Hanau, Munich, Halle, Duisburg, Solingen, Kassel, Hamburg, Dortmund, Eberswalde, Nuremberg, Rostock, Berlin, Mölln—and in so many other places, so many dead, so many affected!

The murderous trail of blood left by Nazis and racists outside and inside state structures runs through the whole of Germany.

We remember the many other people who were killed as a result of racist anti-migration policies.

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Let us not allow the names of those killed and their stories to disappear in the thicket of police lies, institutional cover-ups, and social ignorance.

Emetic torture is history. But racist profiling by the police, racism in government agencies, the judiciary, and politics, racism on the streets, racism in people's minds, is a brutal reality—and it is life-threatening. Every day, for many, everywhere.

Let's continue to fight to put an end to this – in many places, in many situations, in many ways, in all our diversity and together.

Who cares? WE CARE.

→ → We will now listen to a mourning song by **Malian** musician **Oumou Sangaré**, which **Bangaly Condé** gave us for his brother Laye and for our memorial event. You can lay down your flowers and light the candles while we listen.