

Dortmund's Mayor Sierau refuses to receive #dortmundkills petition

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Dortmund's Mayor Ullrich Sierau refuses to receive the #dortmundkills-Petition [<https://www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/no-cigarettes-for-children-stop-the-german-city-of-dortmund-s-tobacco-promotion-in-indonesia>]. Max Vollmer, one of the petition initiators was informed. On 14th January, Max Vollmer received the email message from the office of the Mayor as a response to his request for a date for the petition delivery. The petition delivery is planned for early February. The #dortmundkills petition asks Mayor Ullrich Sierau to stop the Inter-tabac ASIA 2014 trade fair that is organized by the city-owned Westfalenhallen GmbH in Indonesia on 27/28 February 2014. More than 10,000 people have signed the petition online.

Representatives of the Dortmund Kills Campaign are indignant over the Mayor's behaviour. Max Vollmer:

"The Mayor clearly doesn't understand what our protest is about. In the email, his office just informs that the city adheres to the laws in Germany and Indonesia."

Yosef Rabindanata Nugraha, the tobacco control youth activist from Indonesia who started the petition together with Max Vollmer doesn't feel discouraged about the Mayor's response. He says:

"I will travel to Dortmund anyway, and deliver the petition in the name of more than 5,000 Indonesians who signed it. Mayor Sierau, stop the Inter-tabac ASIA in Indonesia!"

Johannes Spatz, speaker of Forum Rauchfrei, one of the initiatives that organize the Dortmund Kills Campaign, says:

"The refusal of Mayor Sierau to receive a petition of any kind shows a huge disrespect towards the citizens of Dortmund and Indonesia. The city only looks for the profits it can get from organisation the tobacco trade fair."

The Inter-tabac ASIA is planned for 27/28th February 2014 in Bali, Indonesia. With this trade fair, the city-owned Westfalenhallen Dortmund GmbH organizes a tobacco trade fair in a country where smoking children and youth are common. The company praises Indonesia as the gate to the booming tobacco market in Asia. The petition against the Inter-tabac ASIA was started on December 1st. Since then, protest against the tobacco trade fair increases internationally.

The Mayor's disrespect is also subject in a TV report of the WDR (local TV) that was broadcasted on 15th January. You can watch the report in WDR Mediathek

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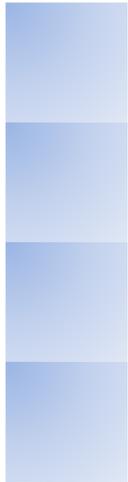


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[http://www1.wdr.de/mediathek/video/sendungen/lokalzeit/lokalzeit-aus-dortmund/videoprotestgegenintertabacinindonesien100_size-L.html?autostart=true#banner] (in German only).

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