

No Extradition to Hungary – An Appeal to the French Judicial System!

On October 7, a final hearing for Zaid A. will take place before a Paris court to determine whether or not Zaid will be extradited to Hungary.

We say unequivocally: **This must not happen. Zaid must remain in France!**

Zaid A. grew up in Germany. In February 2025, he voluntarily turned himself in to German authorities along with other defendants in the Budapest case. But the Federal Prosecutor General had no interest in opening proceedings against him in Germany—presumably because Zaid did not have a German passport—so he continued to face the threat of extradition to Hungary. Zaid therefore went to France to seek a new beginning, placing his trust in the French judiciary, which had, for good reasons, ruled against extradition to Hungary in previous cases.

Nothing has changed regarding these reasons. As we see in Maja's case (and that of many other detainees), prison conditions in Hungary remain inhumane to this day and constitute massive violations of European legal standards. The change in government has done nothing to alter this. Furthermore, it must be assumed that Zaid, as a non-European citizen, would face additional risks while in Hungarian custody. And to this day, Hungary has not rescinded the absurd classification—ordered by Orbán—of physical assaults as terrorist activities. Orbán may have been voted out of office, but the lack of judicial independence remains a reality. Who can expect a trial in accordance with the rule of law under these circumstances?

We appeal to the judges responsible: Do not extradite Zaid A. to Hungary!

Maja was unlawfully extradited by German authorities. Maja's fundamental right under Article 4 of the Charter of the European Union (prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment) was continuously violated not only by the extradition but also by the conditions of her detention in Hungary. This was and remains a disgrace for the German justice system.

We trust and hope that the French judiciary will remain steadfast and continue to defend European fundamental rights.