

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Frankfurt / Main, Germany - The "Frankfurt Syria Solidary Committee" calls for a demonstration with the motto: "Stop the war- Hands off Syria" on Saturday the 1st of September 2012.

The purpose of the demonstration is to demand an end of the aggressive intervention and blatant violations of international law by the USA and other NATO member states as well as Arab monarchs. The widely spread false interpretation of the conflict as a "civil war" or a "people´s revolt" against president Baschar al-Assad must come to an end. We want to bring the truth to the public that the smuggling of foreign terror groups to Syria, that have painted as so called "opposition fighters" by anti-Syrian media, have destabilized the state as well as created and promoted religious conflict despite the fact that a majority of people in Syria in defense of these attacks support the secular Syrian state.

### **Wide range of participants**

The organizers are expecting thousands of Germans and German living foreigners. Many Turkish, Syrian and people of many different religions and world views are expected to support the demonstration.

### **When and Where**

The demonstration begins on September 1st 2012 at 13:00 (1 pm) with a rally at the Alter Oper (Old Opera). At 14:00 (2 pm) the demonstration will start moving. There will be a short stop and a rally with some speeches at Hauptwache (station in downtown Frankfurt). Then at 15:00 the demonstration will start moving again direction "Römberberg" where the final rally will take place and end around 17:00 (5 pm).

### **Speakers and Music**

Speakers include Mr. Maher Ahmad Board member of the German-Syrian Society, Mr. Ihsan Cibelek musician in the international known group "Grup Yorum" and "Köln Sanat Atölyesi", Mr. Enver Enli, Board member of the Federation of Democratic Workers (DIDF), Mr. Betros Gharib from the Syrian-Arminian Club in Stuttgart as representative of the Christian minority in Syria, Mr. Klaus Hartmann Chairman of the German Association of Freethinkers. There will be messages and prayers from many representatives of different ethnic and religious groups in Syria and Turkey as well as from the German peace movement.

The music group "Köln Sanat Atölyesi" and the singer Ernst Schwarz who is known from his performances at peace marches, anti-fascist and trade union demonstrations will both provide music for the demonstration.

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