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Show trials / Relating to jW on February 5: "Political trial"

According to jW, the trial in Hungary, which jW describes as a "trial of conscience," attracted international attention. However, what has gone unnoticed internationally is the fact that in other EU member states, too, "European and Western" values are by no means in good shape. The practices of the judiciary in Latvia, for example, show clear anomalies. As a result, there are numerous political prisoners in Riga, most of whom belong to the hated ethnic Russian minority in Latvia. Maja T., according to her father, was treated as "public enemy number one in Hungary."

What a parallel: Tatjana Andrijeca, a student in Riga, is also 25 years old. She is considered a "public enemy." She is to be brutally made an example of. After a "warning" prison sentence of eight months in 2023, the all-powerful state security service VDD resorts to harsher measures. Since April 2025, a farcical trial has been underway against Tatjana, who is facing life imprisonment. Tatjana's friends and her lawyers suspect, as does Maja T.'s father in Budapest, "that the verdict, an excessively harsh one, has long been decided."

On September 2, 2025, jungeWelt was the only press organ in Europe to report on this threat to Tatjana's existence. Why are news agencies, members of parliament in Berlin and Brussels, human rights organizations, foundations, lawyers' associations, and European institutions silent? I have written dozens of letters. Quite simply, they follow the philistine's logic: Because what must not be cannot be. The Baltic states are NATO's staging area. The British "rule" in Estonia, the Canadians in Latvia, and Lithuania is a German military colony. So when it comes to "war readiness," it's easy to turn a blind eye to human rights and other "romantic nonsense."

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