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Press release: Kick-off for “Kein Platz für Rassismus und Antisemitismus“ [“No Place for Racism and anti-Semitism”] 2022, launch of the campaign film

Just in time for the German Football Association's (DFB) campaign day against Racism under the slogan #BewegtgegenRassismus on March 27, 2022, the Berlin Football Association (BFV) and Berlin gegen Nazis are releasing their film **“Kein Platz für Rassismus“ [“No Place for Racism”]**. It is Berlin's contribution to the campaign day as part of the International Weeks Against Racism. At the same time, the release marks the start of the long-term campaign **“Kein Platz für Rassismus und Antisemitismus“ [“No Place for Racism and anti-Semitism”]** in 2022. The film engagingly documents the commitment of the more than forty participating soccer clubs in Berlin, and thus motivates further clubs to join the campaign.

Mehmet Matur, Vice President Social Responsibility at BFV, explains the motivation for the Berlin campaign: **“It is our responsibility to safeguard social plurality on and off the soccer fields. This includes that we all stand united against racism and anti-Semitism!”**

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LINK watch the film: <https://youtu.be/WHJljFnJFHU>

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Ulf Balmer, project coordinator at Berlin against Nazis, comments: **“Campaign days against racism are a great way to set visible signals. Every large or small initiative against racism is important! But the Berlin campaign goes one step further: With ten-meter-wide banners on more and more amateur sports fields, clubs are taking a stance permanently. Sports facilities are lively centers of neighborhood community life: If racism and anti-Semitism are resolutely opposed here, it has an effect far beyond the field.”**

With the campaign **“Kein Platz für Rassismus und Antisemitismus“ [“No Place for Racism and anti-Semitism”]**, which has been running since November 2020, BFV supports the participating clubs in their day to day commitment against racism, anti-Semitism, and further forms of discrimination. For example, the association establishes contact with experts, promotes exchange and networking, but also develops its own programs for club-wide activities. BFV receives professional support from the Mobile Counseling Service against Right-Wing Extremism Berlin (MBR). Successful training sessions held by MBR for Berlin soccer referees, who are now spreading their knowledge to their teaching communities, are a first milestone of this cooperation.

Hamid Mohseni, consultant at MBR, states: **“Only those who recognize racism and anti-Semitism and know how they operate can show them the red card. MBR supports those involved in the associations in identifying these phenomena, deciphering how they work, and actively taking a stance, and thus making everybody more confident in their ability to support a living democratic culture in their communities.”**

With BFV, MBR, and Berlin against Nazis, the clubs have reliable partners at their side who support them in their crucial commitment against racism and anti-Semitism.

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