

Muslims against Christmas Trees

Our "Fake News" is about a video that supposedly shows how Muslims climb a Christmas tree. This happens allegedly in a German shopping center to protest against Christmas and thus against Christian traditions. The video was distributed on various social media by Christian populists. Their intention was to rush Muslims, and for this to work, they placed the scene of action in their catchment area. So they have claims that this scene is said to have taken place in a Hamburg shopping center.

However, after a short search, it was obvious that this was a fake, because there were many discrepancies. The event should be e.g. occurred in different places and countries at different times. Also, it was mainly distributed only on social media, which are not reputable sources, moreover, the actual author / filmmaker is not referenced. Various reputable sources have independently found out that this event took place in Cairo. It is generally assumed that the video is about the tradition "Christmas Tree Plundering" from Cairo. In this tradition, small gifts are hidden under the Christmas tree to be subsequently found again. A website (Mimikama.at) has mailed the Mall in Cairo and asked what the video is all about. In response, they received that it should be a prank of adolescents. This is unlikely, because if you look at the video closer you can see that even adult men climb the tree. However, the author of the article on Mimikama also suggests that it is more of the tradition of "Christmas tree plundering".

So one can finally say that this is not a protest against Christian traditions, but a tradition from Cairo. So the video was only used by populists to rush Muslims into their catchment area.