

## Racist attacks in Chemnitz

After a citizen of Chemnitz in Eastern Germany (Danielle H.) was killed on 26.8.18 by a knife attack, committed by a person with a migration background, many Chemnitz citizens called for a spontaneous demonstration. This was then carried out on the same day. This resulted in many videos that can be associated with possible huntings of foreigners. One of these videos was posted on the Twitter account "Antifa Zeckenbiss" and received the most media attention. In this video are two Arab-born men who are being persecuted by demonstrators. In addition, The question if the the video is

"Fake News". A closer look at the source (Antifa Zeckenbiss) reveals that it has a clear leftist opinion on political issues. In addition. There is no trustworthiness, as the Twitter user is not a news agency but a private person. However, many things speak against the fact that it is fake news. For example, the video is very authentic and also has many witnesses. In addition, a location of the video is possible which has clearly taken place at Chemnitzer Bahnhofstrasse.

On these videos there was quick reaction of many serious media (ARD, ZDF), which had the assumption that the video is not fake news. However, the source of many politicians, such as the German official Hans Georg Maaßen, as possibly not authentic.

In addition, any right-wing group deny the possible hunts and argue that this is just a fight. From our point of view it is understandable to regard the source and the video as authentic.

In summary, more things speak against the fake news than for it. The video clearly shows two Arab-born men who are insulted by pejorative and are being persecuted by demonstrators. In addition, the upload date and location of the video match the time and location of the demonstration.