



AK VORRAT
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PRESS RELEASE

Released: New documentation about cctv in Hanover

Invitation to „exploring surveillance walk“ on saturday

On the occasion of coming NoCCTV actionday the german Working Group on Data Retention (local group Hanover) releases a comprehensive file on Hanovers CCTV's. The activists are also inviting for an „exploring surveillance walk“ next saturday in the city of Hanover.

The first publication of George Orwells dystopien novel „1984“ on 8 June 1949 gave reason to call for an international NoCCTV actionday [\[1\]](#). The Hanover group of german civil initiative „Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung“ (short: „AK Vorrat“), being busy with CCTV and its political and social dimensions [\[2\]](#), is taking part on these upcoming activities. [\[3\]](#).

With this background the group releases a new, 80 pages strong file [\[4\]](#), documenting and analyzing the video surveillance in Hanover and federal state Lower Saxony, being driven by police, other authorities, companies and by private. They also compare this state of affairs with their last publication from October 2008 [\[5\]](#).

The file contains informations about the development of police's CCTV as one of the activists had driven an successful court hearing against and another case is still running, but the document describes several aspects on public and private CCTV and the intervention of the group in the last 3 ½ years. It includes a special focus on newest development on CCTV at football matches, as some german homeland security ministers demanded obligatory face-scan of every visitor [\[6\]](#).

The people of the working group like to invite for joining their surveillance walk [\[7\]](#) next Saturday in the city of Hanover. Meeting point will be 10 a.m. at the memorial on the Ernst-August-Platz. There shall be a short walk through the city, having our eyes on different aspects of video surveillance. Furthermore topics like “spychips“ (RFID, NFC) and surveillance misuse of mobile phones and smartphones and their impacts in our daily life shall be explained, too. Then spreading out in small groups the participants shall walk around for awhile, exploring and documenting the practise of video surveillance, detecting unsecured WiFi CCTV signals and checking textiles for RFID spychips on their own. Guidance and equipment will be provided.

„We like to engage the people to discover the range of daily surveillance reality on their own account and create an opportunity for meeting and discussing,“ says Michael Ebeling, part of the organizing working group. „At this times of populist politicians going nuts it is more than ever important to make and hold stand against security fanaticism, keep sober-minded and support civil movements with heart and reason.“

International No CCTV actionday



8th-10th June 2012

1984actionday.wordpress.com

Links

- [1] <https://1984actionday.wordpress.com>
- [2] https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/Ortsgruppen/Hannover/Videoueberwachung_in_Hannover
- [3] <https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/Ortsgruppen/Hannover/NoCCTV-Aktionstag-2012>
- [4] <http://devianzen.de/20120608videoueberwachung-in-hannover.pdf>
- [5] https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/images/Aktion_video%C3%BCberwachung.pdf
- [6] <http://heise.de/-1589470>
- [7] https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/Ortsgruppen/Hannover/NoCCTV-Aktionstag-2012#9.6.2012_-_C3.9Cberwachungsspaziergang

The **Arbeitskreis Vorratsdatenspeicherung** („German Working Group on Data Retention“ translated, „AK Vorrat“ abbreviated) is an association of civil rights campaigners, data protection activists and Internet users. The Arbeitskreis coordinates the campaign against the introduction of data retention in Germany. The working group is independent from any political party and association, it rather works as an umbrella organization.

In several local groups of the „AK Vorrat“ people engage furthermore on topics with more or less regional context of their own interests. Local groups are free to decide what and how to do.

More information at: <https://www.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de>

More information about the local group Hanover: <https://wiki.vorratsdatenspeicherung.de/Hannover>

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