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Meanwhile, Hungarian and German authorities have jointly taken up investigations. The Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) and the Regional Criminal Police Office (LKA) have already provided aid for the Hungarian case on their own behalf and searched apartments in Germany. The detention in Hungary is used as a pressure point. The state authorities are using every opportunity to further uncover leftist structures, even as the body of evidence is cloudy so far. The German secret service has already unfolded activities. Further searches for even more antifascists fit into this picture. Our two comrades are facing harsh conditions of detention. Cells in Hungary are known to be overcrowded, dirty and without natural light. The possibilities to contact inmates are very limited. Additionally, the neutrality of the judicial system is debatable. The E.U. has recently reprimanded Hungary for political interference in the national judicial system such as the appointment of judges. Overall, the political situation in Hungary is more than difficult for progressives and minorities.

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