



**ADOPT A PRISONER PROFILE: Fritz Gelowicz PREPARED: Dec 2009**

<b>AGE</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>NATIONALITY</b>	<b>German</b>
<b>COUNTRY HELD</b>	<b>Germany</b>
<b>SENTENCE</b>	<b>Awaiting Sentence</b>
<b>PRISON</b>	<b>JVA Koln **</b>



**Personal Biography \***

Abdullah Fritz Gelowicz was born in 1979 in Munich, before his parents (his father an Engineer, his mother a Doctor) moved to the small town of Neu-Ulm in 1983. It was widely perceived as a rich army town, with a US base stationed there. The political environment of the town changed dramatically in the mid-1980s when the US under their revised cold-war strategy began placing long distance missiles in the town pointed at the Eastern Bloc. The people of the town shifted towards an increasingly left-wing and anti-imperialist viewpoint, and this was reflected in the children's beliefs at that time, with every student being pro-green and anti-missile.

There was a large Turkish presence in the town, and some of them introduced him to Islam. He began to seek solace in a deen that taught right and wrong and provided answers to all the questions an intelligent teenager would have about life. He began to read the Qu'ran vociferously, before accepting it as the truth and converting to Islam when he was 18, adopting the name of Abdullah.

Whilst Muslim, he continued to study and follow the footsteps of his father in engineering, even taking a small part-time job with his fathers firm. He decided however to follow Islam and study, and instead embarked upon that path travelling the world in search of knowledge and the true deen of Islam.

**Brief Details about his Case**

Abdullah was alleged to be a part of the "Sauerland plot", which involved at least three persons; Fritz , Adam Yilmaz and Daniel Schneider. They were all arrested in the Sauerland region after allegedly being found with chemicals suitable for the purposes of terrorism. It since transpired through surveillance and intelligence statements that they are alleged to have been plotting to attack targets within Germany. All made confessions confirming that they intended to attack US Military targets. These confessions have been made owing to Germany's practice of offering more lenient sentences to those who plead guilty. Of particular note is the fact that all continue to deny they were ever part of the "Islamic jihad union", an accusation that formed the backbone of the case from the prosecutors office.

**About Fritz (Abdullah)**

Abdullah, like his co-defendants, is a very keen student of Islam and a mature individual who is knowledgeable and multi-lingual. He is always grateful of any letters or communication that he receives. He is held in somewhat difficult conditions, but generally the conditions are good compared to other countries. He however does not have any contact with other detainees nor prisoners, only guards and those on arranged visits.

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