

Declaration by the Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial on the former “HASAG Leipzig” subcamp in Kamenzer Straße

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Between June 1944 and April 1945, the “HASAG Leipzig” subcamp was located at Kamenzer Straße 10 and 12 and the adjoining area. With more than 5,000 female concentration camp internees, it was the largest women’s subcamp of the Buchenwald concentration camp. A camp was also set up to house 700 male concentration camp internees in the autumn of 1944. The women and men imprisoned here were forced to manufacture weapons and ammunition for HASAG (Hugo Schneider AG), Saxony’s largest armaments company.

The former HASAG factory building at Kamenzer Straße 12, which still stands today, was the main building of the women’s subcamp. It was built in 1940 for the so-called HASAG Nordwerk (north plant) and was soon used to house Polish civilian forced labourers. In June 1944, this building and the barracks next to it were converted into a subcamp of the concentration camp. Dormitories were set up in the high-ceilinged halls of the factory building.

The ground floor housed the infirmary, the typing room and the camp canteen. Located in the basement were the washing area and chambers that were used as detention cells. This site in Kamenzer Straße is symbolic of exploitation, violence and death during the Nazi era.

The building at Kamenzer Straße 12 is the only surviving structural relic of a concentration camp in the Leipzig metropolitan area and is therefore a site of major historical significance. The site has been privately owned since 2007 and has repeatedly attracted attention on account of neo-Nazi activities such as right-wing extremist rock concerts and radical right-wing martial arts training camps.

The use of a former concentration camp site by neo-Nazis is an absolute scandal and trivialises the suffering of the internees who were detained there. This situation is degrading and completely unacceptable.

On 28 May 2020, the City Council passed the following resolution: “The City of Leipzig acknowledges that the building complex at Kamenzer Straße 10/12 is of special historical significance as a former forced labour camp of HASAG and the largest women’s subcamp of Buchenwald concentration camp, and therefore condemns its current use by neo-Nazis.”

WE CALL ON THE CITY OF LEIPZIG TO TAKE ACTION!

**The building and grounds at Kamenzer Straße 12 must
→ become publicly owned.**

If the City of Leipzig does not buy the building itself, it is responsible for checking to whom the property is sold. It must also listen to and implement the demands of the Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial and all other relevant stakeholders involved in remembrance policy.

→ be maintained and preserved in accordance with its status as an archaeological and historical monument.

The City of Leipzig must provide the necessary financial resources for this purpose.

→ be accessible to the Leipzig Nazi Forced Labour Memorial and other stakeholders involved in remembrance policy so that they can visit it in the future with survivors and their relatives and use it for educational and remembrance work.

→ be honoured by the City of Leipzig as a key historical place of remembrance with regard to the concentration camp system and Nazi forced labour.



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