

LaRouche movement

Investigations into death stopped once again

The Wiesbaden Prosecutor's Office has stopped the investigations into the mysterious death of the British man Jeremiah Duggan once again—despite open questions. The 22-year-old was hit by one car and run over by a second one on a dual carriageway in Wiesbaden in March, 2003. He had previously participated in a recruiting event of the LaRouche movement, an organization considered right-wing extremist of the US conspiracy theorist Lyndon LaRouche and his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche, head of the "Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität" (BüSo). According to witnesses, he was put under massive pressure there. Briefly before his death, he had stated to his mother on the telephone that he was in panic and wanted "out."

The Prosecutor's Office initially judged the case a suicide. In 2012, however, the Higher Regional Court (*Oberlandesgericht*, OLG) in Frankfurt ordered that investigations be taken up again because of numerous inconsistencies. The judges saw indications for the fact that before his death, Duggan could have been subjected to physical violence in addition to psychological pressure and could have been chased onto the road by members of the "cult-like" organization. Subsequently, the Prosecutor's Office had witnesses interviewed again, but according to the decision to close the case, no longer saw any "investigative leads promising further success."

Berlin attorney Serdar Kaya, who is representing Duggan's mother, sharply criticizes the closing of the case: the investigations, he maintains, had not succeeded in clarifying without a doubt where Duggan was in the night before his death. A number of further potential witnesses and responsible officials of the LaRouche movement had not been interviewed. MAB

Photo caption: Duggan, around 2002