

MP in Germany says Mark Kennedy 'trespassed' in Berlin activists' lives

Politician demands that Bundestag reveal what German authorities knew about UK officer's operations



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The row over the [unmasking of undercover police officer Mark Kennedy](#) reached Europe today as a German politician demanded the Bundestag parliament reveal what the authorities knew about Kennedy's infiltration of Berlin's protest movement.

Andrej Hunko, an MP for the leftwing Linke party, issued a press release saying Kennedy had been "active" in [Germany](#) as well as the UK and had "trespassed" in the private lives of activists.

The Guardian understands Kennedy spent long periods in Germany, and lived with individuals in the "black block" anarchist movement. He also travelled extensively elsewhere in [Europe](#), using a fake passport to enter 22 different countries.

In a statement, Hunko accused Kennedy of starting sexual relationships with activists and helping to organise the German end of the G8 and G20 protests.

Just before Christmas the German government refused to answer a series of [parliamentary questions](#) Hunko had tabled about Germany's co-operation with undercover police officers from other countries, and Kennedy in particular. Hunko had asked ([here: in German](#)) whether the German government knew Kennedy was working undercover "in German territories", and whether it had authorised his deployment under his undercover identity, Mark Stone.

He also asked: "How does the federal government justify the fact that [Mark Kennedy], as part of his operation in Germany, didn't only initiate long-term, meaningful friendships but also sexual relationships, clearly under false pretences?"

The Bundestag refused to answer all questions relating to Kennedy, citing operational reasons.

Hunko said today he had asked those questions after activists in Nottingham unmasked Kennedy in October and circulated news of their findings.

"Kennedy was also active in Germany around the [G20 and G8] summits. He also trespassed into private spheres in Berlin and started sexual relationships," said Hunko.

Citing [the Guardian's investigation](#) into Kennedy, Hunko today demanded the German parliament reveal the extent to which German authorities had been complicit in Kennedy's operations.

"The government doesn't want to comment on the deployment of the British police officer Mark Kennedy in Germany. Only today, the British newspaper the Guardian has revealed that Kennedy was active in ... EU member states.

"I demand a complete explanation of Kennedy's assignment in Germany and the end to the investigations into leftwing networks," said Hunko.

Hunko's researcher, Matthias Monroy, said he had met Kennedy three times in Berlin over the past nine years. "He visited friends in Berlin regularly."

He said Kennedy was active in Dissent!, an international network of local groups which came together to organise opposition to the G8 summit at Gleneagles, Perthshire, in July 2005.

Monroy said Kennedy appeared to be scouting for information right up to his unmasking: "Last year, one or two months before his true identity was discovered, I know that he sent emails to organisers of other protests asking what the plans were for the G20 summit in France in 2011."

The claims echo findings from other activists, who say Kennedy travelled through Europe under his adopted identity as a "freelance climber". He was also spotted in Spain, Iceland and Italy.

In 2005, as he was becoming embedded in the UK's protest community, Kennedy sent an email to Alex Long, a member of the London-based anarchist collective, in an apparent attempt to branch out into Europe.

"I am trying to get some contacts in Italy that might be able to get together with some of us, over an issue concerning the building of bridges and dams," he wrote. "If you know anyone who might be able to provide some info with the Italian aspect that would be really helpful."

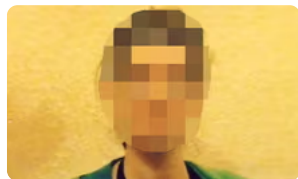
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