



Media Monitoring

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1) Integration policies

Die Presse publishes an article concerning the position of the Freedom's Party leader, Mr. Strache: "Vienna must become Chicago from the point of view of the security policy...Most authors, specially concerning burglaries, would be of 'foreign origin' ... Concretely the Freedom's Party will be active in the meeting of the highest administrative authority of the city of Vienna of next week. The security speaker Johann Gudenus ... [expressed] also the recommendation that the money used at the moment to support non-governmental organizations for integration of migrants, should be invested in security. 'Youth criminality is mostly foreign criminality' asserted, it is possible to observe 'that the much glorified integration has completely failed.'"

Der Standard publishes an article today: "French, yes, Serbish, not" concerning the language policy in Upper Austria [See Sitrep of January 20th, 2010]

2) Prohibition of the burka

Kickl from the Freedom's Party has issued today a press release recommending the introduction of the prohibition of the burka in Austria, asserting that "Islamic parallel societies are not in the interest of the Austrian people... The prohibition of the burqa would be a measure encouraging integration ... The burqa opposes European fundamental values as well as the equality between man and woman and is particularly a political symbol... Specially if we discuss often about the lack of integration of Muslim immigrants, the burqa is against the proposed immigration efforts. The rejection of adaptation



will be even stronger, when there are no adequate measures relative to the maintenance of the own values, traditions and values are taken into account. There are today highly visible trends on parallel societies in Austrian cities..."

3) Austrian nationality

To the well-known position of Carinthia concerning foreigners, Kurier publishes an article about the discovered interventions of the Coalition for the Future of Austria for rich foreign men for granting the Austrian nationality as exchange for investment: "As on Wednesday it was known, that the governor of Carinthia, Mr. Gerhard Dörfler intervned the previous year before the Chancellor concerning three rich Russian persons as to help concerning the nationality, the Home Ministry is asked whether for financially strong oligarchs the decision concerning the handling of national passports counts with different rules. 'The nationality is not on sale'" was the reply of the Home Ministry.

4) Humanitarian stay permits

Die Presse publishes today an article on the case of the Liberian man whose application for a humanitarian stay permit will be analyzed again [See Sitrep of January 20th, 2010], calling him "male Arigona" (with reference to the case of the 18 years old girl from Kosovo that is seeking to stay in the country through an humanitarian permit.)

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