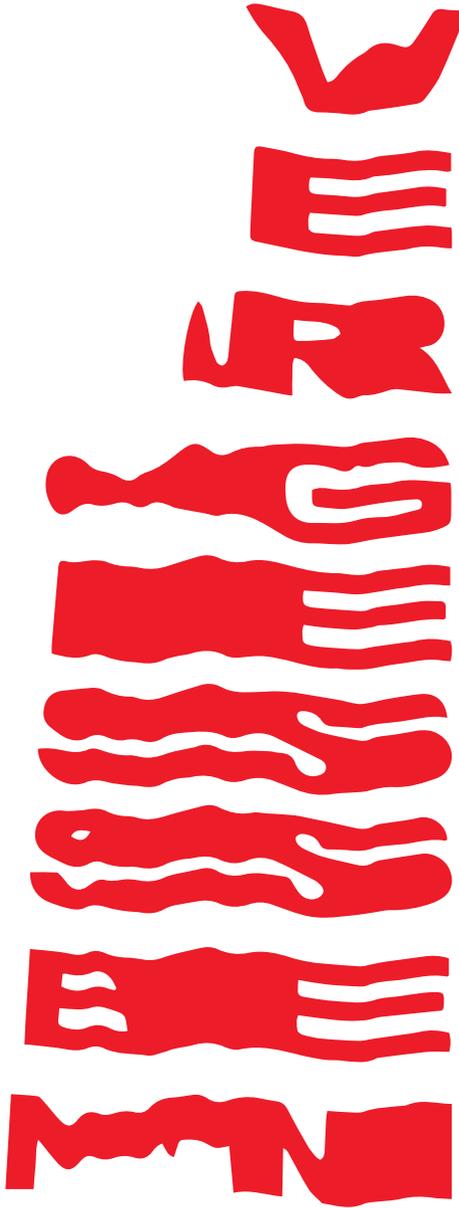


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**CALL FOR DEMONSTRATION /  
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In Hamburg's St. Michael's Church a plaque still honours the fallen Hamburg soldiers of the colonial war in today's Namibia, in the »Baakenhafen« -port the colonial troops received a celebratory farewell, as they left for »German South West Africa« where they would commit a genocide: murdering the people, who fought for freedom from colonial occupation. These are only two locations, which exemplify Hamburg's colonial amnesia, in a city marked by the traces of its violent colonial past.

Up until today, Germany has not recognised the colonial atrocities it is responsible for. Up until today, the Ovaherero and Nama, whose ancestors became victims of the genocide (1904 - 1908) committed by the troops of the German Empire, fight for **Recognition, Apology, Reparations**.

Together with leading representatives of the Ovaherero and Nama, who will travel to Germany, we are calling for a commemorative protest on the 8th of April in Hamburg. We march to make the fatal oblivion of colonial violence visible, to raise awareness for the Ovaherero and Nama genocide, and to shed light on the colonial history of the city of Hamburg, which is complicit in these crimes. We demand:

- recognition of the genocide and an official apology by the German Federal Republic.
- the German government must stop exclusive intergovernmental reparation talks and invite the Ovaherero and Nama to the negotiation table.
- restitution of all human remains from German archives, museums and collections to the legitimate representatives of the Ovaherero and Nama.

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- establishment of a postcolonial memorial landscape in Hamburg with direct participation of civil society and Black communities.

We call upon all groups, initiatives and individuals from local and trans-regional anti-racist, postcolonial and emancipatory contexts and struggles, to join our anti-racist struggle and fight for a visible decolonial commemorative culture and a historical reappraisal of a (post) colonial past and present. March with us on the 8th of April.

The demonstration is part of the activist congress »Colonial Amnesia: Quo vadis, Hamburg? The Ovaherero and Nama Genocides and Hamburg's Colonial History«, from April 6th-8th, 2018 in Hamburg.

For further information, programme and contact:  
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