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The press and postings on the internet report that at the beginning of April several persons were arrested in Spain who fraudulently claimed to be the government of the Principality of Sealand, among them Francisco Trujillo Ruiz as Prime Minister and Miguel Palacios Masso as Minister for Foreign Affairs.

With this action the Spanish police and Interpol finally reacted to corresponding information and accusations the legal government of the Principality of Sealand had issued already in 1997.

In 1996, the persons now arrested in Spain and others had – referred by K.-H. Schrimpf of Erwitte and F. H. F. Ley of Bad Westernkotten – approached the government of Sealand with the request to buy for large sums of money Sealand ministerial posts and embassies. For DEM 250,000 Sealand should further issue fifty diplomatic passports to Spanish government officials. In return full diplomatic recognition of the Principality of Sealand by the Spanish government was promised. (See the memo of February 1997 for further details.)

After lengthy negotiations the government of Sealand was presented a contract in Spanish with a allegedly identical translation into German. A new translation of the original Spanish text by an own translator showed that the original German translation differed fundamentally from the Spanish original text, with the obvious goal to outmanoeuvre the government of Sealand and to seize sovereign power. When this ploy failed, the criminal group put their cards and their real intentions on the table and offered the representatives of Sealand a share of 20% of the profits of the expected huge financial transactions. (These seemed at the time to be activities related to drugs, arms and money-laundering.)

At this the Sealand side immediately broke contact and passed relevant information to suitable institutions to safeguard the interests of Sealand and to instigate an investigation.

Since it took the international prosecuting authorities from 1997 until now to start actions, the persons mentioned above had ample time to conduct in great style their illegal activities under the name Principality of Sealand, as has now finally been shown.

On the internet site www.principality-sealand.net, hosted by the Lippstadt newspaper Der Patriot (The Patriot) edited by Dr. Laumanns, illegal Sealand passports and diplomatic passports were offered for sale. To make these offers appear genuine, some pages of the (stolen) genuine diplomatic passport of the legal Prime Minister of Sealand, Johannes W. F. Seiger, containing many official visa stamps, were copied and posted. It is said that around 160,000 of these counterfeit documents had been sold.

The government of the Principality of Sealand repeatedly asked the editor Dr. Laumanns to cease making these illicit offers as they are detrimental to the standing of the Sealand state and its representatives. There was no reaction. Sealand got no help from the authorities of the German Federal Republic, as for decades it has been the latter's policy to discredit the Principality of Sealand. The Federal Secret Service had been heavily engaged in the support of this policy. Together they were successful in driving the Principality of Sealand to the brink of its economic existence. By taking advantage of the thus engineered financial situation, the Federal Secret Service repeatedly tried to inveigle the Sealand government into illegal business activities to put them in the wrong. Sealand always resisted such temptations.

The various offices of the Principality of Sealand and its diplomatic and trade missions in Germany have in recent years been searched by police in violation of its diplomatic immunity and in contravention to the Vienna Treaty, trying to find incriminating material. All these measures had to be cancelled as no indications to illegal activities were ever found.

The main reason for these searches was the attempt to get at documents from the Nazi times in possession of Sealand, also at information about the actual storage places of the Amber Room, the Treasure of the Reichspost, of flying disks, huge gold and silver caches and a multitude of cultural goods of immeasurable value. Of further interest are advanced

technologies like the development of alternative free energy systems as well as highly sensitive documents from Stasi files.

The government of the State of Sealand had at the time informed the then Chancellor Kohl and the Foreign Office of the documents and technologies in its possession and offered co-operation. The Federal Government at that time rather thought it expedient, however, to make the futile attempt to take possession of these items by police raids and searches.

Under the leadership of its Prime Minister and Chairman of the Privy Council Sealand has for years been recognised de facto through contracts and actions related to international law by more than fifty states. In 1998 it received full state recognition through a friendship and consular treaty with the Commissary Government German Reich, confirmed by the SHAEF Legislator USA. (SHAEF – Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces.)

In 1985 the Commissary Government German Reich was recognised by the victory nations of the Second World War as the only legal government to be accepted – when the time comes – as a partner in the signing of a peace and reparations treaty with the former adversary Deutsches Reich, for the Federal Republic of Germany was never – as has been repeatedly found by the Constitutional Court – legal successor to the Deutsche Reich and thus cannot be considered as a partner in a peace and reparations treaty with the victory nations. In the view of the victory nations the Federal Republic has ceased to exist de jure in 1990, when they had asked for the paragraph 23 of the constitution to be struck, by which action the constitution has been made invalid as it no longer indicates any purview.

That the victory nations of the Second World War do not consider the question of reparation to be solved has for decades been hidden from the German People by its political leaders; only recently it was confirmed Graf Lambsdorff, the delegate of the Federal Government for the Nazi forced labour compensation, who in an interview said that this question was by no means resolved yet and that the *status quo* was still in force. In the eyes of the victory nations and the US acting on their behalf, the occupied status under the still valid occupation law/SHAEF Legislator USA is still the applicable law for all of Germany.

In correspondence of the government of Sealand to Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder the latter was asked to respect the position of Sealand according to international law and based on the treaties with the German Reich as well as the SHAEF Legislator USA. The most recent decisions by federal courts concerning representatives of Sealand confirm that these have the right to their posts as well as to their titles (Prime Minister, Minister, Head of the Diplomatic Mission). In connection with these decisions by federal courts the decisions, decrees and correspondence and thus the existence and legality of the Commissary Government German Reich, of the General Chargé d’Affaires for the German Reich and the Constitutional Special Status Berlin/SHAEF Legislator USA have also been confirmed.

On the basis of the friendship and consular treaty with the Commissary Government German Reich backed by the USA, the Principality of Sealand maintains near Berlin a diplomatic mission in the German Reich, whose extraterritorial status and diplomatic immunity are respected due to the court decisions mentioned above.

By knowingly ignoring the existence of the Principality of Sealand as a state and the denial of any co-operation by the Federal Government of Mr. Kohl and Mr. Kinkel and – until recently – the Schroeder Government in no small way contributed to the fact that the criminal elements and groups in Spain could unhindered cause damages costing milliards.

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