



Press Release

Inauguration of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin, 10 May 2005

Bundestag President Wolfgang Thierse will open the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin in a ceremony commencing at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 May 2005.

A major interest by the media is anticipated. Therefore we would like to provide you with some information on media coverage of the opening. The Press Office of the German Parliament (Bundestag) is supporting the Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe (Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas) in making arrangements for media representatives and assists them with their accreditation.

The following media events are planned:

Information on the Exhibition in the Information Centre – in German language only

Time: Friday, 6 May 2005, 10:00 a.m.

**Place: Representative Office of the Rhineland-Palatinate
(Landesvertretung Rheinland-Pfalz)
In den Ministergärten 6, 10117 Berlin**

The Information Centre is situated below the Field of Stelae. The permanent exhibition there shows the fate of the victims and provides information on historical sites of the persecution and genocide of the Jews under Nazi rule in Europe.

Press briefing: The concept of the exhibition and its contents will be explained by historians, the museum educator and the exhibition designer. There is no possibility to film or take photos. The staff of the Foundation will be available after the press briefing for further questions and explanations also in English. Press kits in English and pictorial material will be handed out.

Blocked until 9 May 4 p.m.

Photo shooting Information Centre

Time: Monday, 9 May 2005

Place: Memorial – Information Centre, Cora-Berliner-Straße 1, 10117 Berlin

10.00 a.m.: TV Teams

11.30 a.m.: Photographers

Press Conference Prior to the Official Opening Ceremony of the Memorial

Time: Monday, 9 May 2005, 2 p.m.

Place: Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Presse- und Informationsamt der Bundesregierung), Reichstagsufer 4, 10117 Berlin

The press conference will take place with Bundestag President Wolfgang Thierse, Chairman of the Memorial Foundation, and the architect Peter Eisenman attending.

Memorial Concert on the Occasion of the Official Opening of the Memorial

Time: Monday, 9 May 2005, 8 p.m.

Place: Berlin Philharmonic Hall, Herbert-von-Karajan-Straße 1, 10785 Berlin

Tickets are available under www.fullhouse-service.de. Accreditation is not required for the concert.

Opening Ceremony of the Memorial 10 May 2005

Time: Tuesday, 10 May 2005, 2 p.m.

**Place: Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
Access via Ebertstraße/Hannah-Arendt-Straße**

Among others, Bundestag President Thierse and architect Peter Eisenman will speak at the opening ceremony. This ceremony with musical interludes will last approximately 90 minutes. It will close with a Kaddish prayer, and will take place in a tent at the edge of the Field of Stelae (Hannah-Arendt-Straße, corner of Cora-Berliner-Straße).

You can find further details about the programme and a map of the Memorial site at:

www.stiftung-denkmal.de.

IMPORTANT: All representatives of the media are required to have special accreditation and a valid photo I.D. to enter the Memorial. Accreditation is handled by the Press Office of the German Bundestag (see details on registration below).

Due to the limited seating capacity, the following options for reporting will be available:

Photo reporters (TV and Photographers)

TV reporting from the tent is possible only via a pool. House broadcaster for all TV teams is the Berlin studio of the ARD. For utilising the video and audio signal, please contact the Berlin ARD studio: Mr. Werner Melzer [werner.melzer@ard-hauptstadtstudio.de].

For **photographers**: A pool of six photographers will be set up in the tent.

On Hannah-Arendt-Straße (with a view of the Field of Stelae in the direction of the Brandenburg Gate) there will be places for announcers of TV teams (with their own cameras) and for photographers after initial registration to take pictures.

Radio

Audio of the ceremony in the tent is available solely through a pool provided by the ARD. For utilising this audio signal, please get in touch with the RBB studio, contact person:

Michael Stein, Tel.: +49/30/3031-5741 [u.balke@rbb-online.de].

Additional Space for Media in the Tent

Two hundred media representatives (print media and editors without technical equipment) can be seated in the tent. Due to the limited seating capacity in the tent, only **one representative per medium** can be allowed entry.

Media Centre

A media centre with direct access to the ceremony at the Memorial will be set up in the Representative Office of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, located at: In den Ministergärten 8/10, 10117 Berlin, near to the Memorial site. The ceremony will be broadcasted live on monitors in the National Representative Office of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein. There are a limited numbers of ISDN cables available. It is necessary to pre-register in order to make use of these cables (see below).

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) offers additional possibilities for foreign TV and radio teams in the National Representative Office of the Rhineland-Palatinate, located at: In den Ministergärten 6, 10117 Berlin. Further information and registration forms are available at the EBU, contact Mr. Heribert Thiemann, Tel. +49/30/28485-101 [newsservice@cine-plus.de].

Only accredited media representatives are allowed to use the media centre. Access is solely via the Memorial site.

Accreditation for the Opening Ceremony on 10 May 2005
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Registration for accreditation should be completed only via the attached form to be sent to the following fax number:

+49/30/227-36333

Period for registration: 4 April 2005, 8:00 a.m., to 15 April 2005, 12:00 noon local time

Later registration is not possible. If the number of registrations exceeds the space available, the time of receipt of registration will be crucial. Registration requires further accreditation. Successful accreditation will be confirmed separately (see information on the issue of accreditation).

In order to be accredited, a security check is necessary, for which personal data must be submitted.

For an application for accreditation (including security check), the following personal data are required:

Family name, first name – name at birth – date of birth – nationality/citizenship – ID or passport number – medium / function – address – telephone and fax – mobile phone – email-address

The following categories of accreditation are available:

- Information discussion 6 May (registration)
- Photography, 9 May (register for one of the two dates)
- Media Centre, 10 May (at the Representative Offices)
- Additional accreditation: tent (max. capacity 200 seats), 10 May
- Additional accreditation: places for announcers and photographers, Hannah-Arendt-Straße, 10 May

Please indicate what accreditation category you are applying for (media centre / additional accreditation tent / additional accreditation for announcer and photographer Hannah-Arendt-Straße). In addition, please indicate if you would like to make use of ISDN cables in the media centre.

TV teams are requested to inform us what technical equipment they will be bringing along for 10 May (esp. media vans), and whether they will require additional electricity.

Please contact the Berlin ARD studio or the EBU in regard to the utilisation of audio and video signals (see above for the contact person).

Issuing of Accreditation

Accreditation will be issued from **2 May 2005** by the Press Office of the Federal Parliament (Pressestelle des Deutschen Bundestages). All those registered will be informed about their successful accreditation and the location and hours of the office for issuing accreditation via email.

We would like to point out that there will be no further press dates on the Memorial site or in the Information Centre in the period between 4 April and 10 May 2005.

Fax form for accreditation **+49/30/227-36333**

Please fill in all items requested in legible letters. Failure to do so will make it impossible to process your application.

Family name: _____

First name: _____

Name at birth: _____

Date of birth: _____

Nationality/
citizenship: _____

ID or passport number:

Medium / function: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

ISDN-cable: Yes No

Technical equipment / additional electricity (TV teams):

Accreditation:

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