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Press articles
on the case of
Judge Rainer Orlet

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Top Line: Judiciary

Title: Judge on Trial

[...]

Subtitle: Crossing the Border

**Leader: Embarrassing Blunders of individual
judges in Baden-Württemberg:**

[...]

- Judge Rainer Orlet vouched for the former NPD-
head Günter Deckert to be a "character-strong,
responsible-minded personality". He voluntarily
retired, preempting his forced removal from office.

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Title: New Row over Judge

Text: The Head of the SPD (Social Democratic Party of Germany) party fraction in the state parliament of Baden-Württemberg Maurer demanded a judge-impeachment of the Mannheim judge Orlet, who authored the scandalous verdict about the head of the NPD (Nation Democratic Party of Germany) Deckert ("character-strong personality") of June 1994. This disciplinary measure would be the only way to remove Orlet from the 6th Great Penal Chamber of the District Court of Mannheim.

Minister of Justice Schäuble, however, does not want to touch the independence of the judges. The CDU (Christian Democratic Union) accuses the SPD of double standard, because it wants to let the president of the 6th Great Penal Chamber of the Mannheim District Court Müller - a member of the SPD - get off scot-free. Müller had signed the verdict, hence certainly had read it.

Picture: Scandal-Judge Rainer Orlet

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Expert to evaluate Orlet-impeachment

Stuttgart. An expert for the constitution is suppose to evaluate the chances of success of an impeachment of the controversial Mannheim judge Rainer Orlet, who described the head of the NPD (National Democratic Party of Germany) Günter Deckert in his verdict as a personality of strong character, responsible-minded and with clear principles. The leaders of the party fractions of CDU, SPD, FDP and the Greens of the state parliament of Baden-Württemberg agreed to this procedure. +++

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Deckert-Judge Orlet threatened with Transfer

The Mannheim judge Rainer Orlet, responsible for the scabdalous verdict against the rightwing extreme Head of hte NPD (National Democratic Party of Germany) Günter Deckert, might himself end up in dock. The impeachment of Orlet in front of the Federal Constitutional Court (BVG) would be the first case of a judge-impeachment in the history of the Federal Republic of Germany.

So far, so Minister of Justice of Baden-Württemberg Thomas Schäuble (Christian Democratic Union) thought that Orlet cannot be prosecuted due to the constitutionally guaranteed independence of judges. A possibility was shown on Tuesday evening by Ernst Benda, former president of the BVG, in an expertise for the state parliament in Stuttgart: Orlet could be removed from his position by virtue of the never before used judge-impeachment in front of the BVG.

Regarding the rule of the independecne of judges, Benda did not refer to Orlet's dubious wording in his verdict but to his public declarations of sympathy for the rightwing radical Deckert outside of the court. By applying article 98 of the Basic Law, a judge can Richter be removed from his office or transfered to retirement, if he has violated principles of the constitution "while on or off duty".+++