

Press release 06;

third press conference. Spreebogenpark, Berlin. 15 September 2021

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## Hunger Strikers Reject Offer of Chancellor Candidates: "It Mocks Us."

In a joint letter to the hunger strikers yesterday, the three candidates for chancellor had stated that they were ready for talks "individually, personally and not publicly after the election" // Jacob Heinze, who collapsed yesterday, is back from hospital and continues the hunger strike // Health of the hunger strikers deteriorates rapidly // The strike continues after 17 days.

Berlin. Wednesday, 15 September 2021. Central point of the press conference: the reaction to the letter of the candidates for chancellor. The hunger strikers declare: "The offer is the opposite of what we demand. A closed-door conversation is unthinkable. We need a collective moment of awakening. A conversation after the election - which is, after all, the election of destiny that we are concerned with - is out of the question. Apparently, the only thing that unites the candidates Ms Baerbock, Mr Laschet, Mr Scholz, is that the future of the young generation is not that important to them."

Earlier on Tuesday, under the impression that Jacob Heinze, who was starving, had collapsed on the camp grounds and been taken to hospital, the group itself had set and communicated a date for the demanded discussion, 23 September, 7 pm. A commitment to this date, so the message to the candidates for chancellor, would immediately end the hunger strike.

Instead, the hunger strikers received the "offer" shortly afterwards, which is not an offer.

Jacob Heinze himself reports on his collapse at the press conference, which takes place for the first time directly in the camp, as the hunger strikers are very weak by now and can only participate

half lying on cushions. Only five of the six starving people can be there themselves, and even these are visibly emaciated - they have lost up to nine kilograms of body weight, which is 11 to 12 percent of their body weight. Especially after stopping the vitamin juice on Monday, their condition deteriorates even faster.

Jacob Heinze had been taken to the Charité hospital after collapsing. "The doctor recommended that I stop the hunger strike. I decided to continue it. Because the abyss of the climate crisis is too threatening. People are already dying, as in Madagascar from hunger, in Australia and Canada from fire, in many places from apocalyptic floods. This is our future. And that's why I'm staying on hunger strike until we get an honest conversation with the chancellor candidates."

Henning Jeschke, Hunger Striker, also comments on his motivation to continue:

"We are starving now so that our societies do not fall into famine.

We want tipping points to finally be talked about, publicly. According to the IPCC, we still have three years to maintain the two-degree limit. And we are not alone in our fear. A recent study with 10,000 people of the young generation shows that even the young generation from the Global North is already suffering, under the psychological pressure, because the inaction of those politically responsible is leading us further and further towards a climate collapse. These young people see the Earth as doomed."

The hunger strikers express their gratitude for the overwhelming solidarity.

The strike continues. "We have a moral responsibility to act now."

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Source: study "Young People's Voices on Climate Anxiety, Government Betrayal and Moral Injury: A Global Phenomenon" [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3918955](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3918955)

Source: IPCC Leak on the two-degree time window according to the IPCC Leak (especially C1.2: <https://scientistrebellion.com/we-leaked-the-upcoming-ipcc-report/> )

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