

11 August Announcement

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[Text] Berlin--In the GDR the Frankfurt/Oder bezirk court has sentenced a West Berliner, Rainer Trampenau, to 6 years' loss of liberty for "antistate trafficking in human beings." The announcement to this effect by the GDR news agency ADN today brings to 47 the tally of sentences of escape helpers it has reported since a month ago, 11 July.

Trampenau too, according to ADN, had acted "on behalf of criminal gangs of traffickers in human beings" and had been arrested because of abuse of the transit agreement. The car used was confiscated.

This weekend the Berlin CDU called on the Federal Government to instruct its permanent mission in East Berlin to insist on being informed in advance of trials of escape helpers in the GDR and on sending observers to the trials. In a written message to Federal Justice Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Berlin CDU's spokesman on judicial affairs, Hubert Roesler, stressed the Federal Government's duty to intervene on behalf of people arrested in this way and to concern itself with their fate.