

# Merkel is out of control: Germans start large protests against migrants and open borders

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There have been [past few days](#) and that may be cause for some optimism. On 20<sup>th</sup> January about 2500 protesters gathered in Cottbus, after two recent local attacks earlier in the year: One in which three Syrian youths attacked a married couple with a knife and a few days later when a 15-year-old Syrian injured a 16- year-old German.

The other protest was held on Sunday in the small town of Kandel where a 15-year-old German girl was brutally murdered by her ex- boyfriend, an Afghan asylum seeker. Fifteen-year-old Mia was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife in front of a drugstore on December 27, allegedly by her former boyfriend, also 15. The town of 8500 managed to rouse 1000 protesters who gathered in the main square with banners reading "Safety for our children". However, across the street there were also those with banners saying, "Stand up against racism." Local

authorities claimed that most anti-migrant demonstrators were not locals but had instead travelled from across Germany to Kandel ahead of the protest. There will be another protest on 3<sup>rd</sup> February in Cottbus.

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