Personal statement on the topic "Family reunification for refugees"

The Berlin Administrative Court, in a ruling according to media reports of 22.12.2017, granted the family reunification for an unaccompanied minor, also traumatized refugee, with reference to the best interests of the child and with reference to the Basic Law, the European Convention on Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The court's vote should combine the enlightened-liberal, tolerant circles of the population with courage for new hopes in view of the political jolt against foreigners, which is increasingly common in Europe. It should be pointed out that, in view of current, and in particular future, policies, this judgment has been given sufficient opportunities for the Federal Government not only to claim the form of existence of an - to put it bluntly - indispensable ethical guideline, but also to put it into practice in real life and thus to prove its pioneering character. The inability of the German state, which has so far been noted - and here the finger is directed especially at party representatives of authoritarian-restrictiveconservative genre - to quickly initiate a satisfactory regulation in accordance with the standards of humanity, responsibility and the rule of law in the question of family reunification for refugees under subsidiary protection, will - if a solution should not be found in the currently ongoing explorations on the formation of a government in favor of migrants - grow into a political as well as moral scandal of the first rank!

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