

Speech by Sunny Omwenyeke, BreSoC e.V on the Stadtbild Rally in Bremen, 26th October 2025, Domshof.

The problem is not just Merz and whatever crazy ideas he may have. He is just a tiny part of it. At issue is the society and Merz is simply a reflection of this society. A society that on a daily basis tolerates, accepts, excuses and justifies the racist and discriminatory treatment of those who are not whites. Today, you're disgusted by what Merz said and you turn out in the thousands in many cities to protest just like after the Correctiv report on the Postdam meeting about remigration. At the same time, refugees are being violated daily in camps, officially discriminated against with Payment cards and so on, and you're silent on them. It is this silence that make these atrocities possible. So, let's call it what it is: It is a problem of white supremacy!!! And that is a problem each and every one of you here and beyond has to confront if you're serious about the issue today.

Look at yourself and your own conduct and reflect on your racist socialisation and white supremacist mentality. It is not enough to be a nice, helping white person. It is certainly not enough to take pride in joining a protest against such racist declarations while you maintain and retain your prejudices and not willing or able to look critically at yourself. If you manage to do that this society will produce people who would not believe in or make such stupid statements. Until you take that step, we are bound to have people like Merz who simply reflects the racist and white supremacist pulse of this society.

There is basically nothing new in what Merz said if you all had listened to what refugees and migrants have been saying for over three decades. Look at his track record, it speaks a horrible volume for itself. Since assuming office, he has taken the bulldozer and a sledge hammer to wreck every ounce of human decency in our body polity and yet, there was no uproar. At least not enough uproar to prevent him from representing you. That tells you a lot about yourself.

Now everyone is going mad demanding an apology from him? That says it all. Of all the havoc he has wrecked on the target groups, this is what he should apologise for? Think again!!! Would his apology undo the damage he's already done and the plans he's bent on implementing? If we want to be taken seriously, we actually have to show that we are serious. Demanding apology is anything but...given what he's done so far and been accepted by the populace.

Therefore, this is my message to him: Shove your apology. What you need is a common and basic sense of decency and humanity. And let me remind you if need be: Be careful what you wish for because this country was built on the back of migrants. Now, imagine how dirty your offices, homes and street would be without

migrants helping you to clean your mess on a daily basis. Not to mention who picks your fruits and vegetables. Merz now says that he only meant the migrants who are not working. He wants the working migrants; which is another form of racism because people don't only have a right to stay when they are working and useful. In any case Merz should know that our life dream is not to be become useful objects to the German economy, we have higher aspirations in life.

Migration is not the problem; it is only an imaginary problem in the heads of the politicians and those obsessed with far-right ideologies. Besides white supremacy and capitalist greed that are your main problems, which Merz and his ilk are fully trapped in, there is the problem of toxic masculinity and femicide, homophobia and anti LGBTQ+, Islamophobia and lots more that they could focus on, rather, they chose to pursue shadows in migration as a problem. Shame on you!!! The result of racist language and the demonisation of refugees and migrants is deadly. It leads to killings and you can see it in Hanau, the killing of Laye Conde, Oury Jalloh, Lorenz, Ahmed, Qosay, Idrissi and lots more.

Again, to Merz, you may want to go into the gutter with the far right for electoral purposes, feel free to do so but not on the back of migrants and refugees. By the way, if you need any reminder, "We are here because you destroy our countries". We are therefore not begging to be accepted here, we are demanding it as a matter of right that our human dignity be respected without conditions or the benevolence of anyone, including the politicians.

One more thing, particularly to those who refuse to look at history and learn. I am Black and I am proud. I came here as a refugee and I am proud to be a refugee because I have nothing to be ashamed of as a refugee. Those who should be ashamed are the cowardly and corrupt politicians who refuse to accept the sanctity of our human dignity and common humanity. Merz and his likes think they can determine the destiny of Blacks and People of Color here and everywhere else. But they, like their forebears and most white people do not learn from history.

Here is my point to them: If we as Black people could survive your slavery and slave trade, if we could survive your colonisation, theft and vandalism, and if we could survive your genocide in Africa, what makes you think we cannot survive your current barbarism? Be rest assured, we will outlive Merz, we will survive and we shall overcome. Therefore, have no doubt about it all and let it be known to whoever might be interested that "We are here and we will stay"!!! Thank you.