

Before farmers' protest Court allows highway blockades

Many highways will be blocked by farmers on Monday - rightly so, the Higher Administrative Court decided

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Are farmers allowed to block highway entrances across the country? Yes, the Berlin-Brandenburg Higher Administrative Court has now decided. Against the wishes of the police.

The farmers' association wants to block 25 driveways around the capital with tractors and trucks on Monday - on all highways in the country. The police only wanted to authorize the actions if the barriers were opened every 30 minutes.

► The farmers initially sued the administrative court - and were right.

The Berlin-Brandenburg Higher Administrative Court dismissed a police complaint on Saturday via an emergency decision. State Farmers President Henrik Wendorff (58) told BILD: “According to the court, the danger from constant opening and closing of the blockades would be greater than from a permanent closure. The opening and closing would lead to backlogs and chaos.”

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However, the demonstrators must keep emergency lanes open on the driveways for emergencies. Farmer boss Wendorff promises: "Police and ambulances can get through at any time." And: they are not allowed to block the motorway exits.

Police spokesman Mario Heinemann confirms: "The court decision applies to the states of Berlin and Brandenburg." In addition to the highway blockades, the farmers there have registered around 100 (!) other meetings, including in all city centers and at the intersections of important federal highways.

Farmers also want to paralyze traffic in other federal states. The overview:

BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

Significant traffic disruptions are expected around Ulm on Monday. Farmers want to chug along federal roads and motorway access roads (A7 and A8) with their tractors. 1,000 tractors are expected at a rally in Ravensburg. Plus tugboat rides around Heilbronn, Ludwigsburg and Reutlingen.

BAVARIA

Some municipalities fear major impacts for the week of action, including through blocking motorway entrances. According to the farmers' association, a rally is planned in the state capital Munich on Monday.

BREMEN/LOWER SAXONY

The farmers in Lower Saxony want to set off on a rally in Bremen on Monday. Up to 2,000 farmers with their tractors are expected in the city alone.

HAMBURG

The Hamburg police are expecting significant traffic disruptions throughout the city due to the tractor demonstrations. On Monday morning, 250 to 300 tractors coming from Schleswig-

Holstein will cross the state border in Langenhorn, Rahlstedt and Bergedorf and drive to a final rally in downtown Hamburg, the police announced. Significant disruptions must be expected throughout the city and on alternative routes.

HESSE

The focus of the protests on Monday is the state capital Wiesbaden. Between 500 and 800 tractors are expected. The route also leads past the Hessian State Chancellery. A rally will take place there from 12 p.m. There will also be further campaigns in Kassel, Frankfurt and Limburg, among others.

MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN

According to information from the State Farmers' Association, there will be protests at more than 50 motorway entrances - but at the same time only on every other one for two hours with a subsequent change so that traffic can flow at the free junctions.

NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA

In North Rhine-Westphalia, farmers want to paralyze traffic at intersections and driveways across the country on Monday. There will be larger gatherings in Cologne, Bonn, east of Dortmund and Münster. Police are warning of traffic problems across the country.

RHINELAND-PALATEINA

The farmers' and winegrowers' association wants to hold demonstrations and rallies in all 14 districts on Monday. It is to be expected that at least 40, and therefore almost all, motorway entrances in the greater area of the Mainz police headquarters will be blocked from 6 a.m., the police said.

SAARLAND

There will also be a rally in the southwest on Monday. The final rally in Saarbrücken is scheduled to take place at 2:45 p.m. either on Schlossplatz or St. Johanner Markt.

SAXONY-ANHALT

Two tractor tours lead to Magdeburg and Halle on Monday. In the state capital, up to 2,000 farmers drive to the state parliament on Cathedral Square with 600 tractors and trucks. There will also be a tractor parade in Bernburg (Salzlandkreis). In the Burgenland district, a convoy from Naumburg to Weißenfels is planned.

SAXONY

Actions such as car parades, a demonstration at the Elbe bridge in Torgau and protests at motorway entrances are planned for Monday.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

Slowly moving tractor columns are said to be causing traffic disruptions throughout the country. Things are getting tough on the A7: The “Land creates connection” alliance wants to block all access roads between Hamburg and Denmark on Monday. The convoy trips are planned in the districts of Dithmarschen, Steinburg, Pinneberg, Segeberg, Stormarn and the Duchy of Lauenburg.

THURINGIA

Although the Thuringian Farmers' Association has not called for blocking intersections or roads, drivers and passengers on Erfurt's local transport would still have to be prepared for restrictions, some of which will be significant. Meetings were also registered for Monday in other cities in Thuringia.