

# THE TRUTH LIES IN ROSTOCK

**DIRECTOR**

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**DURATION**

78:00

**YEAR**

1993

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

English

German

**CATEGORY**

Documentary

**DESCRIPTION**

August 1992. Lichtenhagen Estate, Rostock, in former East Germany. Police withdraw as fascists bomb a refugee centre and home of Vietnamese guest workers while 3,000 onlookers stand and cheer. Using material filmed from inside the attacked houses and interviews with anti-fascists, the Vietnamese guest workers, police, bureaucrats, Neo-nazis and residents, a story of political collusion and fear unfolds.

**IMAGE FORMAT**

4:3

**SOUND**

Stereo

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

"Astounding in the way it lifts the lid on German authorities collusion in the events... it is both an historical record and a revelation of the cynicism that politicians call pragmatism."

*Time Out*, 21-28 July 1993

"A painstaking documentary... raising a number of questions that may never be answered."

*The Guardian*, 23 July 1993

"Impressive documentary whose implicit message is that right wing extremism is not just a matter of young Skinheads throwing Molotov cocktails but raises deeper questions about the attitude of government and police."

*The Times*, 22 July 1993

**KEYWORDS**

Germany, Riot, Immigration, Racism, Fascism, Neo-nazis

**THEMES**

Identity

Socio-politics

History