

White Fighter against Apartheid Touches the Minds of MGM's Students

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Monschau, 28 June 2012. Denis Goldberg, a white fighter against Apartheid and any kind of racial discrimination from South Africa, honoured our school with a presentation about his life as an underground activist fighting racism and his 22 years in prison.

When Goldberg entered the Assembly Hall he was welcomed with standing ovations. After he had introduced himself to the audience, he told about his life story and read from his autobiography.

By telling about the brutal rule of the white supremacists, his actions and the danger he got himself into - although he was not affected by the situation himself as a white South African - he earned much respect from the attentive audience.

Especially the stories about the torture in political prisons that inmates had to suffer gave a shocking picture of those times.

While he was answering questions after his presentation, one remark might be kept in mind most. When he was asked whether he would go through all this humiliation, suffering and torture again if it was necessary, he told us with a smile on his face that he would, "but he would try not to get caught this time ..."

We are very grateful that Mr. Goldberg, as a contemporary witness of South Africa's Apartheid regime, gave us the chance to learn from his experiences for times to come.