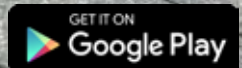


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The app "Leipzig 1953" is a multimedia guide with bilingual audio (German and English), which contains information about the popular uprising of 17th June 1953, and thus about the first mass revolt against the communist dictatorship of the GDR. It leads to 13 original locations in Leipzig, where significant resistance actions against the SED regime took place in 1953.

The chronological and spatial development of the uprising in Leipzig can be experienced as a GPS-guided city tour. A comprehensive protest in which the citizens demanded freedom and democracy as well as German unity developed here out of initial protests over social and economic problems in the GDR. The tour of the 13 locations in Leipzig starts at the Grand Market, where the first protests began early in the morning due to a lack of supplies. It then proceeds alongside the Ernst Thälmann House of the Associated Unions via the Stasi Investigation Detention Center, where the first death occurred, to what was then the district court house. The three memorials created after the Peaceful Revolution are also included in the tour.

The information in the guide is supplemented by a variety of original photos, documents, short biographies on those killed during the protests, and contemporary audio and film material. Users can thus both engage with the events in more detail and understand changes that have taken place in the city since 1953 through direct comparisons. Six chapters also provide information on the history, development, and consequences of the revolt, and deal with historical classification.

The app thus reminds users of the strength and will required by the population to rise up against the communist system and its repression just a few years after the founding of the GDR. Throughout the GDR, more than a million people protested on 17th June 1953. Soviet tanks and the German People's Police beat down the rebellion bloodily. The population's demand for freedom and democracy were fulfilled only in 1989/90, with the Peaceful Revolution.

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