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AUSTRIAN MAN IMPRISONED FOR SELLING PRO-NAZI SONGS ON NOTORIOUS INTERNET FORUM

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An Austrian man who sold pro-Nazi songs online with titles like "Adolf Hitler Lives" and "Goebbels for All" has been sentenced to 33 months in prison. He was prosecuted under Austria's anti-Nazi laws.

A court in the Upper Austrian city of Steyr imprisoned the 38-year old for selling songs with titles like "Adolf Hitler Lives," "Goebbels for All" and "In Buchenwald," reportedly to the tune of a popular children's song.

He denied any wrongdoing, saying his ideology reflected the fact that "I back my nation." According to local media, he told the judge: "If the FPÖ is right, then I am also right," referencing the far-right Freedom Party, which narrowly lost the 2016 presidential election.

The man was also sentenced for having large tattoos of infamous Nazi figures, which he showed off at a local swimming pool.

Notorious neo-Nazi forum

Local media reported the man attempted to sell the recordings on Thiazi Forum, a notorious neo-Nazi forum that was shut down in 2012 after police raids in Germany and the UK. In recent years various administrators of the site have been jailed in Austria and Germany.

The man has not been identified in keeping with Austria's privacy laws.

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