Thousands rally against violence in Germany
COTTBUS, Germany, Jan 7: An estimated 10,000 people demonstrated in Cottbus today against extreme rightwing violence which the east German town has suffered in recent days, police said, reports AFP.

After a church vigil they marched to the site of a former synagogue which was destroyed by the Nazis during the Third Reich.

There the premier of the regional state of Brandenburg, Manfred Stolpe, declared that the protest showed the town of Cottbus "is not ruled by brainless Nazis". Wischnath, said that one must not close one's eyes to acts of open violence.