

## Berlin Police Stop Protest Artwork

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BERLIN—Police in Berlin stopped the Swiss artist **Enrico Centonze** from planting 500 metallic flags in the grass in front of the Reichstag in protest of the German government's recent €500 billion (\$670 million) bank rescue package yesterday, reports Bloomberg.

The flags made of metallic rescue blankets, are "a visual interpretation of the rescue package," said Centonze, who paid for the €1,500 project himself, with each flag representing €1 billion.

"This was an unregistered demonstration in the form of an art action," said a police spokesperson. "You need a special permit for this area."

Centonze said his request for a permit for the action, which he came up with less than a week ago, had not been answered. "Art should respond quickly to topical events," he said.

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