

“Bei uns ist immer was los!”

OCTOBER 3—DAY OF GERMAN UNITY

30 years on: German government hails success of reunification

Almost 30 years on from German reunification, the former East Germany has largely caught up with the west economically but still has a lower level of trust in democracy, according to an annual report presented Wednesday.



Germans celebrating at the Brandenburg Gate to mark reunification on October 3rd, 1990.

GDP per capita in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) has reached 79.1 percent of that in the rest of the country, according to the report presented to the German cabinet.

At the time of reunification on October 3rd, 1990, that figure stood at just 37 percent, compared to their western counterparts.

"Some things have taken longer than planned. But in many areas we can basically say: unity accomplished," said Marco Wanderwitz, the government commissioner for the former East German states.