



## Germany at risk of mass unrest – security official

### Description

#### **GERMANY: Protests over Covid-19 curbs will feel like ‘a kid’s birthday party’ compared to what’s ahead, a senior security official says**

Germany could be facing mass unrest this autumn and protests over the energy crisis could be hijacked by extremists, a regional head of the country’s domestic security agency has said.

Stephan Kramer, who heads the BfV in the state of Thuringia, said Germany must be prepared for the possibility that *“legitimate”* protests over energy and economic crises could be *“infiltrated by extremists.”*

He told ZDF broadcaster on Wednesday that demonstrations could be expected over *“gas shortages, energy problems, supply difficulties, possible recession, unemployment, but also the growing poverty right up to the middle class.”*

*“Extremists”* who could hijack the protests include the so-called *“lateral thinkers”* who rallied against coronavirus restrictions during the pandemic, and right-wing activists who have already been stirring the mood on social media in recent months, Kramer said.

If such scenarios materialize, *“we’re likely to be confronted with mass protests and riots,”* the official warned.

Due to Covid-19 and the economic fallout from EU sanctions on Russia over the conflict in Ukraine, *“we’re dealing with a highly emotionalized, aggressive, future-pessimistic mood in society, whose trust in the state, its institutions and political actors is fraught with massive doubts,”* he explained.

*“This highly emotional and explosive mood could easily escalate,”* the security chief said, adding that if this happens the clashes seen by Germany during the pandemic will *“probably feel more like a children’s birthday party”* by comparison.

According to the official, effective crisis management and cooperation between political forces on all

sides of the spectrum would be required to avoid what he called a *“hot autumn.”*

But the most important factor in avoiding unrest and maintaining social peace should be restoring the confidence of Germans in the authorities, he added.

Kramer also advised the people to *“think carefully about which protests and demonstrations you join, or better stay away from them altogether, so as not to support the enemies of democracy.”*

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