
GERMAN CHANCELLOR FACES GROWING BACKLASH OVER MIGRATION REMARKS

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A senior member of Friedrich Merz's party joined growing criticism of the German chancellor on Tuesday over comments on migration that opponents have depicted as dangerous.

Merz rose to power on a pledge to see off the challenge of the far-right Alternative for Germany by addressing their voters' concerns, but is under fire over his response last week to a reporter's question about AfD's anti-migration policies.

Merz said his government was working to correct the failures of previous governments but that there was still a problem "in our cityscapes", a remark widely seen as appearing to link the changing ethnic composition of German cities with crime.

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