
GERMANY'S MERZ AGAIN RULES OUT COOPERATION WITH FAR-RIGHT AFD PARTY

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German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Thursday again categorically ruled out any cooperation with the far-right party Alternative for Germany (AfD) ahead of next months state election in Saxony-Anhalt.

The AfD's positions differ so fundamentally from those of his Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party that there can be no compromises, Merz said at a town hall meeting that was broadcast live by private television network RTL.

The AfD is a party that, because of its close ties to Russia, also jeopardizes our countrys internal and external security, he warned.

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