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## **HORST SEEHOFER TO FOCUS ON RIGHT-WING EXTREMISM IN GERMANY**

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The number of people classified as far-right extremists in Germany has risen, according to a new report. Interior Minister Horst Seehofer says this is the country's biggest security concern.

Horst Seehofer (right in photo), the head of Germany's Interior and Heimat Ministry, said there had been 22,300 crimes committed by right-wing extremists in 2019 – a 10% increase over 2019 – according to the annual report on extremism conducted by the domestic intelligence agency, the BfV. Seehofer devoted over 10 minutes to the threat posed by the far right. By contrast, he spoke only three minutes about threats from left-wing and Islamic extremists. For years, those had been the primary focus of Germany's domestic security agencies.

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