
GERMAN POLITICIANS CONDEMN FAR-RIGHT FLAGS OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT

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Leading politicians on Sunday (31 August) condemned protesters who stormed the steps of Germanys Reichstag parliament building, some of them holding far-right flags, during mass marches against coronavirus curbs a day earlier.

Police in the nations capital were able to prevent demonstrators from entering the building, but the day saw hundreds of arrests, pockets of violence with injured police, and the forced break-up of one mass protest.

Finance minister Olaf Scholz, of the Social Democrats, the junior partner in Angela Merkels conservative-led ruling coalition and candidate to succeed her as chancellor, said Germans must do everything possible to prevent such scenes.

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