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WHY ARE GERMAN ARMED FORCES SPYING ON DOMESTIC CITIZENS?

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When the German chancellor Olaf Scholz delivered his famous "Zeitenwende" [Turning Point] speech in February 2022, he placed the German armed forces (Bundeswehr) at the centre of the public attention.

Since then, the procurement and readiness of tanks, weapon systems, and radios have been discussed in detail over the media.

Less discussed, despite their growing importance, are the intelligence capabilities of the Bundeswehr. Policy debates in Germany are not only disregarding the current intelligence capabilities of the armed forces and their future aspirations, but also how these activities are democratically limited and controlled.

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