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**GERMAN CDU LEADER FRIEDRICH MERZ VOWS TO TOUGHEN MIGRATION POLICY**

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*Merz, whose centre-right bloc currently tops the polls, is toughening his stance on migration ahead of federal elections next month.*

The leader of Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), Friedrich Merz, has vowed to crackdown on illegal immigration if he becomes chancellor after Bundestag elections next month.

Merz said on Thursday that he would bar people without proper papers from entering Germany, and promised to increase deportations.

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