# Trial in Munich Begins for Suspected Far-Right Coup Plotters



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On Tuesday, a trial commenced in Munich involving eight individuals accused of participating in a far-right conspiracy to overthrow the German government. This trial is the third and final in a series of proceedings related to a comprehensive investigation that surfaced in late 2022.

The defendants, comprising six men and two women, face charges including the preparation of a high treasonous act, membership in or the formation of a terrorist organization, and the preparation of violent acts. The trial at the Munich state court has scheduled 55 sessions through January, according to the German news agency dpa.

This alleged plot involves a total of 26 individuals now facing court hearings. Prominent figures, such as a self-proclaimed prince and a former far-right lawmaker, appeared in court in Frankfurt last month, while another trial focusing on the plot’s “military arm” began in Stuttgart in April.

Prosecutors allege that the suspects adhered to conspiracy theories related to the Reich Citizens and QAnon ideologies, which reject Germany’s postwar constitution and believe the nation is controlled by a “deep state.” The plan purportedly involved storming the parliament building in Berlin, arresting lawmakers, and negotiating a new order primarily with Russia.

The group allegedly secured funding amounting to around 500,000 euros ($535,000) and had access to a cache of weapons. Federal prosecutors have also revealed that the group compiled several “enemy lists” for targeting regional and local authorities.

This trial comes amid broader concerns about the far right in Germany, as highlighted in a 2023 report by the domestic intelligence agency, which noted an increase in potentially violent right-wing extremists and far-right offenses.