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Berlin Estimates 420 Potentially Dangerous Islamists Live in Germany

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In an interview with the newspaper Die Welt after the attacks in Paris, Munch recalled that Islamist terrorism attacks European values, with Germany also in its sight.

As he noted, the coordinated work of the security forces has prevented eleven attacks in the country, but Paris has shown that the risk of international terrorism is “high” and that Germany may also be affected.

The jihadis, he explained, are younger than they were a few years ago and radicalized much faster; sometimes they spend a few months or a few weeks until a person decides to travel to Syria.

Many have criminal records behind them and often, before traveling abroad to join the jihadis, come into contact with Salafist groups in Germany.

According to data from the BKA, more than 750 Islamists have left Germany bound for Iraq and Syria and there is information about 70 people who have returned after receiving military training or combat experience.