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## **Top German official expects more attacks on German troops in Afghanistan**

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The German government is anticipating further attacks against German troops based in Afghanistan, media reports said Saturday.

Speaking with the SWR broadcasting network, German deputy interior minister, August Hanning said there had been already two to four attacks on German army installations every month.

He added this figure was not expected to change anytime soon.

Stationed in northern Afghanistan, German troops have repeatedly been the target of suicide missions.

At least 21 German soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan since January 2002.

More than 3,000 German soldiers are presently based in northern Afghanistan as part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force.

Berlin has faced intense pressure in recent months from its NATO allies, notably the US, Britain and Canada, to expand its military presence into southern Afghanistan where NATO troops are battling a revitalized Taliban insurgency.

According to various opinion polls, slightly more than half of Germans oppose the NATO-led war in Afghanistan.