Germany: Suspect detained in plot to kill soldiers

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German authorities have detained a Syrian man suspected of planning a machete attack on soldiers in the southern state of Bavaria, prosecutors in Munich said on Friday.

The 27-year-old man is accused of planning an attack on soldiers in the northeastern Bavarian town of Hof. Police officers arrested the man on Thursday in the Hof region. An investigating judge issued a warrant for his arrest on Friday morning and the suspect was detained shortly afterwards.

It is assumed that the man wanted to kill as many Bundeswehr soldiers as possible with two machetes during their lunch break in the center of the town, according to the public prosecutor's office in Munich.

The suspect had already bought two machetes, approximately 40 cm (15.75 inches) long. Investigators believe the 27-year-old is a follower of radical Islamic ideology.

"With the act, the accused wanted to attract attention and create a feeling of uncertainty among the population," the statement said.

According to <u>Breitbart</u> The man... was in Germany on a humanitarian visa ... had no previous criminal record or outstanding deportation orders