

Germany must become ‘the best equipped armed force in Europe’, Scholz says

Germany is ready to become a leader on European security and must become the “best equipped armed force” in Europe, Chancellor Olaf Scholz said on Friday.

“As the most populous nation with the greatest economic power and a country in the centre of the continent, our army must become the cornerstone of conventional defence in Europe, the best-equipped force,” Scholz said in a speech before the top personnel of the Bundeswehr.

Russia’s war in Ukraine has been a turning point for German defence policy, with the country creating a special fund of €100 billion to upgrade its armed forces.

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