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T Germany to Be a Bigger Military Power Than Russia Richard Palmer | February 24

GERMANY WILL BOOST THE SIZE OF ITS MILITARY TO NEARLY 200,000, hiring an additional 20,000 soldiers by 2024, Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen announced February 21.

Germany had already announced plans to increase its army to 193,000 by 2023, so this is merely an incremental increase compared to these earlier plans. However, it does confirm the radical change in direction for Germany. The Army had shrunk to a low of 166,500 last June and has only just begun growing again. Now, each new announcement tells of German military increases.

Germany also plans to increase its military spending to 2 percent of its gross domestic product by 2024.

Von der Leyen's statements came shortly after the Munich Security Conference where American leaders once again called for Europe to spend more on its militaries.

Few appreciate what a massive shift this would mean for Europe. In an article titled "[Should Europeans Spend More on Defense?](#)", Dalibor Rohac wrote for the *EU Observer*:

on defense than Russia does. Look at what that country has been able to achieve. With a bit more military cooperation and a strong leader, Europe could very quickly become a major power.

And a Germany that spends 2 percent of its GDP on its military would be even more dominant within the EU. Once von der Leyen's plans are complete, the German Army would be slightly bigger than the British armed forces are right now. Rohac continued in his article:

Some have blamed Germany, rightly or wrongly, for imposing austerity on economies in the eurozone's Mediterranean periphery. ...

These disputes might have been heated, but they were still largely amicable. But what would the standoff over Greek debt or the EU's asylum policies look like if Germany were not just an economic powerhouse but also wielded real military might? How would it shape the country's relations with the Czech Republic, which expelled 2.5 million



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A demonstrator wears a replica depicting the crown of the Statue of Liberty during a protest in San Francisco, California, U.S. following the election of Donald Trump as the president of the United States November 9, 2016. (photo by REUTERS)

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