Germany following France - young people rioting on the streets

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Halloween and protests got mixed up when a person dressed up as Batman joined the German protests on Saturday (picture: Al Jazeera 1.11.2026)

The rising living costs, worries about the climate change and the plans of bringing back compulsory military service have brought young people to the streets. 18, 000 protesters have been reported.

Several police officers were injured and hundreds of protesters arrested when the protests, which started calmly, escalated. Germany's interior minister Alexander Dobrindt has blamed "violent extremists" for the violence that has broken out in some of the protests in Berling, Hamburg and Cologne despite of the fact that the organizers promised they would stay peaceful. Also the organizers of the protests were worried about people who would be tempted by the violence, not the agenda. In the 20th of November an international riot will bring together protesters from