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## GERMANY'S FAR-RIGHT AfD SUFFERS SERIES OF CANDIDATE DEATHS AHEAD OF LOCAL VOTE

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As many as six candidates for Germany's far-right AfD have died in recent weeks ahead of local elections in the big western state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Police have made clear there is no evidence of foul play in the deaths, but it means that new ballots will have to be printed and some postal voters will have to recast their ballots.

North Rhine-Westphalia has a population of 18 million and a reported 20,000 candidates will run for office in its 14 September local elections.

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