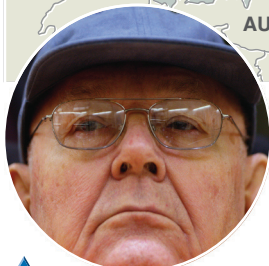# Surge in Nazi-era war crimes probes

The arrest of an alleged former guard at Auschwitz extermination camp reflects a surge in German investigations into Nazi war crimes. A recent legal precedent could see up to 50 death-camp guards face prosecution

▲ Extermination camps and estimated death tolls *(1940-45)*

125 miles
200km

SWEDEN

LATVIA

North Sea

Baltic Sea

RUSSIA

LITHUANIA

Maly Trostenets 65,000

Minsk ▣

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Treblinka 700,000-800,000

BELARUS

Berlin ▣

Chelmno 320,000 ▲

▣ Warsaw

GERMANY

POLAND

▲ **Sobibor 250,000**

▲ **Majdanek 360,000**

Belzec 600,000

CZECH REP.

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U K R A I N E

FRANCE

Munich ◉

Auschwitz-Birkenau 1,500,000

Janowska 40,000

AUSTRIA

HUNGARY

ROMANIA

Jasenovac, Croatia 100,000

Ongoing investigations of Nazi war criminals

🔵 Worldwide
🔵 Germany

Legal precedent: 2011 ruling that by serving as guard at Sobibor camp *John Demjanjuk* became part of extermination process and an accessory to murder. Demjanjuk died in 2012 while appealing his conviction

Total investigations **9,920** Total convictions **99** Convictions in Germany **6**

Year	2002	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Worldwide	455	492	940	1,252	1,130	1,019	608	706	852	1,328	1,138
Germany	27	13	35	46	28	20	30	27	177	582	528