

Hijackers' Identity Secret

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — One week after West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner at Mogadishu Airport to free 91 hostages, the true identity of the four hijackers remains a closely guarded secret.

The one terrorist who survived the raid, described as an attractive chestnut-haired woman of about 20, was reported recuperating Tuesday at Mogadishu's Medina Hospital from gunshot wounds in her right shoulder and leg.

Diplomatic sources said the other three hijackers have

been secretly buried. But beyond these reports little is known about the terrorists.

The Somalis have given out no official information on the hijackers. Diplomats here appear to be virtually in the dark, but a series of conflicting reports on the hijackers' nationalities and even their sex are circulating in the diplomatic community.

It remains unclear whether the surviving woman will be tried, held in Somalia, thereby inviting retaliation; extradited to West Germany; or

perhaps spirited out of the country.

A consensus appears to have emerged among diplomats that the four hijackers are linked in some way to an extremist Palestinian guerrilla organization. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine is the one most often mentioned.

The hijackers also appeared to have some connection with the **Red Army Faction**, a West German terror group, as evidenced by the similarity of the hijackers' demands and those of the

West German -Martin Schleyer.

Both units sought release of 11 imprisoned German anarchists. The hijackers also demanded freedom for two Palestinians jailed in Turkey.

One version of the identities of the hijackers, allegedly based on photographic evidence, says there were two men and two women. The other contends there were three men and one woman. Both reports agree that the terrorists were young.

A source who asked not to be identified said photographs of the hijackers include a shot of a blond European called Johann who was believed to come from Holland.