

Gun, Ammo In 'Terrorist Compound'

Arms Cache Found In Prison

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BONN — Another revolver and a large cache of ammunition have been found in the "terrorist compound" of Stuttgart's Stammheim prison, authorities disclosed Tuesday, raising new questions about security in that controversial institution.

The discovery was made near the cells where two convicted terrorists—**Andreas Baader** and Jan-Carl Raspe—were mortally wounded by shots from two guns Oct. 18. In an adjoining cell, another convict, Gudrun Ensslin, was found hanged at that time.

Prison authorities said **Baader**, Raspe and Mrs. Ensslin had died in a suicide pact. An international panel of medical examiners also found that the three had taken their own lives. It has not yet been explained how the weapons that killed the two men had been brought into the prison.

The find that was announced Tuesday deepened the mystery of the goings on in the maximum security prison on the northern outskirts of Stuttgart.

Officials said that the third handgun to come to light in the seventh floor compound where convicted and suspected terrorists had been held, as well as 25 rounds of ammunition, had been found in an empty cell formerly occupied by Helmut Pohl, an inmate who some time ago was transferred to a prison in Hamburg.

The revolver and ammunition were the latest in a series of startling discoveries in the Stammheim facility since the three prisoners died a month ago.

Investigators who stripped down the cells of the terrorists



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also found explosives, a transistor radio, batteries, a modified thermostat that was apparently used in a communications system whereby the inmates kept in touch with one another.

The justice minister of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Guntram Palm, said he had ordered that all divisions in the "terrorist compound" of Stammheim prison be shut down, and that he would not exclude the possibility of further finds.

The modern eight-story Stammheim facility houses 700 to 800 prisoners. The seventh floor compound in the complex's two wings was remodeled in May when the cells were enlarged, and common rooms were created where terrorists were allowed to meet, but not with other inmates, during certain hours.

Officials in Stuttgart have publicly suggested that the weapons were smuggled into the prison by lawyers during visits to terrorists. However, no proof to support this allegation was produced.