

# Baader killer gets 20 years

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A Dutch Court today sentenced West German urban guerrilla Knut Folkerts to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of a policeman, after rejecting arguments that he was a resistance fighter against Imperialism.

Folkerts, a leading member of the **Red Army Faction**, once also known as the Baader-Meinhof group, chose to stay out of the court-room as Judge Karel Bieger read the verdict of the three-man bench.

Police with steel helmets, carbines and bullet-proof vests patrolled inside and outside the building. Nearby streets were sealed off and all journalists and spectators were searched.

The Court found the

bearded 25-year-old German guilty of the "cold-blooded and pre-meditated" murder of Detective Sergeant Arle Kranenburg, shot in the back during a gun-battle in September.

He was also found guilty of the attempted murder of a detective who was hit in the stomach by two bullets from Folkerts's revolver.

West Germany has requested Folkerts's extradition and regards him as a suspect in both the Schleyer case and the shooting last April of Chief Public Prosecutor Siegfried Buback.

No date has been set for the hearing, which will probably be in Maastricht. Folkerts is expected to appeal, his lawyers said.—  
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