

# Plot to kidnap chancellor, 2nd German official claimed

BONN (AP) — Police have uncovered a plot to kidnap Chancellor Willy Brandt and Minister without Portfolio Horst Ehmke, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported today.

The newspaper said Brandt and Ehmke were to be held hostage until leftist lawyer Horst Mahler was freed from a Berlin jail. He is being held on suspicion of being implicated in the escape of a man accused of attempting to set fire to a Frankfurt department store.

There was no immediate official comment on the report.

The newspaper said police found plans for the kidnappings in the last few days while searching for the missing man,

Andreas Baader, in the Frankfurt area.

Brandt was to be kidnaped while taking his daily walk near Bonn and Ehmke in his Stuttgart electoral district, according to the report. They were to be held in the Taunus Mountains near Frankfurt until Mahler was released.

Police have been searching for Baader and those who freed him since last year.

West German security officials have been worried by a recent increase in letters threatening Brandt and other members of his government. Last month officials were tipped off to a rightist plot to kill the chancellor while he was vacationing in Kenya. His security guard was increased during the trip.