

# Couple foil rocket attack

KARLSRUHE, Friday.

An urban guerrilla gang aimed a savage barrage of 42 home-made rockets at the office of West Germany's federal chief prosecutor, but were foiled because two elderly captives escaped from a small, locked room.

It was a "particularly insidious attack," the chief prosecutor, Herr Kurt Rebmann, told a news conference today.

Police assumed that a timing device and multi-barrel rocket launcher laid last night in an apartment opposite the prosecutor's office was intended to fire

a massive volley during working hours today.

"There would certainly have been very high material damage and casualties," Herr Rebmann said.

His predecessor as federal chief prosecutor, Herr Siegfried Buback, was murdered by a gunman in Karlsruhe last April. Responsibility was claimed by Baader-Meinhoff anarchists — survivors of a gang which spread terror through West Germany in the early 1970s.

The guerrillas who set up the rocket attack last night told their captives they belonged to the Baader-Meinhoff group's Red Army Faction, police said.—Reuter.