

Rockets weapon disarmed

KARLSRUHE, West Germany — (UPI) — Police said yesterday explosive experts disarmed a sophisticated terrorist weapon late Thursday only one hour before it was timed to rain rockets on the headquarters here of the West German chief prosecutor.

"With this type of weapon the terrorists have added a

new dimension to their campaign," Chief Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said. "It is on a grand scale."

Rebmann said a pale man about 30 and a plump woman about 28 overpowered an elderly couple and installed the homemade rocket launcher with 42 barrels on a table at a window facing the headquarters 100 yards away.

"We had luck," Rebmann told a news conference. "The couple were tied up but they managed to free themselves and call police."

A bomb squad raced from Stuttgart and disarmed the weapon at 10 p.m., one hour before it was set to go off by a timing device.

The 69-year-old man and his 74-year-old wife told police the terrorists shouted, "This is a RAF action."

RAF stands for **Red Army Faction**, the official name of the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla gang which has been held responsible for a series of bomb attacks, killings and bank robberies.

Police said the rocket launcher had been set up to rain rockets on different sections of the sprawling anti-terrorist headquarters and would have caused heavy damage.

Rebmann described the weapon as homemade — not one of the many stolen military weapons believed to be in terrorist hands — but a sophisticated expert job.