

Protests Mourn Dead Terrorists

Turin, Italy — AP — Powerful explosions wrecked three showrooms for German made automobiles in two northern Italian cities before dawn Wednesday. Anonymous callers said the bombs were planted in memory of three West German anarchists whose deaths in prison were announced Tuesday.

In downtown Turin, two auto showrooms — one for BMW cars and the other for Volkswagen — were blasted with powerful TNT charges that caused widespread damage and shattered the windows of nearby buildings, police said. The explosions awoke and panicked hundreds of residents.

The other explosion went off in Leghorn, authorities said.

Hundreds of left-wing extremists marched through downtown Rome after the West German government announced that the three members of the notorious Baader-Meinhof urban terrorist gang, including leader Andreas Baader, had committed suicide.

Riot police with armored cars barred the Rome marchers from reaching the West German Embassy. Another group headed for the office of Lufthansa Airlines until a police guard fired a pistol shot and scared the demonstrators away.

Anti-German marches also were staged in London and

Athens as well as in the Italian cities of Milan and Genoa.

Some of the British marchers parading outside the West German Embassy in London shouted "Murder, Murder," and Greeks carried signs reading "Long Live Baader-Meinhof."

Soon after the Turin blasts, an anonymous caller telephoned the Turin office of the Italian news agency ANSA saying the explosions were the work of an underground organization named "Revolutionary Armed Groups."

The caller ended the message with the words: "Honor to the comrades fallen in Germany."

It was an apparent reference to Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe, the West German terrorists who, officials said, were found dead in their cells in the Stammheim security prison at Stuttgart.

The four members of the Baader-Meinhof gang had been among the 11 jailed German terrorists whose freedom was demanded by the hijackers of a Lufthansa jetliner. West German commandos stormed the plane early Tuesday and killed three of the four hijackers.

Several leftist groups have challenged official reports describing the three anarchists' deaths as suicides linked to the failure of the hijackers to win the trio's release by taking over the jetliner.

In Leghorn a bomb broke eight windows in a Mercedes showroom, destroyed a new car and damaged several other vehicles. A caller telephoned a local newspaper claiming responsibility for "all the fighters for communism."

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