

Charged in police death

Terrorist held by Dutch police

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (UPI) — A man charged with the slaying of a Dutch policeman was identified Friday as a Baader-Meinhof gang terrorist wanted for the assassination of West Germany's chief prosecutor.

Chief police Commissioner C.S. van Doesburg said Knut Folkerts of Singer, West Germany, was arrested Thursday after a shootout with police in Utrecht in which a 46-year-old officer was killed and another officer was seriously wounded.

Folkerts, who carried false identity papers, refused to talk but was identified by West German investigators called to Utrecht, police said.

A woman tentatively identified as another Baader-Meinhof gang member also was involved in the shootout, but escaped, police said.

"Folkerts shot at the policeman who was killed, and his woman companion, who managed to escape, shot at the other policeman, seriously injuring him," van Doesburg said.

"It was a sinister splitting of tasks," he said.

Police said the woman was thought to be Brigitte Mohnhaupt, 28, whose identity papers were found in a pub in The Hague Monday night following another police shooting.

Mohnhaupt was released from a West German prison after serving part of a 4 ½ year sentence for a 1974 conviction of belonging to a terrorist organization. Police said she was wanted in West Germany.

Police said Folkerts was sought in connection with the April 7 shooting of West Germany's chief prosecutor, Siegfried Buback, who successfully prosecuted a major case



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against the leaders the left-wing terrorist group.

Buback was attacked by two gunmen on a motorcycle as he drove to work. He and his driver were slain in a burst of machinegun fire.

The Dutch Justice Ministry denied an earlier state police report that two other members of the West German terrorist gang had been arrested in southern Holland.