

Berlin Holds 2 in Caucasus Case

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Berlin police have confirmed the arrest of two Russian citizens on suspicion of belonging to a North Caucasus terrorist group, news reports said.

One unidentified suspect, aged 35, is accused of being a courier for Jamaat Shariat from September 2008 to last August, Interfax reported Friday, citing Rheinische Post.

He purportedly transported documents from Germany to the Czech Republic that contained information about the recruitment of new members and purchases of weapons for terrorist activities in Chechnya and Dagestan.

The man is known in terrorist circles under the nickname the "Iron Recruiter," Ukrainian news agency Globalist <u>reported</u> Friday, citing an Interpol source. Berlin police have also detained the man's suspected assistant, German news reports said.

German law enforcement agencies are considering an extradition request from the Czech Republic, Deutsche Welle <u>said</u>.

Czech police said May 3 that they had detained four Russians and two Bulgarians suspected

of supporting Jamaat Shariat. Police said at the time that two additional suspects were being held in Germany.

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