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Briton Jailed for Azeri Arms

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A British arms dealer was jailed for trying to buy surface-to-air missiles from North Korea to sell them to Azerbaijan.

British prosecutors described Michael Ranger as an established international arms dealer who used a company registered in Hong Kong under the name of his girlfriend to organize illegal arms deals between the two countries.

Azerbaijan is under an international arms embargo following a 1990s ethnic conflict in the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Ranger was jailed for 3 1/2 years Friday.

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