

Press photos

RAF – Terrorist Violence

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Motorcycle used in the Buback assassination, 1977

Günter Sonnenberg rented the Suzuki GS 750 on 2 April 1977 from a company in Düsseldorf. On 7 April 1977 two members of the Red Army Faction fired at Federal Prosecutor General Siegfried Buback and his driver Wolfgang Göbel from this motorcycle, killing both of them immediately. Georg Wurster, a court officer in Buback's car, died on 13 April of his serious shot wounds. The motorcycle was found later on the day of the attack near an autobahn bridge in the vicinity of Karlsruhe. After securing the evidence, the office of the Federal Prosecutor General released the motorcycle for sale in 1981. The owner bought it in the following year. During the trial of Verena Becker in Stuttgart from 2010 to 2012 the Suzuki was again shown to witnesses.

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Part of the wreckage of the car of Karl Heinz Beckurts, a Siemens nuclear physicist, and his driver Eckhard Groppler, who were killed by a blast of explosives on 9 July 1986, a murder that stands for RAF crimes that were never solved. © Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart



Wanted list: Anarchist offenders, May 1972

The poster with the wanted list calls on the public to help the police. Offenders who have been arrested are crossed out. © Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart



Stammheim Prison being constructed in the 1960s

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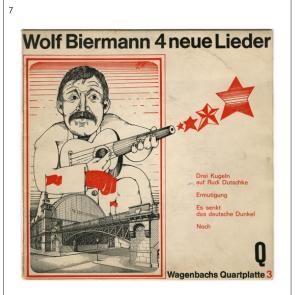
Helmet of the Special Task Force Baden-Württemberg from Göppingen, 1977

The state responded to the terrorist challenge in part by establishing new police units. For difficult deployments there were four Mobile Task Forces (MEK) in southwest Germany from 1972 on, with a total of 100 officers. The Special Task Force (SEK), founded in 1977, was formed to serve in the fight against terrorism, but it was also used to control demonstrators. A unit much better known to the general public was the anti-terror force GSG 9 of the Federal Border Guard, which freed the hostages in Mogadishu on 17 October 1977 from the Palestinian hijackers of the Lufthansa machine "Landshut". © Polizeihistorischer Verein Stuttgart e. V.; photo: Bernd Eidenmüller



Hard hat for protection against police truncheons, around 1968

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Record cover Wolf Biermann: 4 new songs, 1968 (Three bullets for Rudi Dutschke)

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Pizza oven of Jan-Carl Raspe, made out of a rectangular biscuit tin, from around 1975/76, found in Stammheim Prison © Haus der Geschichte Baden-Württemberg , Stuttgart; photo: Bernd Eidenmüller

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Holger Meins, Poster for May Day 1970, Berlin © Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung

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Shackle for leading prisoners to the courtroom, Stammheim Prison, 1975 $\,$

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Demonstration on Kurfürstendamm on the occasion of the International Vietnam Congress, 18 Feb. 1968

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Rudi Dutschke speaks at the International Vietnam Congress in Berlin, 17/18 Feb. 1968

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Trade unionists and students demonstrate against the Springer publishers in Hanover after the attempted murder of Dutschke, 12 April 1968

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Rioters attacked with water cannon at student demonstration in front of the High Regional Court in Tegeler Weg in West Berlin, 4 Nov. 1968

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A policeman lies injured on the ground after rioting at the student demonstration in front of the High Regional Court in Tegeler Weg in West Berlin, 4 Nov. 1968

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A student throws a stone at the police water cannon during a riotous demonstration in front of the High Regional Court in Tegeler Weg in West Berlin

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