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HEADLINE: Sunday Telegraph: Iranian embassy in Bonn is "terror" HQ for Europe

DATELINE: London

BODY:

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said in London that with Germany's "tacit approval", Iran's embassy in Bonn had become the headquarters for Iranian terrorist operations in Europe.

The newspaper, in a front-page story, sourced its story on what it said were "smuggled" documents from both the office of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and from the anti-espionage authority, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution.

"The documents are conclusive proof that Iran has been allowed to establish its European intelligence centre in Bonn with German government connivance, in order to protect Germany's lucrative trade ties with Teheran," Sunday Telegraph said.

The newspaper said the documents it used were smuggled out of Germany by the Iranian resistance group, the "National Council of Resistance of Iran" (NCRI).

Sunday Telegraph said western counter-espionage officials had confirmed the authenticity of the documents.

The British paper said the Iranian embassy in Bonn "masterminds the murder of political opponents, the intimidation of dissidents and the acquisition of technology for nuclear and chemical networks".

It said that Iran had "built its terrorist network with the tacit approval of German authorities", the deal for Germany being that Iran confers "special trade privileges" for German companies. The paper pointed out that Germany is Iran's second-biggest trade partner.

The paper cited NCRI member Hussein Abdini as saying, "these documents show categorically that Germany has turned a blind eye while Iran has built an extensive terrorist network throughout Europe".

The paper also said the information could raise questions anew about the Pan Am airplane bombing over Lockerbie in 1988 and whether Bonn had been telling the truth about the Lockerbie disaster.

British authorities suspect two Libyan agents in the Pan Am bombing, but suspicions about a possible Iranian link to the attack have repeatedly surfaced.

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HEADLINE: Deutsche Geheimdienste warnen vor Hisbollah-Anschlaegen
Laut Bericht der "Bild am Sonntag"

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BODY:

Der Bundesnachrichtendienst und das Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz warnen laut einem Bericht der "Bild am Sonntag" ~~vor~~ Terroranschlaegen der schiitischen Extremistenorganisation Hisbollah in Deutschland. Wie die Zeitung am Samstag vorab berichtete, stuetzt sich die Warnung auf Funde auf dem iranischen Frachter "Iran Kolahdooz", der Mitte Maerz vom belgischen Zoll in Antwerpen und spaeter auch in Hamburg kontrolliert worden war.

Laut "BamS" wurden dabei in einer Kiste, deren Inhalt in den Frachtpapieren als Gemuese fuer einen iranischen Staatsbuerger in Muenchen deklariert war, ein technisch neuartiger Moerser gefunden. Dieser koennte zielgenau auf gut 500 Meter Entfernung Panzerglas und Schutzwande durchbrechen. Daraufhin seien saemtliche Sicherheitskonzepte ueberarbeitet und die Vorsichtsmassnahmen verschaeft worden, zitiert die Zeitung einen ranghohen deutschen Sicherheitsexperten. Es sei mit Anschlaegen einer neuen Qualitaet auf israelische, amerikanische und deutsche Einrichtungen zu rechnen.

Auch das Zollkriminalamt in Koeln habe Alarm geschlagen. Sein Sprecher Leonhard Bierl sagte dem Blatt: "Bei der Einfuhr von Waren aus sensiblen Laendern wie dem Iran sind die Zollstellen angewiesen, ~~setzt~~ die Ladung besonders genau nach Waffen und Sprengstoff zu kontrollieren."

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