

Historian David Irving Arrested In Austria

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Historian David Irving has been arrested while on a one-day visit to Vienna. An [expert](#) on Hitler's Third Reich, he had been invited by courageous students to address an ancient University association in the Austrian capital.

He chose as his subject the [secret](#) negotiations between [Adolf Eichmann](#) and the Jewish leaders in Budapest, [Joel Brand](#) and Rezsö Kasztner, the so-called "trucks for Jews" deal, and British knowledge of the scheme from codebreaking. He has researched the topic extensively in Allied archives for both his [Churchill](#) and his [Himmler biographies](#).

Despite precautions, the Austrian political police are believed to have learned of the visit by wiretaps or intercepting e-mails. Mr Irving had privately visited his embattled friend the German playwright [Rolf Hochhuth](#) on the way to Austria; they had not met for twenty years because of travel restrictions imposed on each of them.

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