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Brodsky Mossad man in Europe: Report

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Funeral of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a senior Hamas official, assassinated by Mossad agents on January 19.

An Israeli arrested in Poland in connection with the murder of a Hamas commander earlier in June in Dubai, may be a key organizer of Israel's Mossad operations in Europe.

On June 4, Polish authorities arrested a man named "Uri Brodsky" in his passport at the Warsaw airport.

On Thursday, European investigators, under the condition of anonymity, called Brodsky a high-level and experienced "facilitator" for the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad in Europe, *Newsweek* reported.

The report states that they do not believe Brodsky is the man's real name and his identity remains at question.

The investigators said that the individual, known as 'Brodsky' had used fraudulent documents to obtain a German passport in the name of "Michael Bodenheimer."

Bodenheimer is one of those suspected of assassinating Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a senior Hamas official, in Dubai on January 19.

After the mysterious death of al-Mabhouh in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates published photos and identifying information on 26 members of the hit team, who had reportedly tracked and killed the Hamas member.

Evidence also indicates that Brodsky was involved in logistics, providing paperwork, safe houses and other backup for the execution squad.

The team used fake German, French, British, Irish and Australian passports.

In the last few days, Britain, Australia and Ireland have expelled Israel's diplomats in connection with the case.

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied its involvement in the assassination. Many of the world's intelligence organizations consider the case to have been a major Mossad fiasco, the report says.

Analysts say that Israel had probably initially planned to drug and kidnap al-Mabhouh in order to trade him for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who had been captured by Hamas. It is believed, however, that the team mistakenly gave al-Mabhouh an overdose, which killed him.

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