
Mossad operative to avoid jail in extradition deal

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"Uri Brodsky"

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An operative of Israeli intelligence agency Mossad, who was [arrested](#) in Poland on charges of forging a German passport, will avoid prison time for the offense, under a suspected Polish-German-Israeli secret deal. The man, whose travel

documents identify him as Uri Brodsky, was arrested upon arriving in Poland on June 4. He is wanted by German prosecutors for procuring a forged German passport for use by a member of a Mossad hit squad, who used it to enter Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in mid-January of this year. The user of the forged passport is thought to have participated in the [killing](#) of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh, a Hamas weapons procurer, who was found dead in his luxury Dubai hotel room on January 20. German prosecutors believe that Brodsky, who worked in Germany under the name of Alexander Werin, assisted numerous Mossad operatives acquire forged identity papers of several European countries, including Estonia, Latvia, Austria and Switzerland. Upon his arrest in Poland, which was rapidly followed by a formal German extradition request, the Israeli government called on both Poland and Germany to drop all charges against Brodsky and allow him to escape to Israel. However, German prosecutors, who strongly objected to Israel's use of forged German travel documents in a covert assassination operation, [rejected](#) the request. Nevertheless, Israeli pressure appears to have paid off. Even though a Polish court on Thursday upheld an earlier decision to extradite Brodsky to Germany, a legal expert [told](#) French news agency Agence France Presse on Friday that the Israeli spy will not be prosecuted for espionage once under German custody (see [previous intelNews](#) coverage). Instead, Brodsky will be tried in the city of Cologne for "forging official documents", said international legal scholar Kai Petars. Even though this offense carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, Petars and [other sources](#) have said that Brodsky will probably "only be fined" and will then be allowed to go to Israel.



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