

Turkey left Danish intelligence in awkward situation after hiring assassins

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In January 2017, Turkey hired assassins to kill Gulenist opponents in a scandal which Denmark has tried to keep secret, Sverige Radio -- a Swedish national radio -- reports.

In January 2017, two civilian clothed policeman were tasked with protecting a Gulenist, given the anonymous name Mehmet, from an imminent assassination plot. They took him to a sheltered place and had intel linking Turkey's intelligence agency, MIT, with a criminal gang tasked with killing him. He was among a few targetted by the conspiracy.

Acting quickly to prevent the assassination from taking place, Denmark's intelligence agency PET showed up to the houses of multiple Gulen supporters, provided them with cash, told them to abandon their credit cars and avoid informing people of their whereabouts, before providing them old Nokia phones to communicate with.

Meanwhile, Danish diplomats apparently called the Turkish Government and made the AKP aware of its plot, which prevented any future attacks.

Mehmet and the multiple Gulen followers who were targetted are now safe in their homes. And whereas Denmark tried to prevent the story from being disclosed, one of the sheltered reached out to journalists Daniel Ohman and Besir Kavak of Sverige Radio.

Recently, a German-Kurdish football player, Deniz Naki survived an assassination attempt. In Paris, the murder of three Kurdish women activists, Sara-Sakine Cansiz, Layla Soylemez, and Fidan Dogan has had many accuse the government of France of being complicit in Turkey's intelligence operations abroad. In Austria, Peter Pilz of the Green Party released a report claiming that the Austria Turkey Islamic Foundation was being used as a front for MIT agents. In Germany, MIT handed over a list of 300 names for the German parliament to purge.

Last year, Danish newspaper Berlingske reported that three had been arrested on charges of spying for Erdogan, to the condemnation of Denmark's parliament.

The embassy of Turkey refused to respond to the report released by Sverige Radio.