Report Says Germany Spied on FBI, U.S. Arms Companies



Berlin, November 12 (RHC)-- Germany's foreign intelligence service (BND) has been accused of spying on a long list of targets including friendly nations and agencies, including the FBI, U.S. arms companies, and United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF.

According to a report aired on RBB Inforadio, a German public radio station, the BND also spied on French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, the International Criminal Court in The Hague, and the World Health Organization.

The list also mentioned a number of German individuals, including a German national who was the head of the EU's observer mission in Georgia from 2008 to 2011 and a senior diplomat in Brussels.

"Many European and American companies, including weapons makers such as Lockheed of the United States" were also among the targets, said the radio broadcast.

Last week, the German weekly Der Spiegel published a report claiming that the BND had spied on e-mail addresses and phone conversations of senior officials and organizations from the U.S., the UK, France, Switzerland, Greece, the Vatican, and several European countries, and even the Red Cross.

The reports are yet to be confirmed by the German government, but a government spokeswoman, Christiane Wirtz, said: "The facts behind these various press reports will be comprehensively investigated

and, of course, the chancellery is involved in this investigation."

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