



In its January issue, US magazine Vanity Fair reported that the American intelligence agency secretly dispatched a hit team to Hamburg in 2004 to spy on and assassinate businessman Mamoun Darkazanli, 51. A spokesman for the Hamburg prosecutors office said it has launched an investigation into possible wrongdoing.

The magazine article states the CIA team, composed of employees of the private security firm Blackwater, did not inform German authorities of their presence. The German government has denied any knowledge of the operation.

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