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THE FOLLOWING STORIES ON KAVAN WERE CARRIED IN THE RUOPENA PRESS TODAY:  
ABENDZEITUNG (MUNICH)

KAVAN'S DEATH GROWING MORE MYSTERIOUS  
MUNICH - SUSPICION IS GROWING THAT THE CZECH RADIO ANNOUNCER STANISLAV KAVAN (45) WAS MURDERED. YESTERDAY THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT) TRANSFERRED PRELIMINARY DOCUMENTS TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS TO DECIDE HOW TO TRACE THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHO WAS SEEN IN KAVAN'S APARTMENT ON WEDNESDAY.

SO FAR NO ONE KNOWS HOW THIS MAN GOT INTO THE TWO-ROOM APARTMENT, BECAUSE RECENTLY KAVAN HAD A NEW LOCK PUT IN HIS DOOR. WAS THE CZECH FRIGHTENED? EVEN THE SUPERINTENDENT HAD NO KEY TO THE NEW LOCK.

THE ALLEGEDLY FATAL INJURY IS NOT TYPICAL FOR A SUICIDE. THERE WERE NO SLASHES ON KAVAN'S WRIST BUT ON HIS UPPER ARM. IT IS INTERESTING THAT CRIMINALS IN PRISON OFTEN INFLICT SUCH INJURIES UPON THEMSELVES ON ORDER TO FEIGN SUICIDE AND OBTAIN SPECIAL ATTENTION.

WHEN THE POLICE FOUND KAVAN IN HIS BATHTUB HE WAS FULLY DRESSED.

SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, MUNICH

NO EVIDENCE OF A CRIME.

THE MUNICH POLICE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE HAS CLOSED ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE OF CZECH RADIO ANNOUNCER STANISLAV KAVAN (45) WHO WAS FOUND WITH SLASHED WRISTS IN HIS APARTMENT AT 14 LAMONTSTRASSE. THEIR CONCLUSION WAS THAT KAVAN

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COMMITTED SUICIDE. A SUICIDE LETTER WAS FOUND. FURTHERMORE, THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO INFORMED RFE OF KAVAN'S ABSENCE (FROM WORK) HAS BEEN REVEALED. IT WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT). AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED,

HIGH TREASON PROCEEDINGS HAD BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST KAVAN AND HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR FOR HEARINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK. IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE KAVAN'S POSITION (AT RFE) THE OFFICIAL DID NOT MENTION THE REASONS WHY KAVAN WOULD BE ABSENT FROM WORK (WHEN HE CALLED RFE). INVESTIGATION OF THE APARTMENT REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF A CRIME. KAVAN HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM AN ILLNESS FOR SOME TIME.



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FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG (FRANKFURT)

MURDER OR SUICIDE? (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

MUNICH, 11 NOVEMBER. IN ANSWER TO AN INQUIRY, THE BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE MUNICH I PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS TAKEN OVER THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF STANISLAV KAVAN (45), CZECH ANNOUNCER AT RADIO FREE EUROPE. IT MUST FIRST BE CLARIFIED WHETHER KAVAN COMMITTED SUICIDE OR WHETHER HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A CRIME. ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING KAVAN'S CASE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT) TO THE PROSECUTOR'S

OFFICE. OFFICIALS MADE NO STATEMENT ABOUT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CZECH WAS ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR FOR AN EASTERN POWER AND WHETHER HE COMMITTED SUICIDE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS. IT WAS LEARNED AT THE RADIO STATION THAT KAVAN HAD BEEN QUESTIONED SOME TIME AGO BY OFFICIALS OF THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (BAYERISCHES LANDESKRIMINALAMT) IN THE CZECH DEPARTMENT OF THE RADIO STATION STANISLAV KAVAN WAS THOUGHT TO BE AN ODD CHARACTER AND A "LONER" WHO HAD NO CONTACTS AND WHO CONSTANTLY FELT DEPRESSED AND DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

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MUENCHNER MERKUR (MUNICH)

SILENCE ABOUT SUICIDE.

AS THE MUENCHNER MERKUR, THE FIRST NEWSPAPER TO PRINT THE STORY, REPORTED POLICE FOUND THE 45-YEAR OLD MAN DEAD WITH HIS WRISTS SLASHED IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS APARTMENT ON LAMONTSTR. THE DEAD MAN WAS THE STATELESS STANISLAV KAVAN, WHO WAS EMPLOYED FOR NINE YEARS AS AN ACTOR-ANNOUNCER BY RADIO FREE EUROPE. OFFICIALS REMAIN SILENT ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE. IT IS SAID THAT THE CZECH WAS INVOLVED IN AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR AND WAS SUMMONED FOR HEARINGS BY THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (BAYERISCHES LANDESKRIMINALAMT).

KAVAN WAS SEEN FOR THE LAST TIME FOUR DAYS BEFORE HE WAS FOUND DEAD. ON TUESDAY HE WAS SUPPOSED TO COME TO BE ON DUTY AS AN ANNOUNCER ON A CZECH PROGRAM, BUT HE DID NOT APPEAR. A SECRETARY TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH HIM BY TELEPHONE. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS A MAN TELEPHONED THE CHIEF OF PRODUCTION AT THE NETWORK INFORMING HIM THAT KAVAN WOULD BE ABSENT FOR ~~SEVERAL~~ SEVERAL DAYS. THE ALSO SAID NOT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT KAVAN'S ABSENCE.

THE MUNICH POLICE HEADQUARTERS DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE CASE SAYING THAT IT WAS NO LONGER INVOLVED IN THE CASE. HOWEVER THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT) STATED INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING AND THEREFORE IT CANNOT GIVE ANY INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO SUSPICION THAT THE CZECH MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE WAS FRIGHTENED OF THE IMPENDING HEARINGS, IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT KAVAN WAS MURDERED TO BE SILENCED.

THE MUNICH I PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS TAKEN OVER INVESTIGATIONS IN THIS MYSTERIOUS CASE. ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THE BAVARIAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OFFICE (LANDESKRIMINALAMT) HAS TRANSFERRED THE DOCUMENTS TO THE BAVARIAN STATE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, (STAATSAUWALTSCHAFT).

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TELEGRAF, WEST BERLIN (11 NOVEMBER)

RADIO ANNOUNCER FOUND DEAD

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND THE DEATH OF STANISLAV



## **RADIO ANNOUNCER FOUND DEAD**

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUND THE DEATH OF STANISLAV KAVAN, CZECHOSLOVAK ANNOUNCER OF RADIO FREE EUROPE, MUNICH.

WHEN THE 45-YEAR OLD MAN WAS NOT SEEN FOR FOUR DAYS, NEIGHBORS CALLED THE POLICE. POLICE BROKE OPEN THE DOOR TO HIS APARTMENT AND FOUND KAVAN DEAD IN THE BATHTUB WITH SLASHED WRISTS. CIRCUMSTANCES POINT TO A SUICIDE.

KAVAN WAS SEEN FOR THE LAST TIME A WEEK AGO MONDAY. THE NEXT DAY AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON CALLED RADIO FREE EUROPE AND SAID THAT THE ANNOUNCER WOULD NOT REPORT TO WORK FOR SEVERAL DAYS. ALLEGEDLY KAVAN WAS TO BE QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ESPIONAGE AFFAIR. (DPA)

KURIER, VIENNA

MURDER SUSPECTED  
RFE ANNOUNCER FOUND DEAD

BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING THE DEATH OF A CZECH REFUGEE, THE 45 YEAR OLD STANISLAV KAVAN, EMPLOYED AS AN ANNOUNCER WITH THE ANTI-COMMUNIST RADIO STATION RADIO FREE EUROPE. ON NOVEMBER 6 THE REFUGEE WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS APARTMENT WITH HIS VEINS CUT OPEN. THE BAVARIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT MURDER CANNOT BE EXCLUDED; THE INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT KAVAN, SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH RECEIVED A VISIT FROM AN UNKNOWN PERSON. ORIGINALLY THE POLICE AUTHORITIES HAD ASSUMED A CASE OF SUICIDE.  
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TODAY'S OFFICIAL ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN, L'UNITA REPORTED AS FOLLOWS ON THE DEATH OF AN RFE ANNOUNCER:

THE MUNICH POLICE IS INVESTIGATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF A RADIO FREE EUROPE ANNOUNCER, STANISLAV KAVAN, 45. ACCORDING TO THE FIRST RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION, THE MAN, OF CZECHOSLOVAK ORIGINS, KILLED HIMSELF.

AT THE BEGINNING OF LAST WEEK, KAVAN DID NOT GO TO WORK. AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON HAD TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT THE ANNOUNCER WOULD BE ABSENT FOR A FEW DAYS BECAUSE HE HAD TO BE QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE.

THE MUNICH COURTS HAVE MADE KNOWN, THAT THE ANNOUNCER'S NEIGHBORS, CONCERNED ABOUT HIS ABSENCE, HAD THE DOOR OF HIS APARTMENT FORCED OPEN. THE MAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BATHTUB WITH THE VEINS OF HIS WRISTS CUT.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, PARIS,

RFE MAN SLAIN

MUNICH, NOV. 11 (AP) - BAVARIAN JUSTICE OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT MURDER COULD NOT BE EXCLUDED IN THE DEATH OF A RADIO FREE EUROPE ANNOUNCER FOUND WITH CUT WRISTS IN THE BATHTUB OF HIS MUNICH APARTMENT.

THE ANNOUNCER, STANISLAV KAVAN, 45, A CZECH, WAS FOUND DEAD FRIDAY.

POLICE HAVE SAID MR. KAVAN, A REFUGEE, HAD RECEIVED A VISITOR SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH.

"INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN TWO DIRECTIONS - SUICIDE AND MURDER. WE CANNOT EXCLUDE MURDER," A JUSTICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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