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duesseldorf, west germany (ap) -- a west german court sentenced three men and one woman wednesday to life imprisonment for their roles in the 1975 takeover of the west german embassy in stockholm, sweden in which two diplomats were killed.

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the sentences for lutz manfred tauffer, karl-heinz dellwo, bernhard roessner, and hanna elise krabbe were announced after officials restored order following a noisy demonstration by some 25 young supporters who claimed the defendants were "political prisoners."

the four, who had been on trial since may 1976, were found guilty of taking part in the april 24, 1975, raid on the stockholm embassy, fatally shooting two diplomats and holding about a dozen others hostage.

the raiders demanded the release of 26 members of the baader-meinhof terrorist gang from west german jails. the 12-hour siege ended when the terrorists accidentally set off a bomb, allowing police to move in.

two of the raiders were fatally injured in the blast.

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the four called themselves the "holger meins commandos" in memory of a baader-meinhof gang leader who died in jail after a hunger strike three years ago.

the verdicts ended the year's third major trial involving members of the baader-meinhof group, blamed for a string of bombings and terrorist attacks throughout west germany in the early 1970s.

andreas baader, jan-carl raspe and gudrun ensstin received life sentences in stuttgart last april for bombings at u.s. military facilities in heidelberg and frankfurt in which four american servicemen were killed.

a court in kaiserslautern sentenced two gang members last june to life sentences for murder and robbery and a third to a four-year term on lesser charges.

another defendant in the stuttgart trial, ulrike meinhof, 41, was found hanged in her cell in may 1976. officials claimed she committed suicide.

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