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karlsruhe, west germany, ^{april 77} ~~march~~ 9 (upi) -- at least four imprisoned left-wing urban guerrillas have gone on a thirst-strike to protest tightened prison conditions imposed on their alleged leaders after the gun-slaying of the nation's chief prosecutor.

justice authorities saturday identified the quartet as ilse jandt, waltraud siepert, monika berberich and fritz teufel, all of whom are imprisoned in west berlin as members or followers of the baader-meinhof urban guerrilla gang.

a spokesman for the west berlin justice department said the four began refusing to take liquids friday. they already went on a hunger-strike april 1.

he said the four told prison officials they were refusing liquids to protest tightened jail conditions imposed on three alleged leaders of the baader-meinhof gang in stuttgart in the wake of the murder thursday of 57-year-old prosecutor general siegfried buback.

under the tightened conditions, authorities have curtailed visits of the lawyers of the trio, andreas baader, gudrun ensslin and jan-carl raspe.

the three are being tried in stuttgart on charges of killing five persons, including four american servicemen, in a spate of bombings between 1970 and 1972.

justice authorities also banned all contacts between the three defendants in stuttgart's stammheim prison and prohibited their listening to the radio and viewing television.

ulrike meinhof, the alleged spiritual leader of the gang whose announced aim was to smash established society, hanged herself in her prison cell last may.

west berlin justice authorities said at least a dozen other imprisoned urban guerrillas began a fast a few days ago to also protest tightened prison conditions imposed on baader, ensslin and raspe.

in bonn, interior minister werner maihofer and justice minister hans-jochen vogel briefed vice chancellor and foreign minister hans-dietrich genscher on the nation-wide hunt for three anarchists suspected of involvement in the murder of buback, who led the fight against left-wing urban guerrillas.

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