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Suspected al-Qaida member indicted in NYC

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A suspected al-Qaida member in custody in Germany was indicted Thursday in New York on charges he helped the terrorism network plot bombing attacks.

The indictment against the Moroccan man Abdeladim El-Kebir charges him with conspiring to provide material support to al-Qaida. It also charges him with plotting to use a destructive device.

El-Kebir was arrested in April with two other men in Germany. At the time, German officials said El-Kebir and two or three other suspects were working on making a shrapnel-laden bomb there to attack a crowded place such as a bus in spring or summer 2011.

It wasn't immediately clear why the 30-year-old El-Kebir was indicted in New York, though many terror investigations are handled in the federal court there.

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said federal prosecutors were seeking El-Kebir's extradition, but declined further comment.

A written exchange with highranking al-Qaida member Sheikh Yunis al Mauritania that was found at El-Kebir's home also indicated that he belonged to a group that American security officials last year warned may be plotting attacks in Europe, a German official told the AP in May, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The German official suggested that the letter contained some indication that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden had been kept abreast of the plot to attack Europe.

On the day of El-Kebir's arrest, German Interior Minister Hans-Peter Friedrich released a statement saying the suspects had been under surveillance since November 2010.

After his arrest, German intelligence officials said el-Kebir received the assignment to carry out a bombing from a high-ranking al-Qaida member early last year. They said El-Kebir left Germany in early 2010, trained in an al-Qaida camp in Waziristan near the Afghan-Pakistan border and returned last year to carry out the attack. He had at one time resided in Germany on a student visa but later returned illegally after abandoning his studies.

If convicted on the U.S. charges, El-Kebir faces life in prison.

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Wikileaks Assange to quit

extradition fight?

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WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has hired a Swedish public relations company in an indication that he is ready to abandon his appeal against his extradition to Sweden to face sexual misconduct allegations.

In a statement on his website, Harald Ullman confirmed he had been taken on by Assange, but there was no indication as to when – if at all – the WikiLeaks founder might travel to Sweden.

"After researching the case it is clear to me that JA is innocent of the rape allegations," the Independent quoted the statement, as saying.

"Many wonder why he just doesn't go to Sweden. The reason why is that he is scared that he will be extradited to the US," it added.

The United States is yet to file charges against Assange, although a grand jury has been tasked with deciding whether he or WikiLeaks broke any US laws through their leaks.

Legal experts say any extradition to the US from Sweden would have to be approved by Britain first, under the terms of the European arrest warrant that he is sought on. Assange had earlier this month lost his London High Court appeal against extradition to Sweden.

Assange, an Australian, had decided to fight the case at London's High Court after a judge at Belmarsh Magistrates' Court ruled in February that the WikiLeaks head should be extradited.

The 40-year-old has not been charged with a crime, but Swedish prosecutors want to question him in connection with sexual misconduct allegations related to separate incidents in August 2010.

Assange has been denying the accusations.

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Mexican Cartel Leader Extradited to New York

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Mexican national Bruno Garcia-Arreola, a/k/a "El Gato," an alleged leader the Sinaloa organization that sends tons of marijuana from Mexico to the United States, was extradited by Mexico's Ministry of Justice to face a federal indictment in the Eastern District of New York that charges him with drug trafficking conspiracy and bail jumping.

The 53-year old suspect was arraigned on Friday before United States District Judge Thomas C. Platt at the federal courthouse in Central Islip, New York.

In 2003, Arreola was arrested in Las Vegas by Special Agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration after a lengthy investigation in which two tons of marijuana and \$11 million in cash were seized.

The DEA had lured Arreola to Las Vegas where he traveled by private plane from Mexico. Subsequent to his arrest, and over the objection of federal prosecutors, Arreola was released on an unsecured \$20,000 bond but failed to appear in federal court in the Eastern District of New York.

He was then indicted, and the apprehension responsibility for his capture was delegated to the United States Marshals Service (USMS). The USMS New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, assisted by Interpol and Mexican law enforcement authorities, spent years searching for Arreola and finally apprehended him in Mexico in April 2011.

"Arreola's extradition demonstrates that neither time nor geography will prevent law enforcement in the United States and abroad from locating and apprehending those facing international drug trafficking charges," stated United States Attorney Loretta Lynch.

DEA Acting Special Agent-in-Charge Plummer stated, "This extradition brings one of our most wanted fugitives back to New York to face criminal allegations. DEA and our international, federal and local law enforcement partners have succeeded in removing one more name from our fugitive list — Bruno Arreola."

If convicted on the drug conspiracy charge, Arreola faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years' imprisonment and a maximum life sentence.

Sadly, officials from the Obama administration turned down pleas from lawmakers and public-interest groups to place the names of Mexican drug cartels on their list of designated terrorist organizations.

The "terrorist organization" designation would give U.S. law enforcement agencies the authority to use such measures as the Patriot Act to crack down on suspected drug cartel members and associates using tools such as seizing their bank accounts or imposing harsher prison sentences for gun possession.

The issue arose during a House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on border security. Top members of the U.S. House of Representatives on called on Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to support the designation of certain Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations.

U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, and Rep. Michael T. McCaul, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management also requested that Secretary Clinton develop a comprehensive strategy to assist the Mexican government win their war against the violent and deadly cartels such as Los Zetas, who are suspected of

murdering an American law enforcement agent.

As reported in the Law Enforcement Examiner, in a joint letter to Secretary Clinton, the Members wrote that "the Mexican drug cartels present a dangerous threat to the national security of the United States."

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