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Summary:

Ratebzad warns Krueger to be cautious of abductions and attacks by Afghan counterrevolutionaries.

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Ambassador Kurt Krueger (DDR) meets with Politburo member Anahita RATEBZAD

Towards the end of a three-hour talk, she asks about Afghan employees at the embassy. Krueger mentioned a driver...

She interrupted me and said: But you don't travel with that driver. I explained to her that I only go with a DDR driver and am sufficiently secure. She warned me again not to go with an Afghan driver since the counterrevolution pays large sums for abductions. She added that in this way 15 Soviet specialists were abducted near Mazar-e-Sharif and finally after long research found hidden in a mountain fortress on 1 February and then 10 were freed alive by parachutists. Five specialists had already been shot. The counterrevolution planned to take these specialists to Peshawar, but were prevented when the roads were blocked in time by the armed organs.