

# Eichmann Tracked Down in Argentina June 8, 1960)

## Abstract

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Adolf Eichmann's capture in Argentina rested on contentious legal ground; Israeli intelligence agents had captured Eichmann in Argentina, which was a clear contravention of international law. Mossad agents flew him out of the country drugged and disguised as an Israeli airline worker who had suffered head trauma. This article frames Eichmann's capture as voluntary, saying that Eichmann volunteered to be turned in to the Israeli justice system after "Jewish volunteers" (who were actually members of Israel's intelligence service) tracked him down. This framing obscures the complicated legal nature of Eichmann's capture. *Berliner Zeitung*, an East Berlin daily, may have chosen to frame the article in this way because the GDR accused the FRG of wanting to extradite Eichmann to West Germany to bury Eichmann's case for fear of Nazis in their government being exposed, and implied that any West German questioning of the complicated legal nature of Eichmann's capture was a way to set up a possible extradition attempt.

## Source

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Buenos Aires (ADN/EB). The murderer of millions of Jews Adolf Eichmann has voluntarily turned himself in to the Israeli justice system after Jewish volunteers tracked him down in Argentina, where he was living under an assumed name. This is noted in an Israeli memorandum that the Israeli Ambassador Arielev Levavi presented to the Argentine government on Saturday.

For 15 years, Jewish volunteers had been searching the world for Eichmann, who is one of the main people responsible for the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis, the memorandum states, among other things. A few months ago, they successfully tracked the criminal down in Argentina. He was asked to travel to Israel to answer for his crimes before an Israeli court, and after 24 hours to think it over Eichmann agreed and signed a corresponding declaration.

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