

He hunts down drug dealers and terrorists.

His life as a BKA (Federal Criminal Police Office) investigator reads like an adventure novel. In Columbia Michael von Wedel is hot on the trail of cocaine syndicates; in Jakarta he is charged with convicting a German member of Al-Qaida. When he gets wind of an imminent attack by Islamic suicide bombers in Indonesia in 2005, he breaks with the agency when the BKA head quarters at Wiesbaden withholds the information and shops their undercover agent. Von Wedel divulges inside information to »Spiegel«-journalist Jürgen Kremb, such as how the BKA smuggled drugs in to Pakistan in order to improve their track record, and about potentially lethal mistakes in the investigations into the Al-Qaida terrorist network.

→A hard-hitting insider's account of BKA scandals, miscarriages and cover-ups

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