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2. Nevertheless, a German advisory staff was formed by the fall of 1948 from officers recruited in Germany and those enjoying asylum in Syria. It has existed in one form or another since that time. Its first official chief was ex-SS Lt. Colonel Walter RAUFF (Alf), one-time SD Chief in African and later in Italy from where he was recruited. Rauff's personal entourage consisted mostly of officers escaped or discharged from Allied PW camps in Italy. When Za'im was finally assassinated, RAUFF and his group departed for South America.

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