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RIO DE JANEIRO AP - Brazilian police announced today they had dismantled an international drug-smuggling ring. The arrests came in the wake of the discovery last month of 132 pounds of heroin aboard the U.S. cargo vessel Mormac-Altair, destined for the United States. One member of the gang, Christian Jacques David - alias Jean Pierre - was described by Brazilian police as the right arm of Auguste Ricard the French-born Argentine recently deported from Paraguay to the United States to stand trial on drug-smuggling charges.

Brazilian police said David had worked with the French secret police before leaving the force and working as a mercenary in Spain, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Peru, Chile and Mexico.

In an official note, announcing the arrest of eight persons, police said two or more international drug traffickers would be arrested in the next few days. The note said David had "commanded the execution of Moroccan political leader Mehdi Ben Berka, who was kidnaped in France in 1965 and killed. According to police, David, 42, had worked with the pro-Communist Rente Armada de Liberacion in Argentina, before betraying the terrorist group.

They also reported that David had been instrumental in dismantling part of the Tupamaro terrorist organization in Uruguay after offering his services to Uruguay security forces.

Police said others arrested were Tomaso Buscetta, who police termed as head of the "Brazilian Mafia. Elena Ferreira, a blonde described as the companion of French underworld figure Lucien Sarti; killed in a clash with Mexican police; Andre Pastou, a Frenchman sentenced to life imprisonment in France and Spain and found guilty of drug traffic and numerous holdups; Francois Antoine Canazzi, sought in France for attempted murder and drug trafficking;

Michel Nicoli, condemned twice for murder in France and whose extradition France had requested Monday; Giuliamo Casalini, one of Nicoli's lieutenants in charge of heroin smuggling, and Homero de Almeida Guimaraes, a Brazilian business associate of Buscetta.

The tipoff for their arrest was the seizure of \$40 million of heroin aboard the New York-bound Mormac-Altair Oct. 4. Agents reported finding five brown bags hidden in a shipment of Argentine sheepskins. Police said they contained 132 pounds of pure heroin.

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