

## **1 Person 'Probably' Killed in Berlin Escape Bid**

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[Text] Berlin/Bonn, 15 Sep (DPA) — One person was probably killed in the attempt by two GDR citizens to escape to West Berlin by car at the Drewitz border crossing point on Saturday night [13 September], according to witnesses. The attempt was stopped by shots fired by GDR guards.

The Western allies and the Berlin Senate condemned "most sharply" on Monday the renewed use of violence by GDR guards.

Senate spokesman Winfried Fest said that according to corroborative statements by people who were in a bus at the border crossing point at the time of the incident, approximately 20 to 30 shots had been aimed at the car, some of them from close proximity. After a while a dead person was said to have been dragged from the car by four members of the GDR border troops and laid on the ramp at the side of the car.

Bonn government spokesman Friedhelm Ost has also condemned the renewed use of firearms by GDR border guards. After the last use of firearms in Drewitz the Federal Government had hoped that such incidents would not be repeated, Ost said on Monday.

The government was most concerned that 20 to 30 shots had again been fired recklessly at the people in the same place.