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WANTED - THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS ARMS DEALER

45', 90' (ENG, GER)

The world's most dangerous arms dealer has kept Western intelligence agencies, governments and even U.S. presidents on their toes for years, after their futile attempts to stop him.

Have you ever heard of Karl Lee, aka Li Fangwei? The Chinese businessman is probably the most dangerous unknown person in this world. He is a phantom who has played a key role in the secret struggle of the superpowers USA and China for many years. Currently, there is no criminal on the FBI's most wanted list with a higher reward. Investigators consider Karl Lee the most dangerous arms dealer in the world. His nickname? The Tailor, because he supposedly has a tailor-made technical solution ready for any application, no matter how difficult. Despite the efforts of many intelligence agencies, his network is still operating and he remains on the list of fugitives. And this at a time when missiles and nuclear warheads are becoming a tangible threat to humanity. Arms trade expert Philipp Grüll, Pulitzer Prize winners Frederik Obermaier and Bastian Obermayer follow Karl Lee's trail across four continents, from Washington and New York to Tel Aviv, from Europe to Teheran, Beijing and to Karl Lee's factory in northeastern China. They tell the story of this phantom and of the secret hunt for him. Their documentary gives unique insights into the world of intelligence services and diplomacy. At the same time, this film is a lesson about the powerlessness of the West and the rise of China - and a merciless look at the new world order.

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