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'British diplomat' falls to death from hotel in Romania

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USPA News - A British man was killed Thursday after falling from the seventh floor of a hotel in northwestern Romania, police said, adding that a suicide note was found in his room. Local media identified the victim as a British diplomat but officials in London refused to comment.

The incident happened at around noon on Thursday when a 46-year-old man from England fell from the seventh floor of Hotel Mara in Baia Mare, the capital of Maramureş county in northwest Romania. A suicide note was found in the man's hotel room, said police spokesperson Dumitrita Rus. The name of the deceased was not immediately released by local authorities, but journalist Monica Matei of Romanian news channel Antena 3 said the victim was an attaché of the British embassy in Bucharest. The channel, citing police sources, said the man had been working in Romania since January 2010 but was depressed because he had no family. "Police have begun an investigation into the circumstances in which the accident occurred," Rus said. Regional ambulance director Zoltan Balko told Romanian media company Mediafax that paramedics found the man suffering from severe head trauma with numerous injuries, and efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. The British Embassy in Bucharest declined to comment on the man's death while officials at the Foreign Office in London said they would provide further details at a later time. "We are aware of the reports and looking into them," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

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