

Hamas bomber sentenced to 18 life terms

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JERUSALEM -- Hamas militant Ayad Abu-Shehadam was sentenced Monday in Israel to 450 years in prison for bombings in Beersheba that killed 16 people. A military court convicted Shehadam of preparing the suicide bombs used in the Beersheba attack in 2004 and in a failed attack against a cafe in Jerusalem, Ynetnews.com reported. Officials also said Shehadam was linked to 16 other attacks in Israel in 2003 and 2004. Shehadam, reportedly a senior Hamas operative, was arrested by Israeli soldiers in Hebron in November 2004. His sentence of 450 years in prison is the equivalent of 18 life sentences, YnetNews.com reported.

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