

Israeli minister's killer gets 125 years

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JERUSALEM -- A Jerusalem court on Monday sentenced an unrepentant Palestinian man convicted of assassinating a government minister in 2001 to 125 years in prison. Hamdi Quran, 33, confessed to killing Minister Rehavam Ze'evi with an accomplice on the orders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine at a Jerusalem hotel Oct. 17, 2001, Ynetnews reported. Ze'evi was shot three times in the head at point-blank range. Quran later confessed also to being involved in a series of other acts of terror, which drew an additional 100 years of jail time, the report said. The sentencing ruling noted Quran was an obvious danger to Israel. "Not only has the defendant shown no remorse for his actions, but he has declared before the court that he will not hesitate to repeat them," the ruling said. For his part, Quran remained defiant, Haaretz reported. "I am being tried because I carried out my basic right to defend my nation against the Israeli occupation -- the same right that you grant yourselves daily, to kill us, the Palestinians," Quran said.

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