

Car bomb kills seven in Iraq

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BAGHDAD -- A car bomb explosion at Baghdad's Aviation Square killed seven Iraqi civilians and injured 35 other people. Iraqi police said the explosion, which took place at 1 p.m. Friday, targeted a crowded market, KUNA, the Kuwait News Agency reported. Police prevented people from gathering at the site Friday in fear a second blast was planned. Iraqi troops, acting on tips from civilians that were verified by intelligence officials, apprehended an al-Qaida-aligned militant during clashes in southern Baghdad. Additional al-Qaida members, as well as the so-called defense minister of the Islamic state of Iraq, Ahmad Turki Abbas, were arrested by Multi-National Forces during armed clashes with militants. An Iraqi military spokesman said Abbas sustained minor injuries during his arrest.

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