

Hospital chief detained in market blasts

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BAGHDAD -- The U.S. military said it has detained a psychiatric hospital administrator for questioning in the deadly bombings at two Baghdad markets. The administrator is believed to have helped insurgents find two mentally disabled women who carried the bombs that exploded Feb. 1 in the pet markets, killing 99 people and injuring scores of others, CNN reported. Iraqi and U.S. military officials said they believe the women were unaware that they were being used for the attacks and that the bombs were detonated remotely. U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Gregory Smith said coalition forces have detained the Rashad Psychiatric Hospital administrator "in connection with the possible exploitation of mentally impaired women by al-Qaida," CNN reported. The administrator was being questioned by coalition forces about "what role, if any, he may of played in supplying al-Qaida with information regarding patients" at that hospital and other facilities in Baghdad, Smith said.

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