

U.S. embassy in Philippines bomb target

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MANILA, Philippines - Philippine government agents have arrested three suspected al-Qaida operatives who were allegedly planning to bomb five embassies and a museum, a report said. An initial investigation said the plot involved bombing the U.S. embassy and four others, including those of Britain, Israel and Australia, all in Manila, ABS-CBN News reported Thursday. The plot also included the Ayala Museum in Makati City. Security has been tightened at all of the facilities, police said. Two of the suspects -- a Jordanian named Khalil Hassan al-Ali and another man from the Middle East -- are members of an al-Qaida sleeper cell in the country, ABS-CBN News said. The arrests took place after investigators uncovered a money trail from abroad to fund bomb attacks in Mindanao, the report said.

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