

## Turkish officials arrest al-Qaida suspects

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ISTANBUL, Turkey -- Turkish officials arrested 45 alleged al-Qaida suspects in Istanbul in an alleged plot to attack Turkey and its national interests, security sources said. Security officials said in a press statement Turkish anti-terror police rounded up the suspects up in several simultaneous raids in several areas of Istanbul, the official Kuwaiti news agency reported. A gunfight erupted in January when Turkish officials raided several al-Qaida hideouts, killing four suspects and a police officer. Attacks on the British consulate and the HSBC bank in Istanbul, as well as two synagogues, killed 63 people on Nov. 15, 2003.

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