

Shin Bet: Hamas planned Passover bomb

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JERUSALEM - Palestinian Authority police said Tuesday that an Israeli report of a Hamas plan to detonate a car bomb in Tel Aviv on Passover is unfounded.

The Israeli Secret Service, the Shin Bet, said a driver managed to bring a car loaded with explosives to Tel Aviv in March, Haaretz reported. But for some reason, he returned to the city of Qalqilya on the West Bank.

The Shin Bet said it broke up the Hamas cell that planned the bombing, which was reportedly timed to go off on the first night of Passover when Jews would be holding seders.

The vehicle exploded in Qalqilya, causing no deaths or injuries.

Israeli officials said the abortive attack is more evidence that Hamas' military wing has returned to a policy of terrorist attacks on Israel.

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