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'Mossad agents fled to US' after killing in Dubai of Hamas leader

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At least two suspected Israeli agents behind the murder of a senior Hamas official fled to the US during their escape, Dubai police now believe.

Police have now cast their net wider in their investigation of Mahmoud al-Mabhouh's killing, which officials in the Gulf state are now certain was carried out by Israel's intelligence agency Mossad.

The Wall Street Journal reported today that one of the suspects carrying a British passport entered the US on February 14, while a second arrived on American soil on January 21, two days after the murder, using an Irish passport.

There are no records of either man leaving the US, but Dubai's police chief, Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan told a press conference today that he believed all the suspects named in the case are currently in Israel.

"All of them [are in Israel] ... These are agents for the Mossad, we know this," Khalfan told reporters in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. "They travelled to European countries and to the US using the same documents they used to enter here."

Speaking to *The Times* yesterday, insiders close to the case confirmed that at least two of the 26 named suspects had been tracked through the US. One of these was Roy Cannon, a British man living in Israel whose identity was apparently stolen by the team behind the killing.

Dubai police have named 12 British passport holders among the suspects. All are now believed to be UK citizens resident in Israel and victims of identity theft.

Dubai police have already traced 13 credit cards issued by the Meta Bank in Iowa and its New York-based distributor. The cards were used to book flights and hotel rooms. The FBI is believed to be investigating.

Al-Mabhouh was killed in his Dubai hotel room on January 19, with his killers fleeing the country within hours of the murder. Police tracked them back to Europe, with several flying via South Africa and Hong Kong. Their movements after this are not clear.

Mr al-Mabhouh's body was not found by hotel staff until January 20. Results of a toxicology report released by police show that he was injected with a fast-acting sedative before being suffocated.



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Khalfan said today that while the agents remained in Israel, they could not be extradited, but that they would be seized if they left the country. Dubai has issued international arrest warrants for the 26 named suspects through Interpol.

The police chief called upon European countries whose citizens have had their identities stolen to continue their full cooperation in the case and stressed that the UAE's relationship with these nations would not be affected.

"If Israel and Mossad mistreated Europeans, we will not. If the Mossad dipped their hand in blood and wiped it on European passports, our treatment of Europeans will not be affected," he said.

British agents from the SOCA (Serious Organized Crime Agency) are now in Israel to interview the 12 British citizens living in Israel whose passports have been linked with the Dubai assassination.

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