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Three terror plot suspects were arrested in France and Germany this week-end over an alleged terror attack plot to bomb a rally organized by the National Council of Resistance of Iran in Paris on Saturday.

Two suspects in Belgium were intercepted by police on Saturday and were found with 500 grams of TATP, a home-made explosive produced of easily available chemicals.

The pair, believed to be from Antwerp, were also found with a detonation device in their car, Belgian prosecutors and the intelligence services said.

The 38-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman, identified only as Amir S and Nasimeh N, were charged with attempted terrorist murder and preparation of a terrorist act, it said.

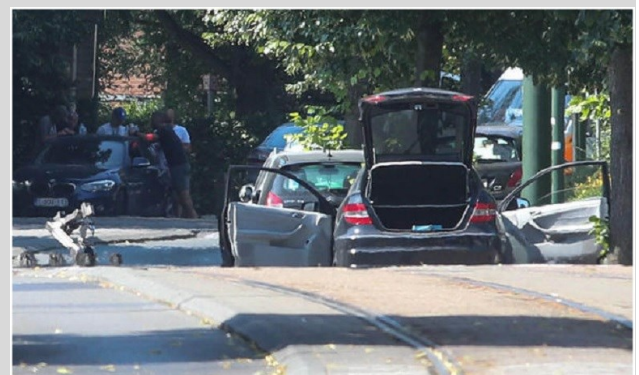
A diplomat at the Iranian embassy in the Austrian capital Vienna was also arrested in Germany on Saturday.

Staff at the embassy in Vienna said the ambassador was not immediately available for comment but an NCRI official claimed the man arrested in Germany had been station chief of the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) in Vienna since 2014.

The Belgian statement gave no further details about diplomat, other than saying they were suspected of having been in contact with the Belgian pair arrested.

Legal sources also suggest a further three people were also detained in France over the terror plot during the Iranian conference.

US President Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani and several former European and Arab ministers were among those attending the meeting of the Paris-based NCRI on Saturday.





Among members of the American Delegation in Paris rally were former officials, including: Mayor Giuliani; Speaker Gingrich; Governor Richardson; Attorney General Mukasey; Director Freeh; Under Secretary Joseph; Sen. Torricelli, Frances Townsend; Amb. Bloomfield. A huge crowd of American citizen was present in the front and center of the gathering.

Mr. Giuliani used a fiery speech to tell the crowds that US President Donald Trump and his sanctions will help end the “murderous regime” in Iran. While Newt Gingrich, the former House Speaker and a close ally of Trump’s, added that Europe must also impose tough restrictions on Iran – or face the wrath of his president.



# IRAN: SELECT EUROPE-BASED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY, 1979














State-supported attack

Includes attacks by nonstate actors with direct financial or logistical support or lethal aid from Iran

Support to state and nonstate actors

Includes ongoing support to Syria or select instances of support to militant or terrorist groups

N	ACTIVITY/EVENT	
Albania	Two Iranian operatives were arrested on charges of terrorism by Albanian authorities	
	German authorities searched the homes and offices of 10 suspected IRGC-QF operatives in early 2018; in 2016 German authorities arrested an IRGC-QF operative for spying on the ex-head of a German-Israeli group and people close to him	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Two Iranian diplomats were discovered to be Iranian intelligence officers and were expelled for espionage and connections to terrorism	
	Four IRGC-QF operatives entered Turkey to attack Israeli targets; the attack was disrupted by Turkish authorities	
Bulgaria	An IRGC-QF operative was arrested by Bulgarian authorities for surveilling a synagogue	
Turkey	Iranian operatives murdered a member of the National Council for Resistance of Iran	
Germany	Lebanese Hizballah assassinated four Iranian Kurdish dissidents in a small-arms attack at a café; Iran provided logistical support; four operatives were tried and convicted in 1997	
France	Iranian operatives assassinated the former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar who led an anti-Iranian regime movement; one operative was convicted, two fled	
Austria	Iranian operatives using diplomatic cover assassinated the head of an Iranian Kurdish dissident group and two others	
Lebanon	Lebanese Hizballah bombed a number of soft targets; Iran provided logistical support; 12 were killed, at least 200 wounded	
Greece	Lebanese Hizballah hijacked TWA flight 847; Iran provided logistical support; a US Navy diver was killed	



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## **U.S. charges two men with serving as agents of Iran, Monitoring Americans and a Jewish center**

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U.S. prosecutors announced charges Monday against two men arrested Aug. 9 and accused of acting as agents of the government of Iran, covertly monitoring a Jewish center in Chicago and American members of an Iranian opposition group in exile in behalf of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Criminal complaints against Ahmadreza Mohammadi Doostdar, 38, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen, and Majid Ghorbani, 59, an Iranian citizen and resident of California, were unsealed after an indictment was returned Monday in the District of Columbia, according to the U.S. Justice Department and U.S. attorney's office of the District.

Ghorbani is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate G. Michael Harvey of the District, prosecutors said. Attorneys for the men could not immediately be identified.

"Doostdar and Ghorbani are alleged to have acted on behalf of Iran, including by conducting surveillance of political opponents and engaging in other activities that could put Americans at risk," Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Demers said in a statement.

"This alleged activity demonstrates a continued interest in targeting the United States, as well as potential opposition groups located in the United States," namely the Mujahideen-e Khalq (MEK) or People's Mujahedin of Iran, said Michael McGarrity, acting executive assistant director of the FBI's national security branch.

Doostdar and Ghorbani were charged with acting as agents of Iran, violating U.S. sanctions and conspiracy. The charges carry maximum statutory penalties of 10 years, 20 years and five years in prison, respectively.

According to charging documents, Doostdar entered the United States in about July 2017 allegedly to gather intelligence about targets considered enemies of the Tehran government, including Israeli and Jewish interests and the MEK, a dissident group that seeks regime change in Iran and that was listed by the U.S. State

Department as a terrorist group from 1997 until 2012.

According to an FBI affidavit, Doostdar on July 21, 2017, allegedly surveilled and photographed security features at the Rohr Chabad House — a branch of Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois that serves students at the University of Chicago-Illinois.

That December, Doostdar allegedly paid Ghorbani \$2,000 in cash and received 28 photographs with names attached that Ghorbani is accused of taking of demonstrators at a Sept. 20, 2017, MEK rally against the Iranian government in New York City, the FBI said.

The pictures and a handwritten receipt for \$2,000 were allegedly found concealed in Doostdar's luggage as he traveled through an airport in the United States to return to Iran, the FBI affidavit said.

U.S. authorities accused the men of continuing to work together this year, with Ghorbani allegedly traveling to Iran in about March after telling Doostdar he was going there to conduct an "in-person briefing," and discussing clandestine methods to provide to Iran photographs Ghorbani took of people who attended an MEK-affiliated Iran Freedom Convention for Human Rights in Washington, D.C., on May 4.

# Denmark pushes for fresh Iran sanctions over 'assassination plot'

**Copenhagen also recalls ambassador to Tehran as it accuses Iran of plotting assassination on Danish soil**

The Guardian | Saeed Kamali Dehghan | Oct. 30, 2018

[Denmark](#) has recalled its ambassador from Tehran and called for fresh EU sanctions against Iran after its security services accused Iranian intelligence service of plotting an assassination on Danish soil.

The Danish intelligence chief, Finn Borch Andersen, said on Tuesday that the alleged murder plot had targeted the exiled leader of the Arab Struggle Movement for the Liberation of Ahvaz (ASMLA), a separatist group that has a history of carrying out attacks in [Iran](#).

"We are dealing with an Iranian intelligence agency planning an attack on Danish soil. Obviously, we can't and won't accept that," Andersen said. A Norwegian national of Iranian background has been arrested in Sweden and since extradited to Denmark in connection with the foiled attack, according to officials.

The announcement came as Tehran scrambled to muster European support before the US re-imposes stringent sanctions on the country early next month. The European Union, Iran, China and Russia have set out a plan to sidestep those unilateral US sanctions.

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Bahram Qassemi, dismissed the allegation and said that the timing of the accusations was suspicious. "This is a continuation of enemies' plots to damage Iranian relations with [Europe](#) at this critical time," he said, according to the semi-official Tasnim news agency.

Andersen revealed on Tuesday that a massive police operation that [cut off Copenhagen from the rest of Denmark](#) for several hours last month was triggered when police noticed a stolen, Swedish-registered car near the home of an Iranian opposition activist.

Fearing that an attack was imminent, Danish authorities closed the Øresund bridge linking [Denmark](#) and Sweden and the Great Belt bridge between the islands of Zealand and Funen. Hundreds of Danish police and soldiers used cars, sniffer dogs and helicopters to hunt for the rental car

The incident came shortly after Tehran summoned UK, Dutch and Danish envoys and urged Denmark and the Netherlands to extradite Iranian exiles who they said were responsible for a terrorist attack on September 23 in the Iranian city of Ahvaz, [which killed at least 24 people, including children](#). The ASMLA [initially took responsibility for the attack](#), but later withdrew its claim.



The Danish foreign minister, Anders Samuelsen, said the foiled attack was "completely unacceptable" and that his government "will respond to Iran and is speaking with European partners on further measures".

France has also recently accused Iran of plotting attacks on European soil. In October, French diplomatic sources [said that they had concluded](#) that Iran's ministry of intelligence was behind a foiled bombing attack that targeted a rally organized by an Iranian opposition group near Paris in June. An Iranian diplomat was among six people who were [arrested for allegedly plotting the bombing](#) of the event, which featured among its guests senior US politicians including Rudy Giuliani, Donald Trump's attorney.

Tehran denied the allegations, which it called a conspiracy to "sabotage Iran's ancient and longstanding relations with France and other significant European countries".

In May, the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, claimed that Iran's Revolutionary Guard was carrying out "assassination operations in the heart of Europe", an [allegation that at the time bewildered security experts](#), given that there had been no recent killings in Europe officially attributed to the Iranian state. Since then, France and now Denmark have directly blamed Tehran.

The most recent killing of an Iranian dissident took place in The Hague in November last year, when [a gunman shot Ahmad Mola Nissi](#), who was also a former leader of a group closely linked to the ASMLA, which had claimed responsibility for several attacks in Iran.

Relations with Europe are vital to Iran's bid to weather out US-imposed sanctions. Unlike the US, which has withdrawn from the 2015 nuclear deal, the EU has remained adamant that it wants to preserve the deal. Trump's first set of sanctions – hitting the country's access to dollars, gold and precious metals – were re-imposed in August.

They are to be followed by a set of even more stringent measures by 4 November, including an embargo on the imports of Iranian oil and sanctions on its banking sector.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/oct/30/denmark-says-foiled-iranian-plot-kill-opposition-activist>

## MARYAM RAJAVI'S TEN-POINT PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF IRAN

1. In our view, the ballot box is the only criterion for legitimacy. Accordingly, we seek a republic based on universal suffrage.
2. We want a pluralist system, freedom of parties and assembly. We respect all individual freedoms. We underscore complete freedom of expression and of the media and unconditional access by all to the internet.
3. We support and are committed to the abolition of death penalty.
4. We are committed to the separation of Religion and State. Any form of discrimination against the followers of any religion and denomination will be prohibited.
5. We believe in complete gender equality in political, social and economic arenas. We are also committed to equal participation of women in political leadership. Any form of discrimination against women will be abolished. They will enjoy the right to freely choose their clothing. They are free in marriage, divorce, education and employment.
6. We believe in the rule of law and justice. We want to set up a modern judicial system based on the principles of presumption of innocence, the right to defense, effective judicial protection and the right to be tried in a public court. We also seek the total independence of judges. The mullahs' Sharia law will be abolished.
7. We are committed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and international covenants and conventions, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention against Torture, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. We are committed to the equality of all ethnicities. We underscore the plan for the autonomy of Iranian Kurdistan, adopted by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. The language and culture of our compatriots from whatever ethnicity are among our nation's human resources and must be revived and enhanced in tomorrow's Iran.
8. We recognize private property, private investment and the market economy. All Iranian people must enjoy equal opportunity in employment and in business ventures. We will protect and revitalize the environment.
9. Our foreign policy will be based on peaceful coexistence, international and regional peace and cooperation, as well as respect for the United Nations Charter.
10. We want a non-nuclear Iran, free of weapons of mass destruction.



*Maryam Rajavi is the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), a coalition of some 500 Iranian opposition groups and personalities, committed to a democratic, secular and non-nuclear republic in Iran. Half of NCRI's members are women. The Council's primary task is to hold free and fair elections for a Legislative and National Constituent Assembly in Iran no more than six months after the ouster of the ruling theocracy.*