

Tehran: West Responsible for Terror Attack in Iran

Shiraz blast suspects 'brainwashed'

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Three men accused of carrying out a fatal bombing in a mosque in Iran have confessed to being brainwashed by a Western terrorist cell.

The three confessed in a Saturday hearing at the Islamic Revolution court to 'being brainwashed into launching a terrorist attack in the country,' according to IRNA.

A further four individuals have also been charged over the incident.

Iran had initially detained 15 people in connection with April's deadly explosion in the southern city of Shiraz. However, seven people are currently charged with involvement in the fatal bombing.

Later in May, Iran announced that Britain, Israel and the United States were responsible for the deadly blast, which killed 13 Iranians and injured more than 200.

Ali-Akbar Haidarifar, representing Tehran's prosecutor-general said, "The explosion in Shiraz was one of the country's most fatal terrorist acts, and I request punishment be mete out to the perpetrators at the scene of the crime [religious center]."

The Iranian judiciary official said the inquiry into other suspects as well as those outside the country and the countries which instigated this act of terror would continue.

Iran's Intelligence Ministry announced in May that the terrorist group's targets also included Iran's oil pipelines, Tehran's international book fair as well as other crowded locations in different cities such as scientific, religious and educational centers.

The Iranian judiciary spokesman, Alireza Jamshidi had earlier warned that the Islamic Republic might press charges against the United States, Britain and Israel over their involvement in the April 12 bombing.

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