

Car bomb hits Libya's prison detaining Gaddafi-era officials

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Tripoli: A car bomb explosion hit the Libyan capital Tripoli on Wednesday near al-Hadba prison where Gaddafi officials are detained, including his son Saadi, according to a security source.

"A car bomb exploded near al-Hadba prison. The car exploded about 150 meters from the wall of the prison." said Othman Al-Ghellani, prison spokesman, Xinhua rpeorted.

"Initial information indicates that a woman parked the car, claiming she wanted to visit a prisoner."

No casualties have been reported, Al-Ghellani said. Only two cars parked nearby were damaged.

Al-Hadba prison holds officials of Muammar Gaddafi's regime, including his son Saadi.

Many of them have been recently sentenced to death and life imprisonment for crimes committed during the 2011 uprising that toppled Gaddafi's regime.

Tripoli was controlled by Libya Dawn militias, a coalition of Islamist factions that seized Tripoli in 2014, forcing the Internationally recognized parliament and government to move to the far eastern city of Tobruk.

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