

Dubai Police chief denies meeting top Israeli official

An Israeli daily reported that Dahi met Israel's police investigations and intelligence branch chief

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Dubai: Dubai Police Chief Lieutenant General Dahi Khalfan Tamim yesterday denied a press report which claimed that he met a top Israeli police official in Qatar.

"I categorically deny the report," Dahi said.

He was referring to a report in the Israeli daily Yedioth Aharonot that he had met Israel's police investigations and intelligence branch chief, Major General Yoav Segalovich, at the Interpol general assembly in Doha.

"I did not even attend the Interpol meeting," Dahi said.

The Aharonot on Monday quoted an unidentified Israeli police source as saying that "they were introduced, they shook hands and greeted one another", referring to Dahi and Segalovich.

The source said the exchange between the two men at the November 8 to 11 conference was relaxed and there was no apparent tension, despite the disputes between their countries and lack of diplomatic ties.

For his part, Israel's police spokesman, contacted by AFP, could not immediately confirm or deny the report.

Death threats

In September, Dahi said he had received death threats from Israel's Mossad intelligence agency, linked to his role in uncovering details of the murder of Hamas commander Mahmoud Al Mabhouh in a Dubai hotel last January.

Al Mabhouh, a founder of the military wing of the Palestinian resistance movement, was found dead in his Al Bustan Rotana hotel room near Dubai airport. Twelve British, six Irish, four French, three Australian and one German passports were used by the 26 people believed linked to the murder.

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