

Yemen interrogates Al Qaida suspect who killed hospital guard

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Sana'a: Yemeni authorities have begun questioning a US citizen suspected of being an Al Qaida militant who is accused of killing a guard as he tried to escape a hospital, a state-run website said on Thursday.

Sharif Mobley, arrested in March along with 10 Al Qaida suspects, was handed over to a court in the capital Sana'a.

He also faces charges of wounding another guard as he tried to shoot his way out of the hospital where he was being treated, the Yemeni Defence Ministry website said.

Yemen became a major Western security concern after the Yemen-based regional arm of Al Qaida claimed responsibility for a failed attempt to bomb a US-bound plane in December.

A Yemeni official has said Mobley may have had links to a Nigerian man who was behind the December 25 plane bombing attempt.

Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated, a US company which owns several nuclear power plants, said in March that Mobley, 26, worked at nuclear reactors in 2002-2008, doing routine labour work.

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