

# Al Fifi shares details of Naif murder attempt

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Riyadh: Jaber Al Fifi, a former militant who was once on Saudi Arabia's list of most wanted terrorists said that the assassination attempt on Prince Mohammad Bin Naif — Saudi Arabia's assistant interior minister for security affairs and the son of an interior minister — by Al Qaida in Yemen was aimed at stopping rebels from surrendering to the authorities.

In August 2009, Prince Naif was slightly injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up in an attempt to assassinate him.

Al Fifi, who recently surrendered to the Saudi security authorities from his exile in Yemen and announced his repentance, appeared on Saudi TV on Tuesday evening.

He also explained in detail how the plot was devised, saying that there was a specific plan to send someone across the border to target the Prince.

## Change of mind

"A militant by the name of Saeed Al Shihri changed the plan and sent Abdullah Aseri to carry out the plot," he added.

Al Fifi is a former Guantanamo Bay detainee who was freed by the American authorities and handed over to Saudi Arabia.

He was set free following various anti-terror counselling sessions but ended up fleeing to Yemen to join Al Qaida.

Speaking further about the assassination attempt Al Fifi said that the plan was kept a secret, adding that Al Qaida was surprised that the plot had failed.