

CIA and Mossad Rebuilding Spy Ring in Tunisia

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According to the Tunisian Magazine Al-Musawar, the CIA and the Mossad are revitalizing their spying networks in Tunisia since the fall of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. <u>YNet News reported</u>:

The journal cited a report compiled by the Egyptian Yafa Research Center, which found that the Mossad's intelligence net is spread across several Tunisian metropolises – each branch with its own speciality.

The branch stationed in Tunis, for example, tracks targets in Alegria. The one placed in Djerba, an island located 500 kilometers southeast of the capital, traces Libyan targets. The Sousse office deals with Tunisian internal affairs, the report claimed. (Roi Kais, Report: Mossad bolsters activity in Tunisia, YNet News, 14 February, 2012)

The spy rings, established in collaboration with the CIA, would be used for "sabotage and incitement purposes, to follow the development of events in neighbouring Algeria and Libya, and to track what is left of the Palestinian groups in Tunisia as well as Islamic and Salafi movements that are active there." (*Ibid*.)

The Mossad will allegedly follow Tunisian opposition groups "especially those who oppose the peace process with Israel", YNet News stated.

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