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PALESTINIAN AUTHORITYHusam al-Din Musa Hamid (m)

**Killed:Muhammad Dayf Allah al-Khatib (m)**

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Muhammad Dayf Allah al-Khatib whose death sentence was not carried out following sentencing on 13 January 2001 was shot dead on 14 March 2002. He was apparently killed by armed Palestinians, not affiliated with the Palestinian Security Forces. He and other prisoners were reportedly being held at a safehouse, after being transferred from a Bethlehem Prison which was later shelled by Israeli air strikes.

According to reports, Muhammad Dayf Allah al-Khatib and another man who had been serving a life sentence, were both killed for being alleged Israeli collaborators. A senior Palestinian official has reportedly denounced the killings.

There is no further information about Husam al-Din Musa Hamid who had been sentenced to death along with Muhammad Dayf Allah al-Khatib. Both men had been found guilty of treason and collaborating with Israel by the Higher State Security Court in Bethlehem, after an unfair trial which lasted only five hours and in which only one witness was called.

**Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required by the UA network at present.**