

Kazakhs Foil Bomb Plot

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ASTANA — Kazakhstan's prosecutor general said Wednesday that security services had foiled a plot organized by an associate of fugitive billionaire Mukhtar Ablyazov to bomb the commercial capital of Almaty.

The Prosecutor General's Office said in a statement that Ablyazov's personal bodyguard had planned to coordinate a series of explosions on March 24 in parks and near administrative buildings.

Locksley Ryan, a London-based spokesman for Ablyazov, said the information about the plot was "nonsense."

Ablyazov is accused of embezzling at least \$5 billion from BTA bank and has been an outspoken opponent of President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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