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Malaysia's arrest of Israeli with 6 guns triggers mystery – was Mossad involved?

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The [arrest](#) of an Israeli national in upscale Kuala Lumpur armed with several guns and a French passport and who confessed to his underworld links has spurred fevered speculation in Malaysia about the intended target of his apparent assassination plot.

Officers nabbed the 36-year-old suspect at a hotel on March 27, and checks on his hotel room yielded a cache of six semi-automatic pistols including a Sig Sauer, a Glock and Smith and Wesson, 200 bullets and several pairs of surgical gloves, all kept inside a bag.

The suspect was quickly identified by Israeli media as alleged mobster Shalom Avitan, purportedly an associate of the Israel-based Musli crime family.