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KDPI: Ahmadinejad directly involved in Ghassemlou assassination

05/07/2005 KurdishMedia.com London (KurdishMedia.com) 5 July, 2005: An official of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI) told the news agency AFP that Iran's recently relected president Mahmood Ahmadinejad was directly involved in plotting the 1989 assassination of the Kurdish leader Abdul Rahman Ghassemlou in Vienna.

The party official Hassan Ashrafi told AFP "According to our information, the Iranian government formed three committees for the assassination [...] the first one planned it, the second one which was led by Ahmadinejad was tasked with facilitating it and the third one executed it."

Ghassemlou was the leader of the KDPI when he was assassinated on July 13, 1989, along with two colleagues, in a meeting with Iranian secret services.

The Austrian authorities said on Saturday that they had documents implicating Ahmadinejad in the murders.

Iran has denied Ahmadinejad's involvement in the killings and has warned European countries not to be duped by "the Zionist propaganda" campaign.

Ahmadinejad has also been accused of involvement in the 1979 hostage-taking at the US embassy in Tehran.

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