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Portugal ambush killing

A PORTUGUESE industrialist, acquitted in July last year of charges arising out of a wave of bombings against Left-wing targets, has been shot dead in an ambush in northern Portugal.

Joaquim Ferreira Torres was killed in a machine gun attack while he was driving near Penafiel, 15 miles east of Oporto. A first burst of bullets hit Mr Ferreira Torres in the chest, and the car went out of control, ending up at the roadside.

The killer then fired through the rear of the car into his back, police said. No group or individual has claimed responsibility.

Mr Ferreira Torres was one of the main accused among 16 people charged following bombings of Socialist and Communist centres in northern Portugal, and a blast at the Cuban Embassy in Lisbon which killed two people and injured four. Five men were sentenced to prison but Mr Ferreira Torres, who fled to Spain during the trial, and 10 others were acquitted.

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