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By Jimmy Burns in Lisbon

Sr Joaquim Ferreira Torres, the Portuguese industrialist accused of organising a series of bomb attacks against left-wing targets in 1975, has been shot dead in an ambush in northern Portugal.

Police said yesterday that Sr Torres, who owned a textile company, was killed in a machine-gun attack (with a rifle) on a road near Oporto.

Although no individual or terrorist organisation has yet claimed responsibility, Sr Torres' death has already generated considerable unease. Yesterday's attack, the first on a public figure in Portugal since the revolution five years ago, has come only weeks away from the general election. The killing may turn out to be an isolated incident but there are fears that it may be part of an extremist destabilisation campaign.

Sr Torres was one of the main accused among 16 members of an extreme right-wing organisation, called the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Portugal, which carried out bomb attacks on Socialist and Communist centres in northern Portugal and on Cuban and Angolan representative offices in Lisbon.

Sr Torres was acquitted but this was declared null and void in April. He was due to face a new trial.

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