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Iranian Diplomat Killed In Drive-By Shooting In Yemen

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Commercial attaché of Iran Embassy in Yemen, Ali Asadi, who was seriously injured after being shot by unknown gunmen in the Yemeni capital, Sana'a, has succumbed to his wounds.

“The Iranian diplomat has succumbed to injuries” he sustained during the attack in Hadda, a diplomatic district south of the capital, said a medical source at the hospital where the diplomat was transported.

The Iranian diplomat was shot by unknown gunmen outside the ambassador’s residence in Sana’a on Saturday.

“Unidentified assailants in a van fired on the diplomat three times as he was leaving the ambassador’s residence near a shopping center in Hadda,” a police source told AFP.

The assailants first tried to kidnap the Iranian diplomat but when they faced resistance, opened fire on him.

Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham strongly condemned the terrorist attack, saying that Yemeni authorities are investigating the attack.