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Kenya: Police Halt Terrorist Plot

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The Kenyan police disrupted a major terrorist attack on Friday in its final stages of planning, arresting two people with explosive devices and seizing a cache of weapons and ammunition, officials said. A manhunt has begun for eight more suspects, including would-be bombers and the masterminds behind the plan, a police spokesman, Eric Kiraithe, said. The pair was arrested in an area of Nairobi where many Somali immigrants live, said Boniface Mwaniki, the head of Kenya's Antiterrorism Police Unit. He said the men were suspected of having ties to the Shabab, a militant group in neighboring Somalia that is linked to Al Qaeda. The police found four suicide vests rigged with hundreds of metal ball bearings, two improvised explosive devices, also rigged with ball bearings, four AK-47 assault rifles, ammunition and 12 grenades.

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