

Spanish terror cell planned to use 'Mother of Satan' explosive used in 7/7 bombings to slaughter hundreds in 'spectacular' blast at Barcelona's famous cathedral

I think it is generally accepted that the stash of gas and inflamables stored in the house in [Daily Mail](#) reports in English from Spanish newspaper [El Espanol](#) has claimed.

To detonate the gas, they intended to use the same TATP explosives – also known as the 'Mother of Satan' – that were blown up in the 7/7 bombings in London.

Investigators believe a 12-strong terror cell planned to detonate the highly-explosive gas, using plastic explosive TATP – which was also found at the site – in its attack on the Catalan city's tourist district.

But less than 24 hours before the atrocity, one member was killed in an accidental blast. Police have said there may still be another body buried in the rubble of the house in Alcanar, which is more than 120 miles south of Barcelona. More than 20 butane gas canisters were found intact in the wreckage, as well as Acetone peroxide (TATP) – nicknamed 'Mother of Satan' because of the high number of accidental explosions it causes.

The discovery supports claims by Spanish police that the gang planned to murder hundreds in a terrorist 'spectacular'.

Security experts believe the gang wanted to hire a large truck like the one used to devastating effect in the Nice atrocity two years ago, but they were unable to get permits so had to settle with smaller vans.

Josep Lluís Traperó of Catalonia's police said: 'They were preparing one or several attacks in Barcelona, and an explosion in Alcanar stopped this as they no longer had the material they needed to commit attacks of an even bigger scope.'

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