

## Al Fayed assails British elite on Diana's death

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Mohamed Al Fayed penned an article, published in the London *Sunday Times* on June 14, in which he aggressively defended his widely criticized statements that he was "99.9% certain" that Princess Diana and his son Dodi Fayed were the victims of a murder plot. Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, along with Ritz Hotel acting security director Henri Paul, were killed in a collision in the Place de l'Alma tunnel in Paris, shortly after midnight on Aug. 31, 1997. Nearly ten months after the crash, French Investigating Magistrate Judge Hervé Stephan is still months away from completing his investigation into whether the crash was a tragic accident, or murder—a fact that Al Fayed highlighted.

"The fact is, Judge Hervé Stephan still has too many unanswered questions and too many conflicting accounts to have been able to construct a definitive account of what really happened. His approach has impressed me deeply. . . . I place great faith in his investigation but sometimes wonder whether he really has all the powers needed to establish the truth. He has no way, for example, of investigating the possible involvement of any foreign intelligence agency. . . . I have made no secret of my fears that there was indeed a plot to get rid of Princess Diana and my dear son."

After stating that there is no doubt in his mind that Diana and Dodi would have soon announced their engagement, he wrote, "The strength and cruelty of Establishment voices denying that theirs was true love strengthens my conviction that there were people in this country determined that the woman who had been ejected from the royal family and stripped of the title of Royal Highness should not be allowed to marry the son of the man whose disclosures about the improper conduct of some Tory MPs had helped to bring about that party's biggest defeat this century."

Al Fayed was referring to his role in bringing down the Thatcher government, when he revealed payoffs to several

Tory ministers and Members of Parliament.

"Oh, say the harsh voices," he wrote later in the article, "it was just a drunken driver going too fast. Perhaps, but say that's not so? Do we not owe it to them, to ourselves and to future generations to find out the full facts while the matter is still fresh in people's minds? That is all I am trying to do. For that I am attacked ferociously on a daily basis. Why are certain people so frightened of the truth?"

He continued, "Why? Because the Establishment does not want to hear anything other than 'Speed and Booze,' with the blame, if possible, being put on me. British newspapers are dedicated to the status quo and their proprietors are nearly all pillars of the Establishment."

### Unanswered questions

Al Fayed then posed some of the most compelling unanswered questions: "Why did it take one hour and 40 minutes to get the princess to hospital? Why did the doctor who initially attended her for 15 minutes say he did not know it was the princess until he heard it on CNN eight hours later? Why did he not go with her in the ambulance to the hospital? . . . Why have some of the paparazzi lied about their role in the chase? . . . Why have all the closed-circuit television cameras in that part of Paris produced not one frame of videotape? . . . Where is the white Fiat Uno and who was inside it? What were they doing and how have they managed to vanish, virtually impossible without skilled help? . . . Who was the person in the press group outside the hotel who was equipped like a news photographer? Nobody recognized him, and, when asked, he said he was working for *The Mirror*. Who were the two unidentified men mingling in the crowd who later sat in the hotel bar? They ordered in English, watching and listening in a marked manner. How did Henri Paul get 20% carbon monoxide in his blood when my son had none?"

Al Fayed then added, "I am not a conspiracy nut and I am confident Judge Hervé Stephan will provide definitive answers to these and other questions. It is because I do not want the conspiracy theorists making sport of this tragedy that I am insisting every point is answered."

Al Fayed went into a detailed account of Princess Diana's battle with the royal family and the Establishment. "The Princess knew the forces ranged against her. . . . She said: 'One day I shall go up in a helicopter and I won't come down. . . .' Some people might believe the security services are just overgrown Boy Scouts in pinstriped suits. The Princess knew better."

Al Fayed repeated his challenge to Prime Minister Tony Blair: "All I want is for the Prime Minister to stand at the dispatch box to confirm that British intelligence was not involved during that weekend in Paris. I know intelligence matters are not generally discussed in the Commons, but in such an exceptional case, an exception must be made. Were Dodi and Diana being observed by any of the British embassy staff who have an intelligence function? Were their phone calls being monitored?"

Al Fayed next took on the British Establishment. "The Establishment," he wrote, "has run this country for more than 300 years and it is not about to stop now. Its members run the country, not Tony Blair. If something needs to be done in what they consider the best interest of themselves and the country, it is done without needless reference to anyone. It is so much simpler if everything is deniable. What is not deniable is that the death of Diana was very convenient for some people. . . . The ship of state sails on in majesty having dropped its unwanted passengers. I am not paranoid. I just see things as they are. . . . Despite the massive press campaign against me, 95% of people in a newspaper poll said they did not believe the deaths of Diana and Dodi were an accident, and outside this country virtually nobody believes it. That is why the Establishment is so scared of me. I am used to being disliked because I tell the truth."

Al Fayed ended with a personal commentary on Tiny Rowland, the monarchy's and British intelligence's hatchetman and chief Africa genocidalist. Rowland has been the Crown's preferred hooligan, running a guerrilla war against Al Fayed, particularly since the deaths of Diana and Dodi. "All the problems I have had are directly attributable to my acquaintance with Tiny Rowland and his methods of doing business." Referencing his successful takeover of the House of Fraser and its flagship store, Harrods, Al Fayed noted, "The shareholders were paid a premium price and went on their way rejoicing. Only one man complained and he had sold me the shares which guaranteed my acquisition of the company. R.W. 'Tiny' Rowland was a bad loser. Because I had what he wanted, he unleashed an unprecedented vendetta against me."

The unsolved mystery of Aug. 31, 1997 has not disappeared from the U.S. media, either, including the role of *EIR* in probing the truth about those events. Jeffrey Steinberg, Counterintelligence Director of *EIR*, was quoted in the June

23 issue of the *Star*, the U.S. supermarket tabloid weekly. In a cover story headlined "Was Diana Murdered?" the *Star* detailed the two recent British TV documentaries on the Diana-Dodi deaths, highlighting what it called "bombshell new evidence" pointing to a murder conspiracy. The evidence included details of the blood tests on Henri Paul, showing near-fatal levels of carbon monoxide in his blood; and the testimony of senior French police official David Laurent, who saw the mystery Fiat Uno lying in wait at the entrance to the Place de l'Alma tunnel just before the fatal collision.

The *Star* quoted Steinberg on the role of the still-missing Fiat: "I find it almost impossible to come up with some sort of benign explanation of how and why this car, the driver, and whatever other passengers were in the car, could have disappeared from the face of the earth for an eight-month period without there being some kind of sinister aspect to it."

Further on, the *Star* quoted Steinberg on the specter of involvement by the British royal family, and particularly, Prince Philip, in ordering the murders of Diana and Dodi. The *Star* wrote, "Security expert Steinberg admits it's conceivable the royal family—especially Princess Diana's one-time father-in-law, Prince Philip—'called the shot.'" They quoted Steinberg, explaining, "Looking at his background, looking at the fact that he was livid over the idea of this relationship—and was livid that Diana had become a very significant thorn in the side of the House of Windsor—certainly creates a circumstance where I can't rule [that] out."



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