

Plot to Kill Saudi Ambassador

On October 11, 2011, Attorney General Eric Holder announced that a plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to the United States had been foiled.

A criminal complaint filed today in the Southern District of New York charges Manssor Arbabsiar, a 56-year-old naturalized U.S. citizen holding both Iranian and U.S. passports, and Gholam Shakuri, an Iran-based member of Iran's Qods Force, which is a special operations unit of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) that is said to sponsor and promote terrorist activities abroad.

Both defendants are charged with conspiracy to murder a foreign official; conspiracy to engage in foreign travel and use of interstate and foreign commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire; conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction (explosives); and conspiracy to commit an act of international terrorism transcending national boundaries. Arbabsiar is further charged with an additional count of foreign travel and use of interstate and foreign commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire. (<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/October/11-ag-1339.html>)

Analysis. As you read through the complete statement of the Attorney General it appears that this is a legitimate plot by Iran to kill a Saudi diplomat on American soil. However, there are some very serious people who believe that this case is a false flag operation designed to pump up the volume on the war drums for an attack by the United States or others on Iran.

Presume for now that this is a legitimate plot by Iran to kill the Saudi ambassador. Why? And why in the United States? The answer to that question is Syria. Bashar Assad's regime is in deep trouble. It is faced with a continuing revolution by the Syrian people who are majority Sunni and ruled by a minority Alawite (Sevener Shiite) government. Besides the fact that this is a religiously intolerable situation, Assad has allied himself with the Iranians.

There is little doubt that the Saudis are supporting the Syrian dissidents with money and weapons. The Iranians have reportedly supplied Assad with some 20,000 Iranian Revolutionary Guards Qods Force personnel to help the Syrian Army put down the revolution. Syria has become the major proxy battleground for the Saudi vs. Iran conflict which is also the Sunni vs. Shiite conflict. This makes the resolution of the conflict in either one's favor vitally important.

Additionally, Iran has again been playing around in Bahraini and Saudi politics inciting their Shiite populations to cause civil disturbances in both countries. The Saudis have found it necessary to send special forces to their eastern provinces and reinforce their troops in Bahrain. (Source prior Debka articles.) The Saudis are less than pleased about this situation.

In addition, Debka is reporting that the conspiracy actually does reach the highest levels of the Iranian government: Ali Khamenei.

The motivation for the foiled Iranian-instigated plot to murder the Saudi ambassador to Washington at his favorite eatery, Café Milano in Georgetown, is revealed by debkafile's Iranian sources as a bid by a super-radical faction at the top of the Iranian regime to draw the United States into a limited military clash. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei approved the plot when his son and heir Mojtaba, 42, and the Al Qods Brigades commander Gen. Qassem Soleimani presented him with their "grand plan."

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Ambassador Adel Al-Jubeir's assassination was planned to coincide with riots in the holy cities and disturbances in the oil regions and so cause a breakdown in national security and shake the throne to its foundations.



The Americans would then come running to save the kingdom, Mojtaba (picture on the left) and Soleimani figured, and head straight into a limited armed clash with Iran. This is what the pair was aiming for to further the following objectives:

- 1. To head off the spread of unrest in Syria into the Iranian Republic. The downtrodden ethnic and religious minorities which make up 60 percent of the population would not venture to rise up against the minority Persian rulers at a time of war for fear of being punished as traitors.*
- 2. To push the controversial Iranian nuclear program down to the bottom of the international agenda and stop in its tracks the US-led campaign to halt its development.*
- 3. To win international Muslim acclaim for diverting the military focus of the West away from Syria and saving President Bashar Assad's regime.*
- 4. By sacrificing a few of Iran's warships and planes in a limited clash, Tehran would win support from Russia and China, which are both strongly opposed to Western military intervention in Syria or any other part of the Middle East.*
- 5. They would produce a Tehran-led anti-American Muslim military line-up to stand up against the pro-American Sunni Muslim military bloc sponsored by the West, which Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan is assembling. (<http://www.debka.com/article/21387/>)*

Please read the entire Debka article for more important information.

Considered in the light of this Debka article as part of a larger plan to destabilize Saudi Arabia during a critical time (the Umrah: Lesser Hajj i. e. pilgrimage to Mecca), the plot to kill the ambassador becomes significantly more believable. It does fit in with other information that at least some of the mullahs believe that the Mahdi is ready to appear if the proper conditions can be generated. (<http://atimetobetrays.com/blog/iran-leaders-the-coming-is-upon-us-%E2%80%93-israel-shall-be-destroyed-watch-the-video/>)

There is also the apparently successful move to get the Hamas political headquarters out of Damascus and into Egypt where it can be shielded from Iranian influence. A part of Iran's notional plan has been to control Israel's northern border with Hezbollah and to control Israel's southern border with Hamas and the other rejectionist groups. If Mashaal and the Hamas politburo move to Cairo, Iran loses this influence and potentially the ability to make mischief from Gaza. Not good for the mullahs.

The seriousness with which this plot is taken by the Saudis is reflected in an Asharq al-Awsat editorial by Tariq Alhomayed.

Iran's loss of the al-Assad regime means that its dream of exporting its revolution is over, which in turn means that Tehran is now facing its historical obligation to pay bills that are long overdue. Iran's mullahs felt this in the form of a resounding slap from Saudi Arabia in Bahrain, which has made Tehran lose its mind. Now the Iranian regime will not even hesitate to target Saudi figures, after targeting internal Saudi locations such as al-Awamiyah, and likewise through targeting Saudi allies like Bahrain, as well as affiliated states and politicians.

The question here is: do the deceived now understand that Iran is the real enemy? I hope so.
(<http://www.asharq-e.com/news.asp?section=2&id=26923>)

Read the whole editorial. You will understand just how pissed the Saudis are. Asharq is pretty much the Saudi government's English language site. Nor is Alhomayed's editorial the only article expressing Saudi displeasure in the publication. The upshot of this plot and the fallout from it is that the Saudis are demanding that Iran pay a price. That price has yet to be determined.

There are also those people who believe that this whole plot is a false flag operation designed to bring us closer to war with Iran. They cite the convenient time that this plot was made public just as the House Government Oversight and Investigations Committee was about to subpoena the Attorney General for his role in and possible perjury about Operation Fast and Furious: running guns to Mexican drug cartels.

There were also claims on the Alex Jones show yesterday by Dr. Steve Piecznik and Lt. Col. Anthony Schaffer that this is a false flag operation. These are serious people with extensive backgrounds in intelligence and dirty tricks on an international scale. They may well be correct. If they are, what are the motives behind this operation?

1. Take the heat off the Attorney General for Operation Fast and Furious.
2. Begin the preparation of the American people for a war with Iran
3. Make it more difficult to cut the Pentagon budget.
4. Temp the Iranians to preempt and start the war themselves. See *The Coming is Upon Us* for the Shiite theological justifications for this. It is most likely that the Iranians want to wait until all US forces are out of Iraq. This will make it significantly easier for the Mahdi army of Moqtada al-Sadr and the other Shiite militias to gain control of Iraq. We should all remember that the Iranian ambassador to Iraq is and has been a Qods Force senior general.

There may be other as yet unknown reasons for the belief of these people that this was and is a false flag operation.

So who is correct? Are both correct?

In the short run it may not matter. In some ways the Iranians are like the lady in *Taming of the Shrew*. The Iranians doth protest too much. That still does not negate the probability that a Middle East war between Sunni and Shiites will occur in the near future. That is a forgone religious conclusion.

Presuming that the Iranians do take over Iraq and that Assad continues to rule in Syria, the Iranians will have put the capstone in the Shiite Crescent postulated by King Abdullah II of Jordan. That will give the Shiites the ability to attack down both sides and across the entire northern border of Saudi Arabia. This is a militarily untenable position for the Saudis, the Jordanians, The Israelis, the Gulf States and the Egyptians. It doesn't help the Turks either.

Ever since Debka made public the cooperation between the Israelis and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states intelligence agencies, I have said that when the intelligence folks start getting together, the planners are about six months behind. It is my firm belief that all of these countries have joint plans

to repel the Shiites and destroy Iran as a modern country. It was also my belief that the Shiites would be allowed to be the aggressors and that the GCC states would absorb an initial strike to that end.

I am no longer sure of that. While revelation of this plot and the other connected plots may be designed to encourage Iran to commit an overt act that leads to general war, it also allows the GCC countries which now include Jordan in all but formal accession and possibly Egypt, to generate their forces under cover of being prepared for additional plots of this nature. It also allow for more repression against the Shiites along the western coast of the Persian Gulf.

Either way, the revelation of this plot is not good news.

Si vis pacem, para bellum.