

Were “High State Operatives” Complicit in the Attack on Robert Fico and the Death of Ebrahim Raisi?

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“I don’t think there’s anyone on the Hill who doesn’t suspect it. It’s too convenient, too coincidental, too damned obvious.”

– quote from an anonymous Democratic member of the House of Representatives on the death of Senator Paul Wellstone. [1]

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The two events happening in the middle of May has some concerned about a trend of people encountering mishaps following oppositional statements or stances at this violent time in world history. [2]

Robert Fico, the Prime Minister of Slovakia was shot several times by a 71 year old stranger. He had won election in 2023 promising to block Ukraine from joining NATO and had been opposed to supplying Ukraine with weapons during the War with Russia. Fico also promised to launch investigations into COVID-19 pandemic corruption, COVID-19 vaccine injuries and deaths, and 21,000 excess deaths.[3][4][5]

He had also said he would not sign the proposed WHO's Pandemic Treaty. [6]

As for Ebrahim Raisi, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, he died in a helicopter crash the same week as the incident involving Slovakian leader. Iranian General Qasem Suleimani was killed by a U.S. air strike in January of 2020. In April of 2024, an Israeli attack on Damascus ended the lives of eight officers of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The deaths of high level Iranians seems to be a common theme these days! [7][8][9]

But the incident also reminds us that assassinations have their place in the arsenal of those powerful nations who govern the free world. The deaths of [John F. Kennedy](#), [Malcolm X](#), [Martin Luther King](#), and [Robert F. Kennedy](#) all seem to have succumbed to this fate. But there are many others.

Witness the death of Democrat Hale Boggs in 1972, who was a member of the Warren Commission and expressing doubts about the group's findings. Or Democrat Ron Brown, killed in a plane crash over Croatia on April 3, 1996. Among unresolved mysteries surrounding this incident was the existence of a color photograph showing a bullet wound in the back of his skull. Or John Tower, the Republican Senator who had been the chairman of the Reagan appointed commission investigating the Iran-Contra affair. He had been unhappy about being denied an appointment to secretary of defense by President George Herbert Walker Bush. He was killed in a plane crash in 1991. [10]

One expects cases of individuals running afoul of the mafia to encounter deadly ends. Is it surprising that State and intelligence figures dealing in power would pursue similar methods?

This week, on the Global Research News Hour, we dare to cast aside the veil concealing misdeeds none want to talk about to reveal the all too clear reality reflecting the true realities when all else fails.

In our first half hour, we chat a little bit with Jeremy Kuzmarov of [Covert Action Magazine](#) about a brief history of suspected assassinations, including the death of Senator Paul Wellstone to get a flavour of what to watch for in terms of assassinations in the modern era. In the second half hour, independent geopolitical and military analyst Drago Bosnic returns to the show to talk about the flaws in the death of Ebrahim Raisi and Robert Fico and what leads him to suspect opposition to U.S.-NATO-Israel hegemony. Finally, we speak with Dr. William Makis, a physician and the author of the site COVID Intel about the near death of Fico and how it seems to be linked with his opposition to the COVID vaccine and a planned, revamped Pandemic Agreement which he thinks may still succeed.

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Transcript of Jeremy Kuzmarov, May 28, 2024

Global Research: You've covered a range of these sorts of assassinations over recent decades. We ourselves have covered the four great assassinations of the 1960s, the Kennedy brothers and Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. But I noticed you have covered similar deaths.

And one I hope you can focus on in more detail is the death of Senator Paul Wellstone. He died during a plane crash in 2002. It was more than 20 years ago.

It was 10 days before an election. And there are odd details about it that have led political figures to suspect it was actually an assassination. You wrote this article a couple of years ago, and I would appreciate it if you could take maybe five minutes or so to expand on his death.

Before we talk about the broader trends of assassinations, what leads so many people to believe that this was an assassination?

Jeremy Kuzmarov: Okay, well, first I should pay tribute to the research of James Fetzer, who wrote a book about this. So I did a whole series on political assassinations, some better known than others. And yeah, I'm grateful to all these researchers who really probed into it.

And I drew often on them. I mean, their books often got no exposure, and they were either marginalized in the academy or journalistic world or even maligned or ridiculed. But they really have done good research to uncover the truth.

And yeah, sometimes it takes years to piece together what happened. I mean, in the Wellstone case, in general, yeah, they're rarely coincidence in politics. I mean, when it's really convenient, you become very, very suspicious when there are serious political implications, like what's going on now.

And in this case, yeah, as you say, 10 days before an election, and Wellstone was a key vote in the Senate. He was against the Iraq war. He was a key vote, would have been a key vote against the war.

And the election was also key, I mean, as far as Republicans sustaining control of the Senate at that time, that crucial period of the Iraq war going on or about to start. And the Bushes hated Wellstone. Like when Wellstone was first elected to the U.S. Senate from Minnesota, and Wellstone was very kind of unusually progressive for U.S. politics, although he wasn't perfect in his record.

He did support the Balkan conflict. But on a lot of the issues, he aligned with a very

progressive position. He opposed wars.

He was really far to the left on the American spectrum, as far as policy positions. And in 1991, when he was first elected, he made a point of accosting George H. W. Bush when he was then president for orchestration of the Operation Desert Storm, the Persian Gulf War, which Wellstone was vehemently against. Instead, it was a war for oil.

So, you know, Bush and Cheney hated Wellstone. And, you know, the circumstance was he was taking a plane. Now, yes, since I wrote the article several years ago, I can't remember every last detail.

But I know he was, you know, he was doing some side trips. And the circumstance of his crash made clear that there was foul play. You know, the excuses they gave, things like pilot error and weather just didn't hold up.

And there was evidence from the crash site that there were deliberate sabotage. And I think the theory that Fetzer puts forward of a direct energy weapon, as far-fetched as it may sound, but that they use high-grade military weapons to take this plane down, direct energy weapons, and that not so far-fetched because they used these weapons in U.S. wars. So, you know, they have them on hand and they can use them for these purposes, too.

And, you know, one thing I remember that was really odd was, like, the FBI was on the scene right away. You know, the crash was in a very remote area, yet somehow the FBI got on the scene, like, right away. And there were no FBI headquarters, you know, anywhere near there would actually have to have been like a two-hour drive.

And yet somehow they're there right away to cover it up. And so, you know, they're a very strong indicator that this was a political assassination of a progressive figure who stood in the way of the Bush-Cheney policies of escalating the war on terror and going to war in Iraq. And so I guess that's what I can say to summarize that case.

GR: Yeah. I'm just wondering if there are other things you could say about it. I mean, I understand that he was the difference between the Senate being majority Democrat and then suddenly it was majority Republican, which is further fueled.

JK: Yeah, how convenient. I mean, how convenient can you get? And these kind of gifts don't just happen. So, but then, you know, and you look into it further, it's very clear that there was foul play.

And again, the fact that the FBI is there right away gives you an indication that they were tipped off about it and that there was a cover-up in place after.

GR: Yeah. Was he potentially, like, could he have considered a run for the president himself, maybe in 2004?

JK: Potentially, yeah.

He was a popular figure in the party. You know, he adopted progressive positions that were popular among the U.S. electorate. You know, things like health care, he really pushed for.

I mean, he was like a kind of Bernie Sanders, who is very genuine, you know, in pushing for things like health care that the public wants, you know, universal health care, you know,

higher taxes on corporations. I mean, he was generally against the warfare state. He was against the war on terror.

I'm not sure Afghanistan, but like, you know, he wasn't perfect, but he was far more progressive than most other U.S. politicians. And he had a lot of good personal qualities to him. And he had a history of fighting, you know, corporate power.

So he was like, you know, a genuine, like, you know, firebrand. I mean, we don't have too many of those. He's like a Dennis Kucinich type, you know, it's a kind of rare breed in American politics where he puts his money where his mouth is and he actually, you know, gives a good speech, but follows it through.

And people respected him. And so he could have gone far. Yeah, I agree.

He could have been potentially the front runner for the 2004 election.

GR: Well, there have been a lot of suspicious airplane and helicopter accidents that have been used to remove political leaders from office. I mean, you know, not just this man, Paul Wellstone, and I guess I'm referring to the death of President Raisi.

But I mean, for example, you have Omar Torrijos, who died while in a de Havilland Canada DHC-6, twin otter of the Panamanian Air Force. It crashed on July 31, 1981. It was a presumed assassination.

Ecuadorian President Jaime Roldos Aguilera, who died on May 24, 1981, in a plane crash. It was assumed assassination and enhanced by the controversial absence of the plane's black box. The second Secretary General of the UN Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden, whom GFK called the greatest statesman of our century.

He was killed in a plane crash on September 18, 1961. And then there are others. And it's always assumed that there's strong involvement in it.

Well, in Dag Hammarskjöld's case, there was strong involvement in liberating Congo that killed him. But do all these sorts of deaths have certain, I guess, common patterns and modalities in common, where you see it as more likely an assassination and not just an accident?

JK: Well, and I would add to what you're saying, because I've done this whole series, I've looked into many different political assassinations. They had drawing on authors who've written books or extensive articles that are very well researched.

And there are these cases in the United States, not just foreign leaders. For instance, Hale Boggs, who was the Speaker of the House and was a dissenting member of the Warren Commission. His plane crashed under very mysterious circumstances.

It was a small plane. In the early 70s, I did an article on the case of Dorothy Hunt. Well, this was a larger commercial jet carrying CIA operative Dorothy Hunt, who was the wife of E. Howard Hunt, and had all kinds of incriminating documents related to Watergate and possibly knowledge of the CIA's involvement in Watergate.

Her plane went down and was clearly sabotage. So, you know, there's a plane of John F. Kennedy Jr., if you look into that case, and he was starting to get involved in politics and was

going to be running for the governor of New York in 2004. That would have been potentially a stepping stone for his, you know, becoming a presidential candidate in the future.

And we know how the so-called deep state loves the Kennedys, especially the fear of a Kennedy coming in and reopening investigation into the assassination of John and Robert. So these assassinations are occurring on American soil. In each of these cases, if you look into it, it's clear there was a cover-up.

It's clear that the official story, you know, usually they blame pilot error or weather, but then when you look into it, it actually proved to be a clear night and the pilot was really an ace pilot. And like distressing, you know, the absence of distressing signs with the air tower controllers, and there's evidence of either bombs on board, you know. So I think in the Wellstone case, there was clear evidence of a bomb and probable use of direct energy weapons.

So there is a consistent pattern. In fact, I've seen officials quoted saying, oh, that's the best way to carry out an assassination, an airplane, because they have to, you know, question the whole crowd. It doesn't look like an assassination or a murder.

And it's easy to, you know, make claim that the plane crashed for natural reasons. And people are prone to believe, oh, it was a plane crash. But in a lot of cases, these planes are actually sabotaged.

And, you know, the airline industry generally has an incredibly good record. And actual air crashes are very rare. And so a lot of cases, I've found they're sabotaged.

And they say this is the best way because people won't suspect it was an assassination. And I think it's easier to cover up a murder this way. And people are not just looking into the death of that one person.

So yeah, there's a worldwide, sadly, you have a murder machine, you know, at the top of, you know, it may be corrupt cabals who control various aspects of the US government are able to carry out these criminal acts, whether abroad or domestically. And then, you know, people have right to be suspicious of these recent events, given the people targeted. I mean, FICO, the Slovakian former prime minister was an outspoken critic of the war in Ukraine and said this war didn't start with the Russian invasion and start what we all know in 2014, with the Ukrainian coup and the murder of Russians in eastern Ukraine, and pro-Russian officials.

And he was also outspoken on the COVID-19, the official story, rare among foreign leaders. He was critical of the narratives about climate change, become kind of sacrosanct, and didn't toe the line on a number of other issues. So this is a rare outspoken, you know, leader who's taking independent positions.

And we know what happened to those kind of leaders historically, they're overthrown, they're undermined, or they're assassinated. And so, I mean, yeah, the helicopter crash, I mean, I don't know, I haven't been able to look into these cases very much or seen, I mean, news agencies aren't reporting, aren't really doing any independent reporting. They're just giving the official story.

So I don't know. I mean, it's possible you can have a crash, but I mean, convenient timing with the Israel-Gaza war going on, and the neocons, you know, working on overdrive to

destabilize Iran, very convenient to have the Iranian leadership killed. And then that creates a power vacuum.

And, you know, you can manipulate things further, or that could be a good opportunity to go in. I mean, they've been plotting for regime change for years and years. And they've been shaming within Iran.

So the motive certainly is there. The timing is very good. So it's worth investigating what happened.

And we may learn with time that the official story is not true.

GR: Could you also talk about the media and, like, what kind of repetition have you spotted in the way the media typically reports on the deaths of these suspected victims, including Wellstone?

JK: Well, the media just report the official story of the plane crash. And, you know, they never suggest foul play.

They never do any independent investigation. They just follow whatever the official agencies report, whether the government or the FBI, you know, the White House or FBI says this, and they just report that. And they basically censor anybody, like, you know, who would carry out an independent investigation and find troubling patterns.

That person will never appear on any mainstream media network. And that's probably true of most alternative media, with the exception of your website and hopefully Covert Action. You never find these people on Democracy Now, websites like that.

Never. I've never seen them. I've never seen articles on these topics.

There may be something on the Malcolm X assassination years ago. So they're censored everywhere, even in the alternative media. But, you know, they can publish books, and the books are usually independent press, you know, small presses.

But, I mean, I would encourage readers to judge for themselves. I mean, if I get these books, I try and assess the evidence, and often I find the evidence overwhelming. Like, you know, this book by Fetzer I was mentioning on the Paul Wellstone, it's this overwhelming evidence that there was sabotage.

And all these assassinations I was pointing out, like Hale Boggs, the Dorothy Hunt, there are books written on these topics. In fact, in the case of Dorothy Hunt, their son, St. John Hunt, wrote a book about it. And I interviewed him after, and he's a really nice guy.

But he really investigated this, and he knows that the CIA was behind the death of his mother. So, you know, people have to look to independent book publishing to get the truth. You may find, you know, I think the Global Research website is good, is willing to look into this.

But yeah, they just don't even probe into it, and they blacklist anybody who would try and investigate this, or suggest that they're crazy, and that these are crazy theories. If a theory is ever brought up, it's simply to dismiss it, and to dismiss the person with the theory that he's some kind of crazed lunatic. But, you know, if you look into the cases for yourself, you

find right away that something is not right.

And, you know, and then, again, the political implication. I mean, for any crime, you have to ask who's going to benefit. And, you know, I mean, history is so full of conspiracies and criminal activities to shape the course of history.

And, I mean, coincidences like that don't just happen, you know, that these leaders who are going against Western interests just suddenly die in plane crashes, and suddenly get assassinated by blown nuts. I mean, history really doesn't unfold that way. Unfortunately, Western country and the United States are run by corrupt criminal elements, who use violence to get their way.

GR: Okay. Well, I think we're going to have to leave it there, Jeremy. I would like to thank you for coming on and sharing your covert action insights and resources with our listeners.

And by the way, you're running a spring fundraiser. So you might want to check that out as well. Jeremy Kusmarov, thank you so much for appearing on the show.

JK: Thank you. Yes. And please support the magazine so we can do this kind of research.

And yeah, that we can give a voice to these independent researchers who want to unearth the truth so the know, and could stand up to criminal elements who are using assassination as a tool of power, which is unacceptable.

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