

# The Jamal Khashoggi Hoax

*From Jack in the Antipodes*



if you see a fat guy on the golf course with a heart-shaped splotch on his right cheek, that's him

Hands up, all you who had never heard of Jamal Khashoggi before the news broke of his alleged murder in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. Nope, me neither. And yet when this until-then obscure “journalist” allegedly died it blew everything else off the front page for months.

But doubts are starting to be raised “on the fringes of the Internet” as to whether it was Khashoggi who even went into the consulate, and if he was actually killed. [Miles: my readers knew it was fake on the first day, without asking me, but I am publishing this as a nod to thoroughness. We knew because we recognized the name Khashoggi, and remembered previous skullduggery. That was enough]. I'd say that in the absence of a verified corpse I'm going to call it a hoax. Jamal Khashoggi is not who he was presented to be by the Western media and he was not killed, not dismembered, and his body was not dissolved in acid, as has been claimed.

My guess is he's taken early retirement and is living it up by posing as a brother or cousin on one of the glittering islands in the Mediterranean. That or he's found a job as a greeter at Walmart. Either way, he's still around.

I'm not going to follow every lurid detail in what must now be vying for crime of the century, but I will point out a few red flags and offer a suggestion as to why it got everyone in the media hyper-ventilating. It's not as though the death of a journalist by foul means is so rare. [Miles: yes it is. The death of anyone by foul means is much rarer than we ever thought. No journalist murder I have ever researched has turned out to be real.]

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists website (yes, they formed a committee for that) fifty-four journalists died world-wide in 2018 either by murder, crossfire, or dangerous assignment; most of them, not surprisingly, in places like Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Saudi Arabia, India and Mexico. [The website is very flash, as you'd expect for yet another intelligence front.]

In Western countries only four died in this manner, all in the US, all at the *Capitol Gazette* shooting, if that wasn't also a fake. [It was. It was in the US and made the news, therefore it was fake.] Two other journalists, a local TV anchor and cameraman, were killed by a falling tree while covering Subtropical Storm Alberto's extreme weather in North Carolina in May. Splat! They were expendable, as the CPJ doesn't concern itself with journalists endangered by trees. [Yeah, and I don't consider falling trees “foul means” or murder.]

The Khashoggi backstory is so non-credible that you'd think there would be hysterical laughter at any attempt to paint his whole farce as true. So, to begin, according to Wikipedia: *Jamal Ahmad Khashoggi was born in Medina* (one of the two holiest sites in Islam) *on 13 October 1958. His grandfather, Muhammad Khashoggi, who was of Turkish origin (né Muhammed Halit Kaşıkçı), married a Saudi Arabian woman and was personal physician to King Abdulaziz Al-Saud, the founder of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.*

Actually the al-Sauds weren't the founders of the KSA, they were installed there by British intelligence in 1932. At that time the British ruled Egypt, had set up and controlled the monarchies in Iraq and Jordan, and had a League of Nations mandate for Palestine. The French controlled Syria and Lebanon.

A quick look at a map would show the strategic importance at the time of the British controlling the Arabian peninsula in order to protect the sea lanes coming via the Suez Canal and Red Sea to and from the jewel in the crown of their empire – India – and parts further east, including Singapore and Hong Kong.

### The Set-Up

To continue: *Jamal Khashoggi was the **nephew of the high-profile Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi**, known for his part in the **Iran–Contra scandal**, who was estimated to have had a net worth of \$US 4 billion in the early 1980s. Adnan Khashoggi had claimed that his own grandfather was of **Jewish descent**. Khashoggi was the **first cousin of Dodi Fayed**, who was dating **Diana, Princess of Wales**, when the two were killed in a car crash in Paris.*

Okay, I give in. How many red flags can you pack into two short paragraphs and not ask yourself if this can even have any semblance of reality? This guy was connected from birth to some of the shadiest people in the world's shadiest and most byzantine country, and he has Jewish roots to boot. So let's see how many more hits per paragraph we can get.

*From 1991 to 1999, he was a foreign correspondent in such countries as Afghanistan, Algeria, Kuwait, Sudan, and in the Middle East. It is also claimed that **he served with both Saudi Arabian Intelligence Agency and possibly the United States in Afghanistan** during this period. He then was appointed a deputy editor-in-chief of Arab News, and served in the post from 1999 to 2003.*

*Khashoggi was **acquainted with Osama bin Laden** in the 1980s and 1990s in Afghanistan while bin Laden was championing his jihad against the Soviets. Khashoggi interviewed bin Laden several times, **usually meeting bin Laden in Tora Bora, and once more in Sudan** in 1995. According to The Washington Post columnist David Ignatius: "Khashoggi couldn't have travelled with the mujahedeen that way without **tacit support from Saudi intelligence, which was coordinating aid to the fighters as part of its cooperation with the CIA** against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. ... Khashoggi criticised Prince Salman, then governor of Riyadh and head of the Saudi committee for support to the Afghan mujahedeen, for **unwisely funding Salafist extremist groups that were undermining the war.**"*

So it as good as says outright that Khashoggi was a Saudi and CIA asset working under the cover of being a journalist in all the major trouble spots of the Crescent of Chaos. In that respect he wouldn't have been fooling anyone other than the truly gullible. It's much more likely that Khashoggi was one of Bin Laden's handlers or was carrying messages to and fro to keep the story going. A journalist he certainly was not.

Anyone who has travelled in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East would be aware that any Western or foreign journalists working there are assumed by both governments and the citizenry to be intelligence operatives, by definition. NGO's, the Red Cross and most charities all come under the same assumption, usually correct. If you don't believe me, just try writing "Journalist" as your occupation on the visa application for any of those countries. Try "Freelance Journalist" if you want to really cause a ruckus.

Just as a by the way, if you want to check out how the CIA would like its role in Afghanistan to be seen, go to a movie call *Charlie Wilson's War*, starring Tom Hanks (check), Philip Seymour Hoffman (check), and Julia Roberts (check), directed by Mike Nichols (check) and written by Aaron Sorkin (check). It's so self-serving and so far from the truth it's almost comical.

The truth is less rose-coloured. The CIA has been deeply into the drug trade since its inception, having learnt its lessons from French intelligence and their collaboration with the Union Corse, the Corsican mafia, when France ruled south-east Asia. Langley has been at it ever since and are at it to this day, regulating the opium trade out of Afghanistan, which is again the largest producer of poppy in the world, after a brief collapse in production when the Taliban were in control. But I digress.

I'll add a couple of pointers which are included in Wikipedia to try and supply a motive for his alleged murder: *Khashoggi fled Saudi Arabia in September 2017 and went into **self-imposed exile**. He said that the Saudi Arabian government had "**banned him from Twitter**", and he later wrote newspaper articles critical of the Saudi government. Khashoggi had been sharply critical of Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammad bin Salman, and the country's king, Salman of Saudi Arabia. He also opposed the Saudi Arabian-led intervention in Yemen.*

Where did he write those articles so critical of Saudi Arabia? In *The Washington Post*, the CIA's paper of choice, of course. And after his death, how was he honoured? Why, by being named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year, along with a number of other deceased journalists collectively referred to as "The Guardians". Have they no shame? I think it was Juvenal who asked, rhetorically and sarcastically: "Who guards the guardians?"

Maybe *Time* has a sense of humour after all, seeing as Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Ayatollah Khomeini, and Richard Nixon have all had the same honour. More of our guardians. Four different front covers were published for the "guardians" edition and Khashoggi's glum looking mugshot graced one of them, alone. He is also the only deceased person ever to have been named a Person of the Year. He must have got a laugh out of that one, wherever he's now living.

Here's another red flag, and possibly the biggest of the lot. The Saudi government as well as the Brookings Institution confirm that Khashoggi was a member of the **Muslim Brotherhood**. The Brotherhood was banned from Saudi Arabia in 2011 following the so-called Arab Spring when the Saudi monarch, King Abdullah, and those around him realised that the royal house itself was a potential target for brotherhood regime change, as in Egypt and Tunisia. Even a cursory look finds the Muslim Brotherhood up to its neck in every part of the Middle East conflicts. Spooks to a man, creating a fake opposition.

The Brotherhood was supposedly founded in Egypt by Hassan al-Banna in 1928 with the intention of re-establishing a purer form of Islam as had existed centuries before. However, this was merely the religious veneer that was created to mask the political intentions of the organisation. In point of fact it's almost certain that, as the colonial power in Egypt at the time, the British set up the MB to divide and control any genuine religious or nationalist movements. This has been the divide and rule MO since the beginning, as Miles has repeatedly demonstrated.

According to *Mother Jones* magazine: *The Muslim Brotherhood served as a battering ram against nationalists and communists. Despite the Brothers' Islam-based anti-imperialism, the group often ended up making common cause with the colonial British. It functioned as an intelligence agency, infiltrating left-wing and nationalist groups.*

This indisputable fact, that the Muslim Brotherhood functioned, even its early days, as an arm of Western intelligence, is critical to understanding its development and current political power, as well as who was really behind the so-called Arab Spring.

So we're now asked to believe that Khashoggi, who had deep links to different branches of the Saudi royal family, was a core member of the Muslim Brotherhood, an organisation created and run by Western intelligence, that was allegedly determined to bring down that same monarchy. OK.

It gets pretty complicated when you look at anything in the Middle East, as the US has found to its extreme cost, but the whole Khashoggi role looks to me to be as a messenger between competing groups, one whose job is to keep each side informed of the other's moves so that no one goes off script. Kind of a double agent who everyone knows is playing both sides because there are no sides.

If you want to know who he was allegedly connected to among the Saudi royals and who was doing what to whom and what method they're using it's all detailed in Wikipedia, which means it's probably fictional and therefore only good for a laugh. It's sufficient to say that he and the people he was supposedly aligned with had seriously pissed off the heir apparent to the Saudi throne, Mohammed bin Salman, who is clearly the proxy bad guy in the story. So it's personal, not political.

Wikipedia states: *Khashoggi established a new political party called Democracy for the Arab World Now, posing a political threat to Crown Prince Mohammed.* How? In an absolute monarchy like Saudi Arabia where all the media are controlled by the government, how was a minor player like

Khashoggi ever going to be a political threat to the heir to the throne? By using Twitter? Nope, they'd banned him from that outlet too, or so he claimed. The whole notion is a joke.

Finally, one name you can look up for his role in all this is Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, who it was alleged was a major donor to Hillary Clinton and was kept prisoner in the Riyadh Ritz Carlton in late 2017, with a lot of other Saudi luminaries, and tortured until they gave all their money to MBS.

There have been a number of attempts to build up Khashoggi as someone a lot more important than he really was, and credit him with a lot more influence than he actually possessed. He's been linked to people as varied as Huma Abedin, Hillary Clinton's former close aide, Abedin's brother, and her mother. All three are all allegedly up to their necks in the Muslim Brotherhood.

Khashoggi could be used politically, however, by supposedly being brutally killed with the murder then pinned on the proxy bad guy. You could dig even further and suppose that all this is designed to undermine the interests for which Donald Trump is one of the front-men, seeing as Trump's Jewish son-in-law Jared Kushner was holding hands with MBS in the weeks prior to the alleged Khashoggi hit. Take your best shot and draw your own conclusions. **My assumption is it was a simple eyes-off event, manufactured to entertain you and keep your eyes away from anything real. A sort of second Hollywood. That's what the news really is.**

But whatever was behind it, Khashoggi himself was simply not important enough to warrant such a massive media overkill. It's the sort of thing that even the death of a minor head of state wouldn't warrant. Just for instance, without looking it up, name me one of the other 53 journalists on the Committee to Protect Journalists list of those killed in 2018. Thought so.

### **The Hit**

If this was really a hit on a member of the opposition, why choose a relative nobody like Khashoggi? And why send such a group of bungling Keystone Cops led by Inspector Clouseau to do it? As Miles has comprehensively shown, the CIA has been carrying out fake assassinations of much more famous people in broad daylight and in full public view and getting away with it from the very beginning, so why leave it to the amateurs? Unless of course they were meant to get "caught".

Despite the claims that Khashoggi had been variously killed in a fistfight, or strangled, with his last words allegedly being, "I can't breathe!", no remains have ever been found. By the way, if he really was killed then strangling gets my vote, as a photo of him shows a pudgy guy in fairly poor physical condition who couldn't fight his way out of a paper bag, so getting into a fistfight is out of the question.

So rather than talk about how he was supposedly killed, let's look at the supposed method for disposal of the body. Disposing of the body becomes problematic. Human remains are notoriously hard to destroy without making a mess for others to find. It was alleged at one stage that Khashoggi's body had been dumped in suitcases in a forest outside of Istanbul, but when no remains were found President Erdogan of Turkey went for the "dissolved in acid" theory.

That might work in the movies and is allegedly a favoured tactic of the Mexican drug cartels, but in real life, in the confines of a public building like a consulate, it won't fly.

Take this from *Slate* magazine, written in 2009: *Nowadays, most bodies are liquefied for legitimate reasons. Some universities use industrial digesters to dispose of cadavers used for research and medical education. The machine, which looks like **an enormous pressure cooker**, mixes about 70 gallons of water with a small amount of lye. When the five-to-eight-hour cycle is complete – that's three hours to destroy the body, plus a few more to heat and cool the solution – the liquefied remains are safe to pour down the drain.*

*A perforated basket catches the solids that survive the process, including implanted medical devices and "bone shadows" – calcium phosphate that makes up about 70 percent of the mass of bones and teeth. The bony bits can be crushed into a fine white powder.*

*Acids can dissolve a body more completely than lye – liquefying even the bones and teeth – but it takes longer and **can be hazardous**. British murderer John George Haigh (make note of that name for a future investigation) used sulfuric acid to dissolve at least six of his victims in the 1940's. He*

*processed the bodies in a 45-gallon oil drum and reported that the victims dissolved completely in about two days.*

*He also said he had to leave the room, finding the fumes intolerable. Sulfuric acid can cause third-degree burns. A sprinkling of lye will merely irritate the skin but can be more dangerous if it's mixed with water. In 1980, a Gambino crime family henchman dissolved the body of a man who had accidentally killed John Gotti's son in a traffic accident, using a 55-gallon drum and an unknown acid.*

I'm not even going to comment on that, other than to say that even with the body dissolved you're still left with the problem of disposing of the acid. You can't just pour it down the drain. Like any other story they come up with at Langley, it only looks good from a distance. Up close the fumes can kill you. The other option, that they dismembered the body and flew it back to Saudi Arabia, also doesn't make sense. All it would take is for one nosy customs officer to ask them to open those funny smelling suitcases before they were loaded on to the chartered jet and it would have been all over.

Conveniently for the public narrative, the alleged hit team of between fifteen and eighteen men all arrived at the consulate at the same time, got out of their cars in the street instead of driving into the courtyard, posed for the CCTV cameras and the Turkish intelligence officers keeping watch on the building so they could be easily identified, and then strolled inside. Khashoggi, or someone looking a lot like him, was also captured by the cameras as he entered, and was never seen again.

The fact that he was going into the consulate for a reason as spurious as getting a copy of his divorce papers so he could remarry is not even plausible at any temperature. He'd already been married three times so it would seem that divorce papers were not really all that hard to come by. Further, his reported fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, seems to be equally mysterious, and has pretty much disappeared from the show now that her part has been played.

As I said before, the whole thing reeks of a hoax and I'm willing to bet that Khashoggi is living it large in someplace like Monte Carlo. Not that it matters: only the fact that people were taken in by yet another scam and their attention distracted so that some genuinely nasty business could be conducted in the meantime.

Oh, and this should make him easier to recognize on the golf course:



Just imagine Titleist on the cap and maybe Izod on the shirt. And if he goes out into the rough to look for a lost ball, I would go with him if I were you, especially if you have money on the hole.

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Speaking of distractions, you might have seen footage of Prince Mohammed bin Salman doing a big man-shake with Vladimir Putin at a meeting of OPEC or someplace recently. The media interpretation was designed to give the impression that these were two guys who enjoy murdering their opponents sharing a high-five moment to celebrate getting away with it. The references I saw all mentioned the

alleged poisoning by Russian intelligence of the Skripals in Salisbury. We also saw the stealing of the Trump election mentioned.

Which leads us back to the Skripal story, which I also wrote about. For those of you who still believe the mainstream narrative that there really was a case of a fatal nerve agent to blame, despite all the evidence to the contrary, consider this. In the first reports of the incident it was stated that the Skripal father and daughter were discovered by a doctor and nurse who just happened to be passing, and saved their lives by rendering immediate first aid.

Later that report was revised to “an off-duty nurse who had worked on the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone” and dropped any mention of a doctor.

It’s now been revealed that the nurse in question was none other than Colonel Alison McCourt, who currently holds the position of Chief Nursing Officer of the British Army. Colonel McCourt was passing by at the time, either with just her daughter Abigail, or with her entire family, depending where you read it, after having celebrated her son’s birthday, or not, again depending where you read it.

The story was broken by a local radio station when Abigail was given an award for performing CPR on the victims. Miraculously she avoided any contamination by the deadly and apparently highly contagious Novichok, which was sufficiently powerful to nearly kill the Skripals when they merely touched the knob on their front door, which allegedly had been sprayed with the substance.

So that is another fake story that continues to self-destruct due to over-reportage.