

Scenario 2.1

Khadim al Hilli had been dispersing money for the Iraqi government. After Khadim's death, the brother's attempts to resolve the disbursement of the funds caused interested party to intervene

Overview

Khadim al Hilli is known to have worked for the Saddam regime, supposedly under duress. He secured the release of his brother Hashim but after moving to London he continued to be an Iraqi asset and the money in the Swiss account resulted from some Iraqi conspiracy.

After his death, the boys didn't know how to deal with the money (Possibly not limited to the million Euros in the Swiss account). Some third party felt they had a right to it or that other parties did not. Because the brothers had argued and frozen the €1M account, it and possibly other assets couldn't be dispersed. This caused someone to be pissed off. SM was a representative of one of these interests. possibly the metal-workers union or a corrupt political recipient.

Saad's actions were taken as a threat to someone receiving their dues and the murders were retribution for and/or removal of the problem. Saad and Zaid may have fallen out about how to deal with this.

e.g. Zaid may have known more about the background to the money and the danger from his father. Saad may have been suspicious of Zaid and taken a narrower self-interest in the money or selected one claimant over another. Saad may have gone to the British Govt. with the problem.

Overview

Key Assumptions

- The Father had controlled money for the Iraqi regime during Saddam's regime

Evidence for

- During the 70s the French Chirac Govt was very corrupt and very cosy with Iraq. France was given preference in Oil and Nuclear contracts. Saddam and Chirac were friends

Development /Variants

Saad might have been strongly influenced by al Allafs and al Saffars while Zaid had alternate ideas for resolution. Zaid might even have warned him to avoid being involved in resolution of the money issues.

Saad may have felt he was going to resolve the threats by giving some of the Swiss money to the people who threatened him. Zaid may have objected because he knew more about the dangers. Perhaps there was a third party who weren't amused that the second party should receive that money.

The background is in Iraq's history and based in the theft and money laundering of the Saddam family and later on in the theft and money laundering of the allies.

Either Saad was a whistleblower by information obtained from his brother Zaid or else he tried to access money or property that did "belong" to somebody else.

The French are the only country to not give back the Iraqi EADS property (worth 200 millions) to the Iraqi people although a UN resolution requires them to do so.

Example Hypothesis:

Iraqi government -> 4/5 of invoice to AREVA
 Iraqi government -> 1/5 to letterbox companies and foundations controlled by Kadhim al Hilli
 Kadhim al Hilli -> deposit money and gold in various Swiss banks
 Kadhim al Hilli giving access to selected Swiss accounts and/or deposit boxes to
 -> French politicians
 -> French metal workers union -> French politicians and parties
 -> Saddam Hussein family
 -> Certain intelligence agencies

and both alike in their methods of consolidating power. Chirac at that time formed a brand new party RNR. The climate was ripe for kickbacks

- SM had Metalworkers union and family political connections and they could well have been complicit in some Iraqi funds conspiracy. SM may have been a simple messenger/courier.
- The hit seems not fully resourced, top of the line professional and that fits better with a criminal or extremist political group carrying out the murders
- Including the swiss account, there were assets to go around for the brothers. i.e if SAH wanted to keep the Claygate house, they could divide up the rest fairly. So why was ZAH's interest in selling the house such a problem? Explains if accessing the Swiss account was a problem.

Conform with Timeline

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Does not explain or Evidence against

- No-one got the swiss account money; why kill your creditor without getting the money
- Khadim was old when he passed, why wasn't some plan agreed before his death?
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- Why would SAH bring family to such a meeting?
- Why would he bring his kids? Zainab should have been at school

EXPLAINS IF

- SAH was very confident family would be safe or at least safer than at home because:
 - He had been threatened in London and felt they were safer with him
 - He had an unrealistic idea of what he was dealing with
 - He was doing a deal which involved him keeping quiet which he thought was satisfactory to the other party but they did not trust him so silenced him and family
 - There was some other function that Iqbal or Suhaila needed to perform (identify someone, sign something)
- The UK Govt were unaware of the seriousness of Saad's situation and did not provide protection
- The UK Govt were complicit or deliberately negligent and facilitated Saad's murder
- Khadim may have wanted it handled a certain way or warned his sons to forget about the Swiss account as it was too problematic and dangerous but the sons may not have followed his advice

-> Keeping 5% for himself

The al (hilli, allaf, saffar) families have high level, diplomatic and UNO backgrounds. It is possible that some elements of the families supported the UNO resolution to bring stolen and formerly frozen accounts and properties back to Iraq and some did not.

Some could also have an agenda for obtaining the money for personal use or e.g. their organisations and foundations instead of giving it back to Iraq (e.g. for Hezbollah and/or for the al Khoei foundation). Saad could have been standing in the middle of that money dispute. Such a game could have been several levels beyond his experience with mafia, state security and terror organizations.

- Suaila could have represented Hezbollah with her signature. SM the French metal workers union with his signature.
- A third party/agency found out about the dispute and meeting and killed without interest in accessing the money
- The use of the money, or it's history represented such an affront to somebody so that the whole of SAH's family were punished and/or made an extreme example of.

Targets

- SAH
- SM
- Possibly member(s) of SAH family

Links: ??

Collateral

- Zainab (Injured)

Role of WBM

- Babysitter or observer?
- Part of assassination team
- Represented UK intelligence interest in the potential claimants

Links:

Questions

- Were there any other assets other than the 1 Swiss account?
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Links:

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Police

- French police seem intent on dismissing/diverting this or any option where culpability involves the French
- French involvement/pre-knowledge may explain poor investigational MO.

Links:

Ranking Scale

- Likelihood
- Complexity-
- Contradictions