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Appendix 4: Selected Putative Iranian-Perpetrated Extraterritorial Killings and Attempted Killings of Non-Iranians, 1980-2012

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Appendix 4 documents selected attempts (successful or otherwise) made on the lives of non-Iranians outside of Iran for which some allegation was made that Iran itself, at an official or quasi-official level, was responsible. The appendix documents twenty incidents targeting twenty-six individuals.

Table 4 focuses on individual targets; terrorist attacks have been excluded from this appendix.¹

The twenty incidents are recorded in Table 4, which is organized into the following ten columns:

- (1) **Catalog Number:** Each incident is assigned a catalog number. Some of the individuals listed in the table were targeted during an incident also documented in Table 1 (see “[Appendix 1: Selected Iranian Expatriate Killings and Attempted Killings, 1979-2010](#)”). Such incidents retain the catalog number from Table 1. Incidents unique to Table 4 have been given a new catalog number. E.g., the catalog number for the assassination of Uğur Mumcu is 4.93-01: ‘4’ representing Table 4, ‘93’ being the last two digits of the year during which the incident occurred, and ‘01’ signifying that it was the first incident on the table to occur that year.
- (2) **Year:** The year in which the incident took place.
- (3) **Date:** The date on which the incident took place.
- (4) **Dead?:** Indicates whether or not the individual was killed as a result of the incident.
- (5) **Identity:** The name of the individual who was targeted. When the name is not mentioned in the sources, it is listed as either “John Doe” or “Jane Doe” along with a number (e.g. Jane Doe 4.3, indicating that the individual is found on Table 4 and that she is the third individual on the table whose name is not mentioned). “John” is used for males and individuals whose sex is not listed in the sources, while “Jane” is used when it is known that the individual was female.
- (6) **Affiliation:** A description of the individual who was targeted, as given by the sources. At times, the individual’s occupation. At times, the connection which may have led the perpetrators to target the individual.
- (7) **Location:** The location in which the attempt was made. At times, the nearest metropolitan center.
- (8) **Method:** The modus operandi employed in the attempt on the individual.
- (9) **Perpetrator(s):** Those implicated for the attempt, whether those who carried it out or those who ordered it.
- (10) **Sources:** In this column endnotes are listed which reference the sources from which the information was drawn.

The table includes both footnotes and endnotes. Footnotes are found in columns #3-9 and appear as numbers in superscript. Endnotes are found exclusively in column #10.

¹ Terrorist incidents for which some allege Iranian responsibility include the 1988 Pan Am Flight 103 bombing over Lockerbie, the 1992 suicide bombing at the Israeli embassy and the 1994 AMIA bombing in Buenos Aires, and the 2012 Bangkok bombings.

The table is color-coded. A blue cell indicates that the information for that cell is complete. A green cell indicates that the information for the cell is either incomplete or not firmly enough established. Cells in the sources column are regarded as complete when at least two sources refer to the event. There is an exception with the six sources explored in “[Appendix 3: A Comparison of Six Chronologies Documenting Iranian-Perpetrated Extraterritorial Killings and Attempted Killings, 1979-1996](#).” These six sources aim to document the larger phenomenon of Iranian-sponsored attacks abroad rather than specific instances. Due to a high level of consonance, it is possible that they are derived from the same source(s). Consequently, any combination of the six sources, is never counted towards more than one source.

Table 4

Cat. No.	Year	Date	Dead?	Identity	Affiliation	Location	Method	Perpetrator(s)	Source(s)
1.80-01	1980	18 Jun.	Yes	John Doe 4.1	French policeman ²	Neuilly sur Seine, Paris, France	Shooting	Anis Naccache, Nejad Tabrizi, Fawzi El Satari, Salah Eddine El Kaara, and Mohamed Jenab	1, 2
			No	John Doe 4.2	French policeman				3, 4
			Yes	Jean-Michel Jamme	guard ³				5
			Yes	Yvonne Stein	Bakhtiar’s neighbor				6, 7, 8
			No	Jane Doe 4.3	Stein’s sister				9
4.82-01	1982	24 Apr.	Yes	Jane Doe 4.4	student ⁴	Mainz, Germany	Mob attack	Kazem Darabi ⁵	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
4.85-01	1985		No	John Doe 4.5	Lebanese ayatollah		Car bombing	Suspected or suspicious	16
4.85-02	1985	Sep.	Yes	M. Mirmanoute Balouch ⁶	former Member of Parliament ⁷	Karachi, Pakistan		Suspected or suspicious	17, 18, 19
4.90-01	1990		No	John Doe 4.6	Saudi ambassador to Sweden			Suspected or suspicious	20

² In connection with the attempt on Shapour Bakhtiar.

³ In charge of informing Bakhtiar of visitors. He may be what Pahlavi called a policeman.

⁴ The target was a young German woman who was at the residence of Iranian students during the attack.

⁵ Darabi was arrested and temporarily imprisoned for his role in her death; a mob of 86 Khomeini sympathizers took part in the attack.

⁶ The Foundation for Democracy in Iran (FDI) says “M. Mirmanoute Balouch.” It is unclear whether Balouch is meant to be part of the name or simply the affiliation. Mousavian, citing FDI, says “Mirmanoute Balouch.” PDK-Iran simply says “Mirmanout.”

⁷ From Baluchistan. Baluchistan is an administrative division of Pakistan; Sistan and Baluchestan is an Iranian province. Our assumption is that Mirmanoute was Pakistani, though this is not explicitly stated. It is of note that Karachi, the location of the attack, is less than ten miles from the border of Baluchistan province in Pakistan.

4.91-01	1991	3 Jul.	No	Ettore Capriolo ⁸	<i>The Satanic Verses</i> ⁹	Milan, Italy	Stabbing	an Iranian affiliated with the embassy	21, 22, 23, 24, 25
4.91-02	1991	Oct. ¹⁰	No	Salman Rushdie	<i>The Satanic Verses</i> ¹¹	Toronto, Canada	Various plots	Mansour Ahani	26
4.93-01	1993	24 Jan. ¹²	Yes	Uğur Mumcu	<i>Cumhuriyet</i> journalist	Ankara, Turkey	Bomb ¹³	Ferhen Ozmen ¹⁴	27, 28, 29, 30, 31
4.93-02	1993	11 Oct. ¹⁵	No	William Nygaard	<i>The Satanic Verses</i> ¹⁶	Oslo, Norway	Shooting	unsolved ¹⁷	32, 33, 34
4.99-01	1999	Oct.	Yes	Ahmet Taner Kışlalı	Turkish secularist/intellectual	Ankara, Turkey	Car bomb	Ferhen Ozmen	35, 36, 37
4.03-01	2003	10 Apr.	Yes	Sheikh Abdel Majid al-Khoei	son of ayatollah	Ali ibn Talib Mosque, Najaf, Iraq	Shooting and stabbing	Shia mob ¹⁸	38, 39, 40
			Yes	Haidar al-Refaei	hereditary custodian				41
4.05-01	2005		Yes	Rafik al-Hariri	former Lebanese PM			Mustafa Badr al-Din ¹⁹	42, 43
4.08-01	2008		No	Abdel Aziz al-Khoja	Saudi ambassador to Beirut	Beirut, Lebanon	Threats ²⁰	Hezbollah	44
4.10-01	2010	8 Mar.	No	Sardasht Hama Saleh	<i>The Satanic Verses</i> ²¹	Sulaymaniyah, Iraq	Shooting	Suspected or suspicious	45, 46

⁸ Pahlavi calls him Alberto.

⁹ Italian translator.

¹⁰ Starting in October.

¹¹ Author.

¹² Sources note that the Mumcu assassination occurred 24 days before the death of Eşref Bitlis, who, like Mumcu, was investigating the delivery of 100,000 arms to Kurdish politician Jalal Talabani.

¹³ The explosive material was RDX (Kenes).

¹⁴ Ozmen made the bomb. "Eighteen Islamic radicals, including four Iranians, were arrested in connection with the Turkish journalist's murder" (Curtiss).

¹⁵ Pahlavi says November; however, Nygaard himself lists October 11th as the date.

¹⁶ Norwegian publisher.

¹⁷ According to Page, one of the suspects had a ticket to Iran.

¹⁸ It is not clear who ordered the attack. It may have been Iran; it may have been Iraqi Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr; it may have been spontaneous.

¹⁹ Of Hezbollah. Badr al-Din is viewed by U.S. counterterrorism analysts as having close links with the Quds Force.

²⁰ Al-Khoja had to flee because of these threats.

²¹ Editor for the Kurdish translator.

4.11-01	2011	16 May	Yes	Hassan al-Qahtani	Saudi diplomat	Karachi, Pakistan	Shooting	Quds Force ²²	47, 48
4.11-02	2011	29 Sep. ²³	No	Adel Al-Jubeir	Saudi ambassador to the U.S.	Washington, USA	Bomb plot	Manssor Arbabsiar ²⁴	49, 50, 51, 52, 53
4.12-01	2012	19 Jan. ²⁵	No	Shneor Segal	Israeli rabbi	Baku, Azerbaijan	Firearms and explosives ²⁶	Rasim Aliyev, Ali Huseynov (Guseinov), and Balaqardash Dadashov (Dadashev)	54, 55, 56
			No	Matti ²⁷ Lewis	Israeli rabbi				
4.12-02	2012	13 Feb.	No	Roman Khachatryan ²⁸	Israeli embassy	Tblisi, Georgia	Vehicle bomb ²⁹	Iran/Hezbollah ³⁰	57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65
4.12-03	2012	13 Feb.	No	Tal Yehoshua Koren	wife of Israeli diplomat	New Delhi, India	Vehicle bomb	Syed Mohammed Kazmi ³¹	66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71
			No	Manoj Kumar Sharma	Indian driver of Koren				72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78

²² The Taliban took responsibility according to Dawn, but did not take credit according to the BBC, though they supported whoever was responsible. Both articles were written in the immediate aftermath of the attack. Ignatius points to the Quds Force based on later intelligence, acknowledging that they are just allegations, but that there is a likelihood to their truth.

²³ Date of Arbabsiar's arrest.

²⁴ Arbabsiar worked in conjunction with the Quds Force. Gholam Shakuri was the Quds Force officer who conspired with Arbabsiar. Arbabsiar pled guilty on October 17, 2012 (Katersky).

²⁵ The 19th is the day the arrests were announced.

²⁶ Reportedly smuggled into Azerbaijan from Iran.

²⁷ Alternate spelling: Mati.

²⁸ Khachatryan was the driver who spotted the bomb.

²⁹ Spotted and defused.

³⁰ According to Israel, denied by the accused. Brigadier-General Qasem Soleimani of the Quds Force was supposedly the mastermind.

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