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Appendix 5: Selected Worldwide Expatriate Killings and Attempted Killings, 1978-2011

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“Appendix 5: Selected Worldwide Expatriate Killings and Attempted Killings, 1978-2011” documents selected instances in which attempts (successful or otherwise) were made on the lives of expatriates for which some allegation was made that the target’s own state, at an official or quasi-official level, was responsible. The appendix documents thirty-eight events targeting fifty individuals.¹

Table 5 below is color-coded. A green cell indicates that the information for that cell is complete. A yellow cell indicates that the information for the cell is incomplete. Sources are regarded as complete when at least two sources refer to the event.² The “Identity of Target” column is color-coded to indicate the state accused for the attempt. This color-coding is as follows:

Bulgaria
Spain
United Kingdom
Turkey
United States
Russia
Romania

Information on the thirty-eight events is recorded in Table 5, which is organized into nine columns:

- (1) Year:** The year during which an event took place.
- (2) Date:** The date on which an event took place, with the month listed first. When the exact date is unknown, “xx” is used. For example, if an event took place in January but the exact date is not known, the date is listed as “01/xx.” If only the year is known, the date is listed as “xx/xx.”
- (3) Dead?:** Indicates whether or not the target was killed.
- (4) Identity of Target:** The name of the target.
- (5) Target’s Affiliation:** A description of the target as given by the sources. In some cases, the reason for which an attempt was made on the target. In other cases, the target’s occupation.
- (6) Location:** The location in which the attempt was made.

¹ However, only forty-five distinct individuals are listed, as Georgi Markov and Anwar Al-Awlaki were each targeted thrice.

² In instances where Wikipedia has been used to collect information, Wikipedia is not counted towards the two sources.

(7) Method: The method employed in the attempt on the target.

(8) Perpetrator(s): Those involved in the attempt, whether those who carried it out or those who ordered it.

(9) Sources: References to the sources from which the information was drawn. The sources are listed alphabetically in the “Sources” list at the end of the appendix. Each source is assigned a number which corresponds to references to it in the table.

The table features numerical references to both sources (as mentioned above) and notes. References to sources appear in standard font. References to notes appear in superscript and brackets (e.g. journalist^[5]). Notes are found directly after Table 5, and the sources list appears below the notes.

Table 5

Year	Date	Dead ?	Identity of Target	Target's Affiliation	Location	Method	Perpetrator(s)	Sources
1978	xx/xx ^[1]	No	Georgi Markov	writer, journalist	Munich, Germany	poisoning in drink ^[2]	Bulgarian officials	2,13,28,34
1978	xx/xx ^[3]	No	Georgi Markov	writer, journalist	Sardinia	topical poisoning ^[4]	Bulgarian officials	2,13,28,34
1978	08/26	No	Vladimir Kostov	journalist ^[5]	Paris, France	ricin poisoning ^[6]	Durzhavna Sigurnost ^[7]	13,18,29,30,34,35
1978	09/07	Yes	Georgi Markov	writer, journalist	London, England	ricin poisoning ^[8]	Francesco Gullino ^[9]	2,13,17,18,23,28,30,35
1983	10/18	No	José Mari Larretxea Goñi	Basque terrorist	Bayonne, France	kidnapping ^[10]	4 Spanish policemen ^[11]	3,36
1983	12/19	Yes	Ramón Oñaederra	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France			3
1983	12/29	Yes	Mikel Goikoetxea	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France	shooting	mercenary sharpshooter	3
1984	02/08	Yes	Vicente Perurena	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France			3
1984	02/08	Yes	Angel Gurmindo	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France			3
1984	02/25	Yes	Eugenio Gutiérrez Salazar	alleged ETA member	Mendi, France	shooting	sharpshooter	3
1984	03/01	Yes	Jean Pierre Leyba	railroad worker	Hendaye, France			3
1984	03/23	Yes	Javier Pérez Arenaza	alleged ETA leader	Biarritz, France			3

1984	03/xx	No ^[12]	Ramón Basañez Jauregi	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France			3
1984	05/03	Yes	Rafael Goikoetxea	alleged ETA member	Baigorri, France			3
1984	05/03	No ^[13]	Jesús Zugarramurdi		Baigorri, France			3
1984	06/15	Yes	Tomás Pérez Revilla	alleged ETA member	Biarritz, France	motorcycle bomb		3
1984	06/15	No ^[13]	Ramón Orbe		Biarritz, France	motorcycle bomb		3
1984	11/18	Yes	Christian Olaskoaga	dancer ^[14]	Biriatou, France			3
1984	12/11	No ^[13]	José Iradier		Hendaye, France			3
1985	02/05	No ^[13]	Christian Casteigts	^[14]	Bayonne, France	bomb		3
1985	03/29	Yes	Benoit Pecasteing		Bayonne, France ^[15]	attack		3
1985	03/29	No ^[13]	Jean Marc Mutio		Bayonne, France ^[15]	attack		3
1985	03/29	No ^[13]	Pedro José Pikabea	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France ^[15]	attack		3
1985	03/30	Yes	Xabier Galdeano	photographer journalist	Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France			3
1985	06/26	Yes	Santos Blanco González	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France			3
1985	06/xx	Yes	Emile Weiss	^[14]	Ciboure, France ^[16]	attack		3
1985	06/xx	Yes	Claude Doer	^[14]	Ciboure, France ^[16]	attack		3
1985	08/31	Yes	Dominique Labeyrie	^[14]	Saint-Jean-de-Luz, France			3
1985	09/02	Yes	Juan Manuel Otegi	alleged ETA member	Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France			3
1985	09/25	Yes	José Mari Etxaniz	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France ^[17]	attack		3
1985	09/25	Yes	Iñaki Asteazu Izarra	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France ^[17]	attack		3
1985	09/25	Yes	Agustín Irazustabarrena	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France ^[17]	attack		3
1985	09/25	Yes	Sabin Etxaide Iburguren	alleged ETA member	Bayonne, France ^[17]	attack		3
1985	12/24 ^[18]	Yes	Robert Caplanne	^[14]	Biarritz, France			3

1988	03/06	Yes	Daniel McCann	suspected IRA terrorist	Gibraltar	shooting	UK Special Air Service operatives	1,10 ^[19] ,21 ^[20]
1988	03/06	Yes	Seán Savage	suspected IRA terrorist	Gibraltar	shooting	UK Special Air Service operatives	1,10 ^[19] ,21 ^[20]
1988	03/06	Yes	Mairead Farrell	suspected IRA terrorist	Gibraltar	shooting	UK Special Air Service operatives	1,10 ^[19] ,21 ^[20]
1991	05/21	Yes	Ioan Culianu	professor ^[21]	Chicago, USA ^[22]	shooting ^[23]	Romania ^[24]	7,8,9,15
1997	xx/xx	No	Hüseyin Kıvrıkoğlu	Turkish General	Northern Cyprus	shooting	Çevik Bir ^[25]	4,14 ^[26]
1997	xx/xx	Yes	Vural Albay	Turkish colonel	Northern Cyprus	shooting		4
2002	xx/xx	Yes	Kamal Derwish	al-Qaeda	Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency	12
2004	02/13	Yes	Zelimkhan Yanderbiyev	former Chechen president	Qatar	booby-trapped car	Russia	21
2006	11/23 ^[27]	Yes	Alexander Litvinenko	former KGB/FSB officer ^[28]	London, England	Polonium 210	Russian security services ^[29]	23,27
2009	01/13	Yes	Umar Israilov	Chechen asylum-seeker ^[30]	Vienna, Austria	shooting	Ramzan Kadyrov ^[31]	11
2010	11-12 ^[32]	No ^[33]	Anwar al-Awlaki	al-Qaeda	Shabwa, Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency ^[34]	5
2011	05/05	No	Anwar al-Awlaki	al-Qaeda	southern Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency ^[34]	24,25,26,31,32
2011	07/xx	No	Omar Hammani	Rapper; al-Qaeda	Somalia	drone strike		16
2011	09/30	Yes	Samir ibn Zafar Khan	Editor; al-Qaeda	Khasaf, Jawf, Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency	5,19,20,24,32
2011	09/30	Yes	Anwar al-Awlaki	al-Qaeda	Khasaf, Jawf, Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency ^[35]	5,20,19,24, 25, 31,32
2011	10/14	Yes	Abdulrahman al-Awlaki	son of Anwar ^[36]	Yemen	drone strike	Central Intelligence Agency ^[37]	6,22,25,33

Notes

[1] During the spring.

[2] This is according to former KGB General, Oleg Kalugin.

[3] After the Munich attempt, but at least a few months before the (successful) London attempt.

[4] Via walls or door handle. The plan supposedly failed because the would-be perpetrators realized that there was a risk of Markov's wife and/or daughter being injured as well (St. James).

[5] Kostov had sought and received French asylum.

[6] Via bag.

[7] Alleged.

[8] Via pellet fired from umbrella.

[9] Todor Zhikov gave the order.

[10] Failed.

[11] The policemen were arrested by France after botching the attempt.

[12] Gravely injured.

[13] Injured.

[14] No known connections with the ETA.

[15] Les Pyreneés tavern.

[16] Trinkete tavern.

[17] Monbar Hotel.

[18] This was the day of the attack; Caplanne died on January 6, 1986.

[19] Page 10.

[20] Page 29.

[21] Critic of the Romanian government.

[22] At the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

[23] The medical examiner's report showed that "Culianu was killed by a .25-caliber bullet that struck the back of his head" ("Scholar's death remains a mystery").

[24] No arrests were made for the crime, but many assume that Culianu was assassinated to send a message to critics of the Romanian government.

[25] Abdullah Öcalan said that Bir was behind an attempt on Kıvrıkoğlu. It is not certain if this is the same event.

[26] Page 55.

[27] He died on this date, but suspected that he had been poisoned on November 1st.

[28] Litvinenko was investigating the death of Politkovskaya and a vocal opponent to the government of Vladimir V. Putin.

[29] Not proven, but exiled critics note that this method was favored by the Russian security services in recent years. Litvinenko himself issued a statement before he died, "saying he was certain he had been poisoned, and blaming Mr. Putin - who promptly dismissed the claim" (Pacepa). Pacepa had "no doubt in [his] mind that . . . Litvinenko was assassinated at Putin's order."

[30] Israilov had criticized Kadyrov for human rights violations.

[31] Chechen president and ally of Putin. Kadyrov was likely behind the attack (or at least knew of it and approved).

[32] Weeks after a video posted in November.

[33] However, thirty other militants were killed in the attack.

[34] The killing was ordered by Barack Obama (BBC).

[35] The killing was ordered by Barack Obama (BBC; Griffin).

[36] Abdulrahman was an unintended casualty, with no history of involvement with al-Qaeda.

[37] Presumably.

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