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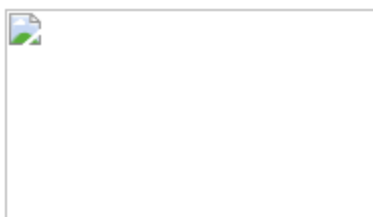
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Dear Jeffrey

I am attaching some media clipping regarding the israeli operation in dubai I will call you around 7 pm eastern time

What happened doesn't help anyone



News and analysis that could affect the status, reputation and prospects of Dubai as a Global City

Dubai hopes for quick Mabhouh case closure *The Jerusalem Post* By Ksenia Sveltlova – Dubai may well indeed want to settle the case quickly, if only for the sake of its tourism industry. But every day brings new details, or at least new allegations, regarding the means of the murder, the identity of the assassins, and the activities of the deceased.

Assassins had al-Mabhouh in sight as soon as he got to Dubai *The Times* By Hugh Tomlinson – Hamas has not explained why one of its senior commanders should have arrived alone without any security. Clearly, though, his mission was compromised long before his arrival in Dubai. The assassination team were waiting for him at the terminal.

Dubai seeks global dragnet for Hamas slaying *The Associated Press* By Barbara Surk and Brian Murphy – Other elements also challenged the narrative presented by Dubai authorities, including how investigators pieced together the evidence pointing to an alleged European assassin team. Or why such an apparently well-planned operation would forget about the country's wide-ranging security cameras.

Passport to the truth in Dubai remains secret *The Independent* By Robert Fisk – Many Dubaians believe that the collapse of the emirate's economy last year was the revenge of Western banks – spurred on, of course, by the Americans – to punish them for allowing Iranian shell companies to use Dubai as a sanctions-busting base during the cold-hot war between the US-Israeli alliance and Iran. Now the Americans (or the Israelis – you can take your pick) want to turn Dubai into the Beirut of the Gulf. That was actually a headline last week – in *The Jerusalem Post*, of course – which painted Dubai as dangerous as it was economically calamitous.

Hallmarks of a classic Israeli operation *The Independent* By Ben Lynfield – A former operative said the operation appeared meticulously planned and executed. "This was super-, super-professional," he said. "It seems logical that this was a Mossad operation," he said... But another former Mossad agent, Rami Yigal, said it "does not

look like an Israeli operation” because of careless shortcuts such as allowing members of the team to be taped by hotel or airport CCTV in Dubai.

How Mossad killing could have come straight from the pages of a thriller *The Daily Mail* By David Jones – Timed down to the last second and carried out with chilling effect, it involved many of Mossad's tried and trusted props... But they overlooked one factor: in security-obsessed Dubai almost nothing escapes the Big Brother eye of security cameras... A remarkable 27-minute composite of this action has now been released, and it may yet prove the team's undoing.

Passports Faked in Dubai Killing *The Wall Street Journal* – Most shared a profile of having immigrated to Israel from English-speaking countries and had dual nationalities.

Dubai assassins used names of UK olim *The Jerusalem Post* By Yaakov Lappin – Of the 11 people named by Dubai police as being members of the alleged assassination team, six have the same names as British-Israeli citizens living in Israel, and one is a German-Israeli woman.

Britons had passport details stolen by ‘Mossad death squad’ *The Times* – Computerisation has made producing convincing fake papers more difficult, possibly accounting for the use of stolen rather than fabricated identities. “That means that passports used by spies have to be as close as possible to the real thing.”

Shadowy and deadly - the long arm of the Mossad *The Guardian* By Ian Black – Israel's Mossad secret service has a long history of carrying out clandestine operations, including several spectacular assassinations. Much remains secret but cases that are documented have involved large teams of agents using false or stolen passports to disguise their Israeli origins.

Israel has nothing to worry about *Haaretz* By Yossi Melman – Many of the countries whose passports were allegedly used do not like Hamas; and the government of Dubai, despite its impressive investigation, does not really want to get to the bottom of this. Dubai would like to continue giving off the impression that it is a safe country, all of whose visitors are there for only business or tourism. As such, unless dramatic evidence is found to definitively prove an Israeli connection, it is likely that the State of Israel will emerge from this affair unblemished and the Mossad will continue enjoying a reputation of fearless determination and nearly unstoppable capabilities.

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