

## In death, Saudi writer's mild calls for reform grew into a **defiant** shout

When he began his **self-imposed** exile to Washington last year, Jamal Khashoggi described himself simply as one "independent journalist using his pen for the good of his country." With his **brutal** killing in Turkey this month, the **Saudi** journalist became much more: the **Arab** world's symbol for the **cause** of free expression.

Saudi 沙特阿拉伯人

defiant 挑战的；蔑视的

brutal 残忍的

Arab 阿拉伯的

cause 事业；原因

self-imposed 自己决定的

In their effort to silence the 59-year-old writer, Saudi officials **eliminated** a domestic **nuisance** who had angered the country's **de facto** ruler, **Crown Prince Mohammed** bin Salman. After two weeks of **denials**, the Saudi government acknowledged early Saturday that Khashoggi had died violently inside the country's diplomatic **consulate** in **Istanbul**.

eliminate 消除

nuisance 麻烦事；讨厌的人

de facto 事实上的

Crown Prince 王储；皇太子

Mohammed 默罕默德

denial 否认；拒绝

consulate 领事馆

Istanbul 伊斯坦布尔

Khashoggi moved easily within the highest circles of Saudi politics. He was a **strident** critic of **Islamist extremism**, and he spent his **later years** championing liberal causes such as women's rights and freedom of expression in **Muslim** societies. He considered himself to be a fierce Saudi **patriot**, friends say.

strident 尖锐的

Islamist 伊斯兰教主义者

extremism 极端主义者

Muslim 穆斯林的

later years 晚年

patriot 爱国者

Some Arab **dissidents** distrusted him because of his close ties with senior government officials. But over time, it was **the** Saudi **establishment** that **turned on** the journalist, moving first to shut down his publishing platforms in the Arab peninsula, and then to crush him.

the Establishment 权势集团；体制

turn on 攻击；打开

**Ironically**, Khashoggi had never sought to be a disrupter and instead, had been an advocate for modest reform within the system. He argued simply that his fellow Arabs deserved the “right to speak their minds without fear of imprisonment,” as he wrote in a Washington Post column in April.

dissident 政见不同者；反对者

ironically 讽刺地

“In killing him, it is like they killed more than a man,” said Maggie Mitchell Salem, a former State Department official. “They killed a vision of what Arab media and society could be like.”