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India tied to alleged plot on U.S. soil

Charges of a failed bid to kill Sikh separatist threaten diplomatic rift

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA, GERRY SHIH AND AMANDA COLETTA

An Indian government employee who described himself as a “senior field officer” responsible for intelligence ordered the assassination of a Sikh separatist in New York City in May, U.S. prosecutors alleged Wednesday. The court filing heightens scrutiny of India’s spy services following similar allegations made by Canadian authorities in September.

The government employee, who was not named in the indictment filed in a federal court in Manhattan, recruited an Indian national named Nikhil Gupta to hire a hit man to carry out the assassination, which was foiled by U.S. authorities, according to prosecutors.

The court filing did not name the victim, but senior Biden administration officials say the target was Gurpatwant Singh Panun, general counsel for the New York-based Sikhs for Justice, a group that seeks to carve from India an independent Sikh state called Khalistan.

The scheme was foiled in June by the Drug Enforcement Administration, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity

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Carter is laid to rest in her Ga. hometown

Former first lady buried near the modest house the couple built in 1961

BY MARY JORDAN AND KEVIN SULLIVAN

PLAINS, GA. — Former first lady Rosalynn Carter, who died this month at age 96, was laid to rest Wednesday in Plains, the tiny farm town where she met Jimmy Carter as an infant, married him as a teenager and where they returned after the White House.

She was remembered for her devotion to faith, family and public service in a simple, private funeral at Maranatha Baptist Church, where the former president taught more than 800 Sunday school lessons.

In his eulogy, Pastor Tony Lowden noted Rosalynn Carter’s famous competitive streak, saying she “never stopped competing.” He joked, to laughter from the church, that she would say of heaven: “Jimmy tried to beat me here. I got here first. I’ve won the prize. Tell him I beat him, and I’m waiting on him.”

Jill Stuckey, a close family friend who was sitting nearby, said Jimmy Carter visibly brightened at Lowden’s joke.

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Monica Hesse: With Rosalynn’s death, a reminder of sacrifice. **C1**

HENRY A. KISSINGER 1923-2023



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Statesman exerted an outsize role in global affairs, at great cost

BY THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

Henry A. Kissinger, a scholar, statesman and celebrity diplomat who wielded unparalleled power over U.S. foreign policy throughout the administrations of Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald Ford, and who for decades afterward, as a consultant and writer, proffered opinions that shaped global politics and business, died Nov. 29 at his home in Connecticut. He was 100.

His death was announced in a statement by his consulting firm, which did not give a cause.

As a Jewish immigrant fleeing Nazi Germany, Dr. Kissinger spoke little English when he arrived in the United States as a teenager in 1938. But he harnessed a keen intellect, a mastery of history and his skill as a writer to rise quickly from Harvard undergraduate to Harvard faculty member before establishing himself in Washington.

Criticized by many as amoral, he spent his final years defending his place in history

Henry A. Kissinger, seen in 2014, helped end the U.S. military’s participation in the Vietnam War and helped establish a treaty that effectively committed the United States and the Soviets to détente.

As the only person ever to be White House national security adviser and secretary of state at the same time, he exercised a control over U.S. foreign policy that has rarely been equaled by anyone who was not president.

He and Vietnam’s Le Duc Tho shared the Nobel Peace Prize for the secret negotiations that produced the 1973 Paris agreement and ended U.S. military participation in the Vietnam War. His famous “shuttle diplomacy” after the 1973 Middle East war helped stabilize relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

As the impresario of Nixon’s historic opening to China and as the theoretician of détente with the Soviet Union, Dr. Kissinger earned much of the credit for seismic policy shifts that redirected the course of world affairs.

With his German accent, incisive wit, owlsh looks and zest for socializing in

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In lead-poisoning case, supper is suspect

After a child’s blood test set off alarms, the trail went cold, then led to his pureed fruit pouches

BY JENNA PORTNOY AND LAURA REILEY

Sarah and Ricky Callahan thought nothing of it when a doctor tested their son, Rudy, for lead at a checkup, a routine blood test for all young children in Maryland.

But when his levels came back at nearly six times the minimum risk threshold for lead poisoning, they were worried. Surely, there had been a mistake. They had been so careful when it came to their only child, a redhead who loves to build things with blocks and help unload the dishwasher, pulling out all the utensils.

Suddenly, their Maryland home felt like what Ricky Callahan described as a “death trap.” Was it the furniture? The carpet? Rudy’s toys? Inspectors checked all of that and more — the water, the dishes, his crib — and found nothing suspect.

Months went by, and then a friend at Sarah Callahan’s work in whom she had confided about her

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Rudy Callahan plays with a teapot as his father, Ricky, cooks at their home in Port Republic, Md. The family is anxiously waiting to see if Rudy hits milestones at the same pace as other children.

Shift in strategy sought in south

GAZANS WHO FLED AT RISK AFTER PAUSE

Biden presses Israel for restraint in new offensive

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

The Biden administration is increasingly concerned that an upcoming Israeli offensive in southern Gaza will result in thousands more Palestinian civilian casualties, derail further hostage releases and interrupt the expanding flow of humanitarian aid, leading to stepped-up domestic and international criticism that Washington is complicit in Israel’s actions.

“We continue until the end, until victory,” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recently told troops he visited inside northern Gaza. Once the current pause in fighting in exchange for the release of hostages is over, he said, “nothing will stop us.”

But “they can’t do what they did in the north in the south,” a senior administration official said, referring to the bombing of civilian areas and infrastructure that left much of northern Gaza in rubble and more than 13,300 Palestinians dead, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which is no longer providing daily updates.

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Not ‘terrorists’: Voice of America takes flak for Hamas guidance. **C1**

Aid groups face inner strife amid bloodshed

BY HANNAH ALLAM AND LOUISA LOVELUCK

CAIRO — For weeks, humanitarian workers at the United Nations’ migration agency have detailed their concerns over the Israel-Gaza war in emails, town hall meetings and an internal letter to their director — demanding “a clear, public stance against forced displacement” of Palestinians.

They have yet to receive an answer, according to five staff members in the Middle East who are among the signatories from offices worldwide. Instead, they said, higher-ups at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) have sent reminders to stay neutral on social media and tips for self-care in stressful times.

“If we remain silent, are we being neutral or are we enabling?” said one of the IOM workers.

Now, frustrated IOM personnel are going public, joining a growing movement of aid workers sounding the alarm about how their agencies are handling the politics and perils of the conflict, which has created one of the most complex humanitarian challenges in modern times.

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