

crash, and all his vital organs ruptured, the so-called blood sample was heavily contaminated by other bodily fluids (in such circumstances, blood samples are taken from remote parts of the body, e.g., feet or wrists, to obtain the least contaminated samples).

A separate team of toxicologists at the Paris morgue did separate tests on the same blood samples, looking for evidence of poison. Those tests further discredited the simple assessment that Paul was intoxicated and on prescription drugs. The tests revealed a 20.7% level of carbon monoxide in Paul's blood. Given that the blood tests were done a few hours after the crash, it is estimated that the carbon monoxide level at the moment of the crash was nearer to 30%.

This is a near-lethal dose. An individual with a 20-30% level of carbon monoxide is incapable of driving a car. He is suffering from throbbing head pains. His sense of balance is off. He cannot judge distances. Yet, numerous eyewitnesses, as well as the surveillance cameras inside the Ritz Hotel, showed that Paul was very much in control of himself.

Furthermore, similar blood tests performed on Dodi revealed no presence of carbon monoxide. This disturbing paradox was cited by Judge Stephan in his August 1998 official status report on his investigation.

It is hard to conceive how Paul could have been heavily dosed with carbon monoxide inside the Mercedes while Dodi, seated directly behind him, remained unaffected. Had Paul been somehow poisoned at the Ritz Hotel prior to the drive, the signs of the carbon monoxide would have been evident to bodyguards Trevor Rees-Jones and Kes Wingfield, and others, and would have been obvious in the surveillance footage.

Avoiding the temptation to speculate about the mysterious blood sample tests, it can be safely said that the results of the forensic exam of Paul—the only so-called “proof” that he was drunk when he got behind the wheel of the Mercedes—are not reliable.

It has been confirmed that Paul did consume two pastis drinks at the Ritz Hotel bar during the two hours prior to the drive. But these drinks would not have rendered him drunk; and, there is no evidence that Paul did any drinking during the approximately two hours that he was off the job during the night of Aug. 30, despite many media efforts to produce evidence that he was soused.

Despite the pattern of evidence discrediting the “drunk driver” story, the vast majority of the world media continue to spin the same yarn. In the months following the crash, the initial emphasis on the paparazzi was dropped, in favor of foisting all of the blame on Paul, and, by implication, on his boss, Mohamed Al Fayed.

The chronology

EIR researchers in the United States, Britain, France, Germany, and elsewhere have gridded the major news accounts of the crash. And, despite media efforts to paint the tragedy as a “garden variety traffic accident,” caused exclusively by

Paul's drunken driving, new details continue to appear proving that there was more to Dodi and Diana's deaths. Here is the chronology of some of the major pieces of evidence, as well as some of the most flagrant efforts at cover-up.

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Sept. 2: *Daily Telegraph* banner headlines, “Diana's Driver Was Drunk,” by Susannah Herbert and David Milward, spells out the cover-up line that will persist for the next year. They write from Paris, “The driver of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales, and Dodi Fayed died had drunk the equivalent of more than a litre of wine and was driving at 121 mph when the vehicle crashed, investigators said yesterday. . . . Post mortem results on the body of Henri Paul, a 41-year-old former member of the French Navy who also died in the

Prince Philip's murderous rage

As EIR has reported since 1994, Prince Philip functions not only as the chief of a worldwide ecological-terrorist apparatus, run through his World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and its secret funding arm, the 1001 Club. He has also presided, for the past 40 years, over the Club of the Isles, the London-centered secret structure of the global financial oligarchy, which draws upon several thousand of the most powerful families of the Anglo-Dutch elite.

Even more ominous, is the fact that assets of Prince Philip's WWF-1001 Club combine, including the late Maj. Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, the Canadian Special Operations Executive World War II-era spy, were strongly implicated in the early 1960s assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Italian patriot Enrico Mattei. More recently, the WWF-centered apparatus threatened the life of French President Jacques Chirac, when Chirac briefly flirted with the idea of building a strong relationship between France and the United States—at the expense of Great Britain.

On the day of the crash that killed Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed, and Henri Paul, the London *Sunday Mirror* published a news item by Andrew Golden under the headline “Queen to Strip Harrods of Its Royal Quest.” The article established that, at the time of Princess Diana's death, the Windsors had been conducting a covert war against Diana, her friend Dodi Fayed, and Dodi's father, Mohamed Al Fayed, already a longtime target of Windsor venom, and a campaign of dirty tricks by royal asset Tiny Rowland.

accident, revealed a reading of 175 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. . . . The speedometer of the powerful Mercedes 280 SEL, which is capable of 131 mph, was frozen at 196 kph (121 mph) at the point of impact with a concrete support post in an underpass in central Paris on Saturday night. . . . Police sources indicated that the photographers pursuing the Mercedes on motorcycle may have been 100 yards behind it when it crashed.”

Sept. 3: American businessman Brian Anderson is interviewed on NBC TV’s “Dateline” news magazine show. He describes driving in a taxi along the Seine River just before the crash. The Mercedes carrying Princess Diana drives past his taxi, at approximately 55-60 mph, surrounded by cars and motorcycles manned by paparazzi. Anderson tells NBC that Paul seemed to be fully in control of the Mercedes, despite

the aggressive behavior of the paparazzi. Anderson offered to be interviewed by French police the day after the crash, but they expressed no interest in hearing his account. However, the French police do confiscate his passport, forcing him to remain in Paris for several days under de facto house arrest.

Sept. 8: Ritz Hotel attorney Bernard Darteville tells AP’s Jocelyn Noveck that has seen copies of two photographs, confiscated by the police from the paparazzi. He describes the photos: “One sees very distinctly the driver dazzled by a flash. One sees very distinctly the bodyguard at his side, who with a brisk gesture lowers the visor to protect himself from the flash, and one sees very distinctly Princess Diana turning to look behind the vehicle, and one sees very distinctly the yellow headlight of a motorcycle.” He adds, “The photo taken before the first photo of the accident shows the Mercedes

A year after the fatal crash in Paris, the appearance of the *Sunday Mirror* story, just hours after the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, represents one of the most eerie clues that the British monarchy may have played a role in the deaths. If, as the *Mirror* story suggests, the royals had assigned MI6 to stalk the couple during their vacation and brief stopover in Paris, Prince Philip, in particular, has a lot of explaining to do.

It should be recalled that 10 million Britons turned out for the funeral of Princess Diana, and that her younger brother, the Earl of Spencer, won wide public support for his blunt attack against the Windsors from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey during his eulogy.

The fate of the royal family still very much hangs on whether the ongoing Paris investigation of the crash succeeds or fails.

The Sunday Mirror story

The Aug. 31, 1997 *Sunday Mirror* story began on the following note:

“The royal family may withdraw their seal of approval from Harrods as a result of Diana’s affair with the owner’s son Dodi Fayed.

“Senior Palace courtiers are ready to advise the Queen that she should refuse to renew the prestigious royal warrants for the Knightsbridge store when they come up for review in February [indeed, early this year, the Queen did strip Harrods of its royal imprimatur].

“It would be a huge blow to the ego of store owner Mohamed Al Fayed—and would infuriate Diana, who was yesterday understood to be still with Dodi aboard his yacht, near the Italian island of Sardinia. But the royal family are furious about the frolics of Di, 36, and Dodi, 41, which they believe have further undermined the monarchy.”

“Prince Philip, in particular,” Golden wrote, “has made no secret as to how he feels about his daughter-in-law”

slatest man, referring to Dodi as an ‘oily bed-hopper.’ ”

But, it was not Philip alone who had it in for Princess Diana and the Al Fayed family. The formal structure of the monarchy had taken up the war against the Spencer and Al Fayed families as a royal priority, according to the *Mirror*.

“At Balmoral next week, the Queen will preside over a meeting of The Way Ahead Group where the Windsors sit down with their senior advisers and discuss policy matters.

“MI6 has prepared a special report on the Egyptian-born Fayed family which will be presented to the meeting.”

The *Mirror* report turned back to the role of Prince Philip:

“The delicate subject of Harrods and its royal warrants is also expected to be discussed. And the Fayed family can expect little sympathy from Philip.

“A friend of the royals said yesterday: ‘Prince Philip has let rip several times recently about the Fayed family—at a dinner party, during a country shoot and while on a visit to close friends in Germany.

“‘He’s been banging on about his contempt for Dodi and how he is undesirable as a future stepfather to William and Harry.

“‘Diana has been told in no uncertain terms about the consequences should she continue the relationship with the Fayed boy.’ ”

Given the murderous track record of Prince Philip’s apparatus, as amply documented by *EIR*, the closing sentence of the *Sunday Mirror* article was particularly chilling:

“But now the royal family may have decided it is time to settle up” (emphasis in original).

The *Mirror* story hit the British newsstands just as Britons were learning about the deaths of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed, and Henri Paul.—*Jeffrey Steinberg*