

Saudi Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Fahd, a Business Partner of Former Lebanon's Prime Minister Hariri, Dies During Arrest

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Former FBI special agent Ali H. Soufan has confirmed that Prince Abdul Aziz bin Fahd has been killed during an attempt by the authorities to arrest him as part of Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman's great purge of the Saudi elites. He died when his security contingent got into a firefight with regime gunmen attempting to make an arrest.

Prince Abdul Aziz was deeply involved in Saudi Oger Ltd, a company which until it ceased operations in the summer of this year, was owned by the Hariri family. Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri was punitively in charge of the company until it ceased operations.

Abdul Aziz is confirmed dead. He was 44 years old. Earlier, Mansour son of the former crown prince Mugrin was also declared dead. https://t.co/lsUyU89604

— Ali H. Soufan (@Ali H Soufan) November 5, 2017

Prince Abdul Aziz's strange and sudden death which is said to have occurred during an attempted arrest, sheds light on the theory that the clearly forced resignation of former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri had more to do with internal Saudi affairs than the Saudi attempt to bring instability to Lebanon.

As I wrote yesterday,

"This therefore, forces one to consider why the Saudi regime would involve itself in the Hariri affair on the same day as the 'great purge'?

The answer lies in exploring whether the Hariri 'purge' was more for domestic consumption than for international consumption. As a powerful Saudi citizen, one could think of Hariri's apparently forced resignation as the first Saudi purge of the day, on a day that saw many powerful Saudi citizens dethroned from powerful places in society.

The message to all powerful Saudis, including to Hariri, is that no one is too big to fall at the hands of MBS, even a Saudi citizen who is the Prime Minister in a foreign democracy. The fact that both Hariri and MBS are young men in a leadership role, would indicate that for the famously politically trigger happy MBS, it was also an ego boost".

Furthermore, during his speech yesterday afternoon, Hezbollah leader Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah remarked that perhaps Hariri was involved with the business dealings or personal relations of some of the Saudi officials who had been victims of great purge.

The sudden death of Prince Abdul Aziz bin Fahd now appears to confirm this line of thinking. This also sheds light on yesterday's helicopter crash which killed another Saudi prince, Mansour bin Muqrin. When taken in totality, the 'crash' does not appear to be an accident.

With reports of no-fly lists being drawn up by the Saudi regime to keep various princes and other official inside the country, the purge looks to be only growing in terms of its scope and its brutality.

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