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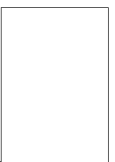
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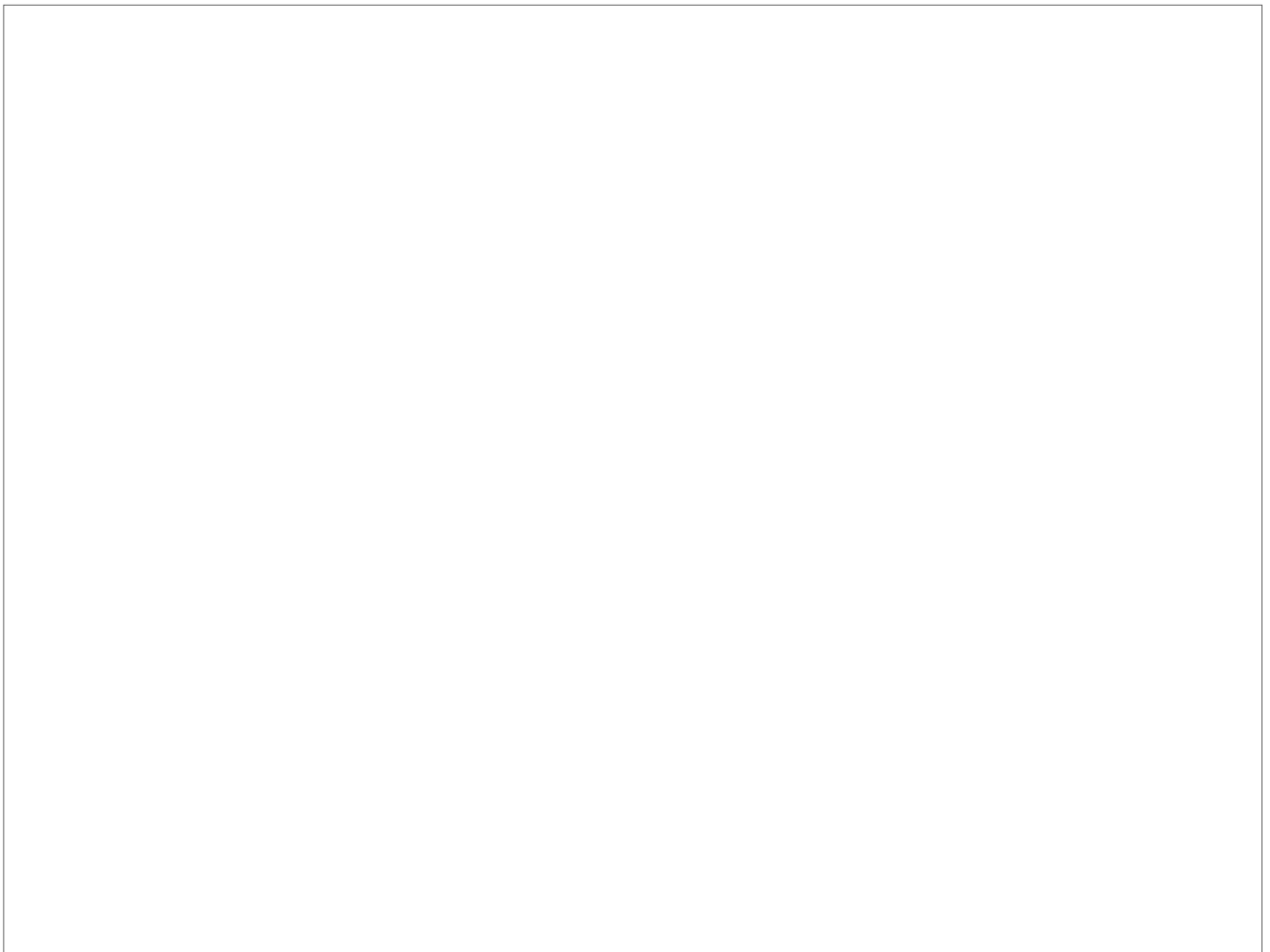
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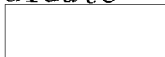
CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ACTS

Date: 1 December 1976

Syrian Foreign Minister Wounded

Place: Syria, Damascus

Syrian Foreign Minister Abd-al-Halim Khaddam was shot and wounded in an assassination attempt on 1 December in Damascus. He was attacked while riding in his car and was hospitalized in good condition. The Black June organization, in a statement issued in Madrid, claimed responsibility for the attack and said the operation was carried out to comply with instructions to liquidate Syrian officials.

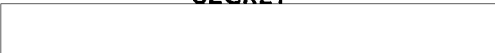


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NOTES

Assassins of U.S. Official in Greece Strike Again

A former captain in the Greek security police, Evangelos Mallios, was shot down outside his Athens home by unidentified assassins on 14 December and died shortly afterwards. A leaflet left near the scene of the shooting claimed responsibility in the name of the Revolutionary Organization "17 November." The leaflet said the group had executed Mallios as an example of the people's action against torturers who were not adequately punished by the government. Mallios had been convicted of torturing leftist political prisoners during the seven-year period of military rule in Greece, and served a ten-month prison sentence.

When U.S. embassy official Richard Welch was assassinated in Athens in December 1975, persons identifying themselves as members of the 17 November Organization called a radio station and claimed responsibility. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] The Greek police have announced that ballistics tests indicate the same gun used to shoot Welch was used in the Mallios assassination. Both victims were shot at night by assassins who followed them home. The Greek police have not concluded that the killers are actually linked to the 17 November Organization, a loosely organized group that takes its name from the date of a student uprising in 1973. Its claim to have killed Welch was not taken very seriously at the time by Greek authorities, but the group probably will now become the target of an intensive police investigation. [Redacted]

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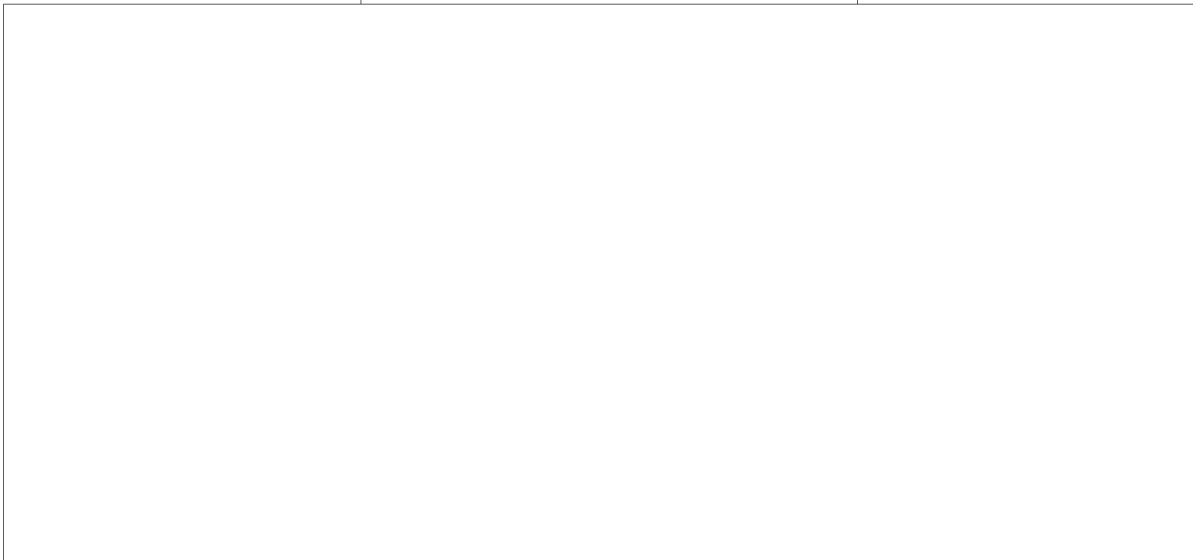
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Pakistan Frees Attackers of Syrian Embassy

The Pakistani government has quietly released two Palestinian students who were involved in the 11 October attack on the Syrian embassy in Islamabad. 50X1-HUM

Attributing its information to reliable sources, the Reuter press agency said that no charges were filed against the terrorists, both of whom were wounded in the gun battle with embassy security guards and police. 50X1-HUM Although the students said the attack was staged to avenge Syrian intervention in the Lebanese civil war--the declared mission of the Black June movement--no organization has claimed sponsorship of the incident. (Black June did claim credit for an attack on the Syrian embassy in Rome which took place on the same day.) A third Palestinian student was shot dead during the attack; all three had been studying in Pakistan at the time. The two survivors, released after several weeks in detention, have been allowed to return to Lahore to continue their studies.

The government has made no statement about the students or the incident. Observers had expected that the students would be expelled from Pakistan, but sources close to the government said such action could provoke more violence against the Syrian embassy by the large Palestinian student population in Pakistan. 50X1-HUM

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Terrorist Executed for Attack on Amman Hotel

The only terrorist to survive the 17 November attack on the Amman Intercontinental Hotel, Khayri Tawfiq Khalil Ibrahim Amir, was hanged at dawn on 18 December. He had been badly wounded during the assault on the hotel by Jordanian forces. Three other terrorists were among eight persons killed during the battle for control of the Intercontinental. [redacted]

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The surviving terrorist, a native of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, was a member of Sabri Al Banna's (Abu Nidal) Black June movement. He is said to have provided the Jordanian government with extensive information about that organization. At his trial he was specifically charged with having killed a Jordanian soldier during the attack. On 9 December he was sentenced to death by the Supreme Security Court. His execution was not carried out in public. [redacted]

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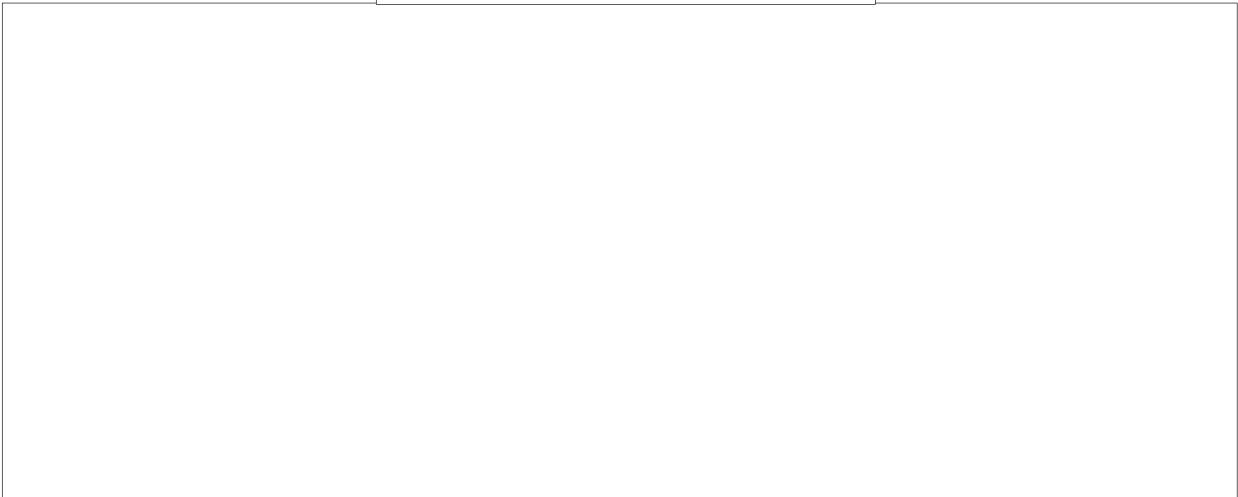
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Members of Jewish Defense League Sentenced

Four members of the Jewish Defense League were sentenced to prison terms of up to six years on 16 December, and one additional defendant received a suspended sentence. The five JDL members were on trial for shooting into a Soviet residential complex in Riverdale, New York on 27 February 1976; attempting to bomb the Soviet trading corporation in New York City on 25 March; and shooting into the Soviet United Nations mission on 2 April. The Jewish Armed Resistance claimed responsibility for these incidents. This name is used by the JDL to publicly claim responsibility for 50X1-HUM terrorist acts. Russell Kelner, sentenced to three years in prison, had previously been on probation for publicly threatening the life of Yasir Arafat in November 1974.



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