

Trevor Rees-Jones speaks out

The sole survivor of the crash that killed Princess Diana is recovering his memory of what happened on that fateful day. Jeffrey Steinberg reports.

Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who survived the Aug. 31, 1997 crash that killed Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed, and driver Henri Paul, has spoken out in an exclusive interview with *The Mirror*, a 2 million circulation British newspaper. Six months after the crash in the Place de l'Alma tunnel, Rees-Jones has recovered some of his memory about the events leading up to, and immediately following the high-speed collision with the missing Fiat Uno, and other vehicles.

In the March 2 interview, which took place in the London offices of Mohamed Al Fayed, the father of the late Dodi Fayed and the owner of Harrods department store in London and the Ritz Hotel in Paris, Rees-Jones provided several crucial details which buttress *EIR's* assessment that the fatal crash was the result of a premeditated vehicular homicide attack.

Rees-Jones told *The Mirror's* Piers Morgan that the Mercedes 280-S, carrying Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed, was followed by two cars and at least one motorcycle, from the moment they drove away from the rear exit of the Ritz Hotel, shortly after midnight on Aug. 31, 1997. He described one of the cars as a white, three-door hatch-back, possibly a reference to the Fiat Uno that collided with the Mercedes at the entrance of the Place de l'Alma tunnel, causing the fatal head-on crash into the 13th pillar inside the tunnel. The Fiat Uno fled the crash scene and has yet to be found, along with the driver and any passengers.

Rees-Jones's description of a multi-vehicle chase along the Seine River roadway coheres with the testimony of a dozen witnesses, all of whom told the French police that the Mercedes was under attack from several cars and motorcycles as it entered the tunnel.

Rees-Jones also told *The Mirror* that Princess Diana was alive and semi-conscious following the crash. "I have had flashes of a female voice calling out in the back of the car. First it's a groan. Then Dodi's name is called. It could only have been Princess Diana. I was conscious, and so was she," he reported.

This, too, is crucial corroboration from the sole eyewitness, that the Princess was conscious, following the crash. The French emergency medical team delayed nearly two hours, in delivering the Princess to a nearby hospital. *EIR* and *Time* magazine have both charged that it was this delay which proved fatal. The internal injuries sustained by Diana could have been repaired by surgery; however, the French rescue

workers chose not to get her into emergency surgery. At one point, the ambulance carrying Princess Diana stopped 500 yards from the emergency entrance to La Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital for ten minutes. The Princess died of internal bleeding before she got into the operating room.

Al Fayed's courageous stand

The Rees-Jones interview was the second major blow to the British-French cover-up in the past few weeks. In mid-February, Mohamed Al Fayed gave an interview to the same paper, in which he declared that he was "99.9% certain" that Diana and Dodi were the victims of an assassination plot. He vowed to leave no stone unturned, until the full truth was forced out into the open.

This bold declaration of war against the Windsors and the French authorities running the cover-up of the murder evidence, provoked an immediate response. Prime Minister Tony Blair and former Prime Minister John Major, who now is the attorney for Princes William and Harry, denounced the "conspiracy theories" about murder.

On March 2, the day the Rees-Jones interview was grabbing headlines around the world, Mohamed Al Fayed and John MacNamara, the security director of Harrods, were arrested by British police, on the basis of a patently fraudulent writ, filed by Tiny Rowland. Rowland, the former head of the British Africa raw material cartel Lonrho, is a longtime enemy of Al Fayed, who was mobilized by the British monarchy, days after the fatal Paris crash, to go after the Al Fayed family, in an effort to silence them and secure the cover-up of the Diana and Dodi murders.

Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post* spilled the beans on the real motive behind the Al Fayed and MacNamara arrests (they were interrogated and released), in a column by Neal Travis on March 4. Travis advertised that the Al Fayed arrest signalled an "open season on Dodi's dad." Travis reported, "It's no coincidence that British authorities waited until the six-month anniversary of Princess Diana's death to arrest Mohamed Al Fayed, father of her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed. . . . They wanted a suitable period of time to pass before beginning what will be an intense campaign to harass the Egyptian-born owner of the storied Harrods department store out of Britain. The Establishment loathes Al Fayed. . . . The Establishment has decided to shut Al Fayed up and drive him out of the country."