

COMMENT

## Murdering Secretly

HOW CIA OPERATIVES HAVE been carrying on political assassinations in Asia, Africa and Latin America for decades to further geo-political interests of the evil empire is now an open secret. Any possibility of challenge to American hegemony is being throttled by any means, mostly by foul means. Political assassination is part of the game called American diplomacy. In the recent years Israel's secret service Mossad in league with CIA and British intelligence seems to have executed a number of secret missions to assassinate some key persons in the Middle East. Very recently Italian solidarity activist Vittorio Arrigoni was brutally murdered in Gaza, allegedly by Mossad agents and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine called upon Palestinians to memorialise the Vittorio Arrigoni, who lives on and stands among the great martyrs of Palestinian people.

While America is openly threatening to take stern action against Iran for its nuclear programme, Mossad is secretly killing Iranian nuclear scientists to immobilise Iran's nuclear project at the roots, albeit Iran Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said the others day that they had invited foreign diplomats from European Union, NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) countries, and some representatives of the five-plus-one [world powers] to tour their nuclear facilities, ahead of fresh talks with major world powers over Iranian nuclear programme.

But Israel is not interested in talks. It has its own agenda of crippling nuclear project of Iran. It doesn't matter whether it is for peaceful purposes or not.

At the end of November 2010, nuclear scientist, Majid Shariari, lost his life in an explosion just outside his home. In January 2010, Dr Masoud Ali Mohamadi, a nuclear physicist at Tehran University, was also killed in a bomb blast as he was leaving home for work. Dr Arseshir Hosseinpour was found dead at the nuclear centre in Isfahan in 2007.

Fidel Castro attributes to Gordon Thomas, a British expert on the Mossad, the view that "all Israeli assassination attempts in the last few years against personalities associated with the Iranian nuclear project have been committed by the Kidon (bayonet) unit."

The assassination of Iranian scientists mirrors the killing of a much larger number of Iraqi scientists allegedly also by Mossad agents between 2003 and 2006. It is estimated that something like 550 scientists and other academics were killed during that period. In fact, an international conference on the assassinations of Iraqi academics was held in Madrid in April 2006. At that conference biographies of the victims were presented.

Assuming that these allegations are true, it is not difficult to fathom why Israel would want to eliminate Iraqi and Iranian scientists, particularly nuclear scientists. Israel is determined to maintain its position as the sole nuclear weapons state in West Asia. This is why in 1981, without provocation, it demolished the Osirak nuclear facility in Iraq. It also explains why Israel is so eager to take military action against Iran, even when there is no concrete evidence to suggest that the latter is planning to produce nuclear weapons. Israel knows that more than destroying nuclear installations, it is the pulverisation of nuclear brains that will ensure that it continues to exercise a monopoly over nuclear weapons in the region.

What is even more disilluioning is the deafening silence of scientists and academics everywhere. In the so-called great centres of learning in the West, very few voices of conscience have condemned the systematic murder of their fraternity. It is equally disgraceful that in most of the universities and research institutes in West Asia and in the Global South, elimination of Iraqi and Iranian scientists is a non-issue.

One can understand why Fidel Castro's Reflection on the Iranian murders is appropriately entitled, "What would Einstein Say?" □□□