

The Killing in the Consulate

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'Reporting at its best. Immaculately researched, sober and informative' John le Carré
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After *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi was filmed going in to the Saudi consulate in Turkey, he was never seen alive again. What happened next turned into a major international scandal, now finally pieced together by Channel 4's BAFTA award-winning Foreign Affairs Correspondent Jonathan Rugman.

Described by Donald Trump as the 'worst cover-up ever', this is the **first comprehensive account** of one of the most notorious and outrageous murder plots of our time. In *The Killing in the Consulate*, Rugman pieces together in minute-by-minute detail the events after **Khashoggi** entered the Saudi diplomatic building on 2 October 2018, expecting to receive the documentation that would enable him to marry Hatice Cengiz, patiently waiting for him outside. Little did they realise, he was entering a trap, as a **15-man Saudi hit squad** had just flown in to the country and was waiting for him. Within minutes he had been **viciously murdered** and his body was quickly disposed of. The Saudis thought they would be able to get away with it all, and concocted a far-fetched story to cover it up. But what they didn't realise was that **Turkey's President Erdogan's security and intelligence agencies had bugged the consulate**, and captured the horrific events on tape.

Based on **confidential sources**, dramatic new evidence and **in-depth research** across several countries, Rugman reveals the context behind the murder and attempted cover-up. He shows how a **power struggle** between Erdogan and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince **Mohammed bin Salman**, known as MBS, had such fatal results. The prince had seemed to promise a new and more open era for his country, while also investing vast sums in arms deals with the West. Inevitably other nations,

including **President Trump and the USA**, were drawn into the affair, which created the biggest crisis in US-Saudi relations since 9/11. Skilfully, Rugman draws together all the strands to tell **a gripping story of one man's tragedy that had global consequences**.

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