

Mystery deepens over Khashoggi disappearance

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The disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi is descending into greater mystery. Mr Khashoggi was last seen at the Saudi Arabian consulate in Istanbul, Turkey on October 2. He went there to process documents for his

upcoming marriage. In the latest move, Turkish investigators have searched the Saudi consulate looking for clues. The Saudi consul left Turkey earlier this week as pressure is growing on Saudi Arabia to give a full explanation as to what happened to Mr Khashoggi. It is widely reported that the journalist spent eleven hours in the consulate. Turkish officials believe Mr Khashoggi was murdered by Saudi agents who flew to Turkey earlier this month. The Saudis deny this.

The disappearance has sparked an international outcry. US President Donald Trump threatened "severe punishment" if Saudi Arabia was involved in any wrongdoing. President Trump spoke to Saudi's Crown Prince Salman on the phone earlier this week. He said Prince Salman strongly denied any knowledge of whatever may have happened to Mr Khashoggi. Mr Trump said the prince's denial was "very strong" and suggested that "rogue killers" may be behind Mr Khashoggi's possible death. Turkey's President Erdogan spoke about the investigation in the Turkish parliament. He said: "My hope is that we can reach conclusions...as soon as possible because the investigation is looking into many things."

Sources: bbc.com / cnn.com / aljazeera.com

Writing

The disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi is a global crisis. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

disappearance / mystery / consulate / documents / clues / pressure / journalist / deny / international / outcry / punishment / wrongdoing / knowledge / parliament / rogue

True / False

- a) Jamal Khashoggi was last seen at the Saudi embassy in Ankara. T / F
- b) Turkish investigators searched a consulate to look for clues. T / F
- c) The Saudi consul in Istanbul returned to Saudi Arabia. T / F
- d) The article says Jamal Khashoggi spent 11 hours in the consulate. T / F
- e) Donald Trump has said there would be no repercussions for Saudi. T / F
- f) Donald Trump said he hadn't spoken to Saudi's Crown Prince. T / F
- g) Donald Trump suggested "rogue killers" may have killed Mr Khashoggi. T / F
- h) Turkey's president said investigators are looking at one thing. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. disappearance | a. protest |
| 2. process | b. account |
| 3. upcoming | c. repudiate |
| 4. explanation | d. verdict |
| 5. deny | e. approaching |
| 6. outcry | f. penalty |
| 7. punishment | g. vanishing |
| 8. wrongdoing | h. inquiry |
| 9. investigation | i. attend to |
| 10. conclusion | j. crime |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about this story?
- b) What has your country's leader said about this story?
- c) What is the purpose of a consulate?
- d) Why might Jamal Khashoggi have been killed?
- e) What does a consul do?
- f) How dangerous is it to criticize your country?
- g) How dangerous is it to be a journalist?
- h) What do you think has happened to Mr Khashoggi?

Phrase Match

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| 1. descending into | a. killers |
| 2. last seen at the | b. to what happened |
| 3. process documents for his | c. an international outcry |
| 4. give a full explanation as | d. Saudi Arabian consulate |
| 5. The Saudis | e. "very strong" |
| 6. The disappearance has sparked | f. greater mystery |
| 7. involved in any | g. conclusions |
| 8. the prince's denial was | h. upcoming marriage |
| 9. rogue | i. wrongdoing |
| 10. we can reach | j. deny this |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why is there an international outcry over this?
- What could Donald Trump's "severe punishment" take the form of?
- What do the investigators need to look into?
- What three adjectives best describe this story?
- What would happen if Turkey proved Saudi killed Mr Khashoggi?
- How do you think this story will develop?
- What questions would you like to ask the investigators?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. f	8. j	9. h	10. d

Role Play

Role A – Replacing Passports

You think replacing passports is the most important consular service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): promoting trade, cultural exchange or visiting nationals in prison.

Role B – Promoting Trade

You think promoting trade is the most important consular service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): replacing passports, cultural exchange or visiting nationals in prison.

Role C – Cultural Exchange

You think cultural exchange is the most important consular service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): promoting trade, replacing passports or visiting nationals in prison.

Role D – Visiting Nationals in Prison

You think visiting nationals in prison is the most important consular service. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): promoting trade, cultural exchange or replacing passports.

Speaking – Consulates

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things consulates do at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Register births abroad | • Replace passports |
| • Help during crises | • Advice |
| • Visit nationals in prison | • Promote trade |
| • Loans to travelers | • Cultural exchange |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.