



Crusading Journalist Who Exposed the “Panama Papers” Was Blown Up by a Car Bomb

Malta: Daphne Caruana Galizia, an investigative journalist who was outspoken against government corruption, was murdered by a car bomb. Galizia was characterized as a “one-woman WikiLeaks” and she led the “Panama Papers” investigation of offshore tax evasion in Malta. Her son blamed the government, which he characterized as organized crime; the police who refused to protect her; and Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat, who he says demonized and harassed her. Julian Assange of WikiLeaks is offering a €20,000 reward that leads to the conviction of Galizia’s murderer. -GEG

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will pay €20,000 to anyone providing information leading to the conviction of the killers of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who died in a car bomb.

The investigative journalist died after the car she was travelling in exploded near her home in Bidnija, northern Malta, at around 3pm on Monday. Maltese police have opened a murder inquiry.

The 53 year old ran the hugely popular [‘Running Commentary’](#) blog which led Malta’s Panama Papers investigation and highlighted several other corruption scandals in the Mediterranean island nation.

In [a post on Twitter](#) Assange expressed his horror at Caruana

Galizia's death.

"Outraged to hear that Maltese investigative journalist and blogger Daphne Caruana Galizia has been murdered this afternoon not far from her home with a car bomb," he said. Assange also added information about the proposed reward.

The blog's most recent revelations took aim at Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat and two of his closest aides.

"Everyone knows Ms Caruana Galizia was a harsh critic of mine both politically and personally, but nobody can justify this barbaric act in any way," Muscat said at a press conference.

In a lengthy and emotional post on Facebook, Dauphne's son, Matthew Caruana Galizia, described in vivid detail what happened in the aftermath of the explosion. He also lashed out at several Maltese politicians, including Muscat, and attacked the *"culture of impunity (which) has been allowed to flourish by the government in Malta."*

Maltese TV station [TVM](#) reported that Caruana Galizia had filed a complaint to the police two weeks before her killing to say she had received threats but gave no further information.

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Outrageous: AG Jeff Sessions Will Allow Rod Rosenstein to Investigate Himself

Rod Rosenstein, who was the US Attorney who investigated the Russian Uranium One bribery scandal, now is the Deputy FBI Director in the Trump administration. During that investigation, the FBI uncovered Russian bribery of the Clintons, but the Department of Justice and the FBI did nothing about it. Rosenstein also was on the committee that approved the sale of 20% of American uranium to Russia. Current Attorney General Jeff Sessions, when asked whether Rosenstein will be allowed to investigate himself regarding newly disclosed information on his role in protecting the Clintons said, "It would be his decision." Many people – and we are among them – believe Sessions is severely compromised.
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**Attorney General Jeff Sessions is compromised.
He has to be.**

Deep State has something on him and the Attorney General is acting irrationally.

How else to you explain his outrageous behavior to defend the criminal actions of Hillary Clinton and the Barack Obama regime?

On Tuesday John Solomon writing for [The Hill](#) reported that the FBI uncovered Russian bribery of the Clintons in 2009 and the Department of Justice and the FBI sat on this for four more years.

Worse yet, from [today's report](#) we discovered the investigation was supervised by then-U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein, who is now President Trump's Deputy Attorney General, and then-

Assistant FBI Director Andrew McCabe, who is now the deputy FBI director under Trump.

Rosenstein and Mueller also sat on the CFIUS committee that approved the sale of 20% of US uranium reserves to Russia despite knowing Russia had bribed the Clintons for the illicit sale.

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When the Clintons accepted Millions from Russian Nuclear Industry in Return for Access to 20% of American Uranium, by Definition, They Engaged in Racketeering

Attorney, Gregg Jarrett, says that Special Counsel Robert Mueller and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein must be fired or resign from the Trump – Russia collusion case because they are complicit in approving the Uranium One deal that gave 20% of US uranium to Russia.

WikiLeaks' State Department top secret cables from 2009 prove

that Hillary knew the Russians were trying to corner the world uranium market, yet she endorsed the Uranium One deal. FBI records show that, just prior to the approval, tens of millions of dollars came into the Clinton Foundation from the Russian nuclear industry. Racketeering is defined as using a business as a criminal enterprise. By definition, therefore, the Clintons are guilty of racketeering – and also compromising America's security. -GEG

Russian collusion with the Trump administration having themselves been complicit in Russian collusion by approving the sale of 20% of US uranium reserves to Russia.

Mueller and Rosenstein were on the CFIUS committee that approved the sale despite knowing that, as [The Hill reported](#), "Russian nuclear officials were engaged in a racketeering scheme involving bribes, kickbacks and money laundering," that also ensnared the Clinton Foundation.

Hillary was also on the committee that rubber stamped the deal while her husband was receiving huge speaking fees from Russian officials as millions in "charitable donations" poured into the coffers of the Clinton Foundation from Russia.

Asked by Hannity how the likes of Rosenstein and Mueller could now be judging the Trump administration over Russian collusion having themselves been complicit in Russian collusion, Jarrett was unequivocal.

"They've got to be fired or they have to resign," he responded, adding, "It totally compromises their integrity, I don't see any other way out."

"Rosenstein hid this information when he knew it...hiding this information, not disclosing it to Congress, when they had a legal obligation to do so seems to me to be unconscionable and they have no more integrity associate now with their Trump collusion case," said Jarrett.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has now launched a full scale

investigation into the bribery scandal, although as The Hill columnist Joe Concha points out, the bombshell story is being ignored by the media.

“This important & explosive story from Solomon and Spann of The Hill received exactly zero seconds of airtime on the evening newscasts,” he tweeted.

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Obama and Hillary Approved Giving 20% of US Uranium to Russia. The Clinton Foundation Received \$145 Million from the Deal.

Before the Obama administration approved a deal in 2010 giving Moscow control over 20% of American uranium, the FBI had gathered evidence that the Russian nuclear industry was engaged in bribery and kickback with an American trucking firm that transported the uranium. Hillary Clinton's State Department signed off on the sale of US uranium to Russia. The Clinton Foundation received \$145 million in donations from people connected to the deal, as reported by the *New York*

Times.

Before the Obama administration approved a controversial deal in 2010 giving Moscow control of a large swath of American uranium, the FBI had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putin's atomic energy business inside the United States, according to government documents and interviews.

Federal agents used a confidential U.S. witness working inside the Russian nuclear industry to gather extensive financial records, make secret recordings and intercept emails as early as 2009 that showed Moscow had compromised an American uranium trucking firm with bribes and kickbacks in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FBI and court documents show.

They also obtained an eyewitness account – backed by documents – indicating Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President [Bill Clinton](#)'s charitable foundation during the time Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#) served on a government body that provided a favorable decision to Moscow, sources told The Hill.

The racketeering scheme was conducted “with the consent of higher level officials” in Russia who “shared the proceeds” from the kickbacks, one agent declared in an affidavit years later.

Rather than bring immediate charges in 2010, however, the Department of Justice (DOJ) continued investigating the matter for nearly four more years, essentially leaving the American public and Congress in the dark about Russian nuclear corruption on U.S. soil during a period when the Obama administration made two major decisions benefiting Putin's commercial nuclear ambitions.

The first decision occurred in October 2010, when the State

Department and government agencies on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States unanimously approved the partial sale of Canadian mining company Uranium One to the Russian nuclear giant Rosatom, giving Moscow control of more than 20 percent of America's uranium supply.

When this sale was used by Trump on the campaign trail last year, Hillary Clinton's spokesman said she was not involved in the committee review and noted the State Department official who handled it said she "never intervened ... on any [Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States] matter."

In 2011, the administration gave approval for Rosatom's Tenex subsidiary to sell commercial uranium to U.S. nuclear power plants in a partnership with the United States Enrichment Corp. Before then, Tenex had been limited to selling U.S. nuclear power plants reprocessed uranium recovered from dismantled Soviet nuclear weapons under the 1990s Megatons to Megawatts peace program.

"The Russians were compromising American contractors in the nuclear industry with kickbacks and extortion threats, all of which raised legitimate national security concerns. And none of that evidence got aired before the Obama administration made those decisions," a person who worked on the case told The Hill, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution by U.S. or Russian officials.

The Obama administration's decision to approve Rosatom's purchase of Uranium One has been a source of political controversy since 2015.

That's when conservative author Peter Schweitzer and The New York Times documented how Bill Clinton collected hundreds of thousands of dollars in Russian speaking fees and his charitable foundation collected millions in donations from parties interested in the deal while Hillary Clinton presided on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

The Obama administration and the Clintons defended their actions at the time, insisting there was no evidence that any Russians or donors engaged in wrongdoing and there was no national security reason for any member of the committee to oppose the Uranium One deal.

But FBI, Energy Department and court documents reviewed by The Hill show the FBI in fact had gathered substantial evidence well before the committee's decision that Vadim Mikerin – the main Russian overseeing Putin's nuclear expansion inside the United States – was engaged in wrongdoing starting in 2009.

Then-Attorney General [Eric Holder](#) was among the Obama administration officials joining Hillary Clinton on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States at the time the Uranium One deal was approved. Multiple current and former government officials told The Hill they did not know whether the FBI or DOJ ever alerted committee members to the criminal activity they uncovered.

Spokesmen for Holder and Clinton did not return calls seeking comment. The Justice Department also didn't comment.

Mikerin was a director of Rosatom's Tenex in Moscow since the early 2000s, where he oversaw Rosatom's nuclear collaboration with the United States under the Megatons to Megawatts program and its commercial uranium sales to other countries. In 2010, Mikerin was dispatched to the U.S. on a work visa approved by the Obama administration to open Rosatom's new American arm called Tenam.

Between 2009 and January 2012, Mikerin “did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire confederate and agree with other persons ... to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of an article and commodity (enriched uranium) in commerce by extortion,” a November 2014 indictment stated.

His illegal conduct was captured with the help of a confidential witness, an American businessman, who began

making kickback payments at Mikerin's direction and with the permission of the FBI. The first kickback payment recorded by the FBI through its informant was dated Nov. 27, 2009, the records show.

In evidentiary affidavits [signed in 2014 and 2015](#), an Energy Department agent assigned to assist the FBI in the case testified that Mikerin supervised a "racketeering scheme" that involved extortion, bribery, money laundering and kickbacks that were both directed by and provided benefit to more senior officials back in Russia.

"As part of the scheme, Mikerin, with the consent of higher level officials at TENEX and Rosatom (both Russian state-owned entities) would offer no-bid contracts to US businesses in exchange for kickbacks in the form of money payments made to some offshore banks accounts," Agent David Gadren testified.

"Mikerin apparently then shared the proceeds with other co-conspirators associated with TENEX in Russia and elsewhere," the agent added.

The investigation was ultimately supervised by then-U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein, an Obama appointee who now serves as President Trump's deputy attorney general, and then-Assistant FBI Director Andrew McCabe, now the deputy FBI director under Trump, Justice Department documents show.

Both men now play a key role in the current investigation into possible, but still unproven, collusion between Russia and [Donald Trump](#)'s campaign during the 2016 election cycle. McCabe is under congressional and Justice Department inspector general investigation in connection with money his wife's Virginia state Senate campaign accepted in 2015 from now-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe at a time when McAuliffe was reportedly under investigation by the FBI. The probe is not focused on McAuliffe's conduct but rather on whether McCabe's attendance violated the Hatch Act or other FBI conflict rules.

The connections to the current Russia case are many. The Mikerin probe began in 2009 when Robert Mueller, now the special counsel in charge of the Trump case, was still FBI director. And it ended in late 2015 under the direction of then-FBI Director James Comey, whom Trump fired earlier this year.

Its many twist and turns aside, the FBI nuclear industry case proved a gold mine, in part because it uncovered a new Russian money laundering apparatus that routed bribe and kickback payments through financial instruments in Cyprus, Latvia and Seychelles. A Russian financier in New Jersey was among those arrested for the money laundering, court records show.

The case also exposed a serious national security breach: Mikerin had given a contract to an American trucking firm called Transport Logistics International that held the sensitive job of transporting Russia's uranium around the United States in return for more than \$2 million in kickbacks from some of its executives, court records show.

One of Mikerin's former employees told the FBI that Tenex officials in Russia specifically directed the scheme to "allow for padded pricing to include kickbacks," agents testified in one court filing.

Bringing down a major Russian nuclear corruption scheme that had both compromised a sensitive uranium transportation asset inside the U.S. and facilitated international money laundering would seem a major feather in any law enforcement agency's cap.

But the Justice Department and FBI took little credit in 2014 when Mikerin, the Russian financier and the trucking firm executives were arrested and charged.

The only public statement occurred a year later when the Justice Department put out a little-noticed press release in August 2015, just days before Labor Day. The release noted that the various defendants had reached [plea deals](#).

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