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My report on the new evidence saying that journalist [#MarieColvin](#) was 'targeted by Syrian government' when she was killed channel4.com/news/journalis...

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According to the documents, a regime spy unit drove around Baba Amr w/ a surveillance device called a "rashida," in an effort to pinpoint where Colvin was broadcasting her news reports. Informants confirmed she was in the Baba Amr Media Center. It was then targeted w/ rockets.



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Syrian officials celebrated news of Colvin's death, according to the former intelligence officer. "The blind bitch was Israeli," one official said. The commander responsible for the strike replied: "Marie Colvin was a dog and now she's dead."

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"Take all necessary measures." Read this sobering [@ABarnardNYT](#) report on the Syrian government unit that investigators said was tasked with finding and killing foreign journalists inside areas out of government control. (RIP, Marie.) nyti.ms/2v1TfGE

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A week prior to the killing of Jacquier, then-French president Sarkozy had called on Assad to step down. Vallérian says sources in the Syrian regime later told him Jacquier was targeted in part to "send a message to France and a message to Sarkozy."



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The names of the men who were allegedly present at a celebration of Colvin's assassination, hosted in the office of military intelligence official Major Gen. Rafiq Shahadah.

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Baba Amr Media Center had been shelled and that journalists had been killed. Major General Shahadah hosted a celebration at his office. A group of military and intelligence officers arrived whom Major General Shahadah thanked and congratulated. These officers included:

- Brigadier General Issam Zahreddine (the commander of the Republican Guard military operations in Homs);
- Colonel Ali Salim (Republican Guard);
- Brigadier General Hussam Luka (head of the Homs Branch of Political Security);
- Colonel Sayel Daoud (head of the Air Force Intelligence Branch in the Central

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After the attack, the former intelligence officer says, the Assad regime sent the leader of the group of informants a new black Hyundai Genesis. It was a gift from Maher al-Assad, President Bashar al-Assad's brother.



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Colvin was not the first journalist that had been targeted for assassination, according to the documents. Six weeks before her death, the award-winning French war correspondent Gilles Jacquier was targeted in Homs.

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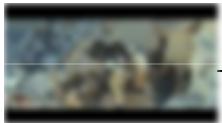


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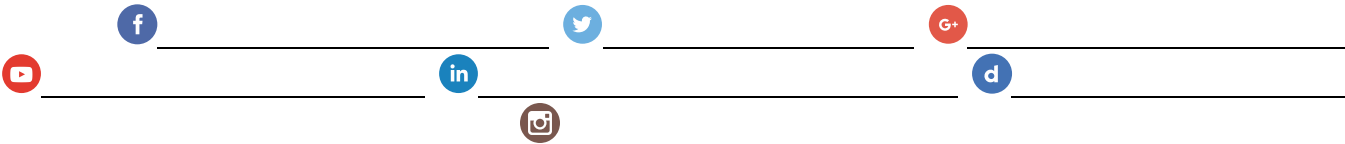
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