

## Essay from the bold Pastor

### #282 - Strange Reports of Assassination -

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, when Kim Jong-nam was allegedly assassinated in the middle of the day at Malaysia airport by being gassed with VX nerve agent by his younger paternal half-brother Kim Jong-Un; the leader of North Korea of the Worker's Party of Korea, I recalled the assassination case of Litvinenko, the anti-Russian government activist who became a victim from lethal polonium-210-induced acute radiation syndrome at a sushi restaurant in London back in November of 2006. From the readers, I can imagine that some may say "That is why North Korea is so bad", or "That makes Former communist country a ...". However, these cases are far less significant in magnitude as compared to another country who murdered in even greater scale by hundreds or by thousands.

Precisely, the country is the United States of America under the Obama administration. According to the reports of Bureau of Investigative Journalism, in 8 years under the Bush Administration, they deployed 51 air attack missions in Pakistan by airworthy drones with 410 non-combat deaths of citizens. This was skyrocketed to 373 attack missions, and 2,089 non-combat deaths of citizens, while 200 deaths were among children. If we consider other nations such as Yemen and Somalia in account, such case will rise even more. Moreover, what even more disturbing is that the casualties of citizens exceeded by far from the planned mission; according to The Intercept; an online news publication of the United States. Assassination has a connotation of murdering key personnel under cover, however, the murder of Kim Jong-nam seemed to be a mere decimal as compared what the United States have done.

The Bible often depicts assassinations. One of the major ones shall be the story by Joab, the honorable captain of the army of David. Being the top of the armies of God, which built the Kingdom of Israel, murdered two people who he considered as his enemies, and one of them was his relative; resembling to the case of Kim Jong-nam.

**"like a lion in cover he lies in wait. He lies in wait to catch the helpless;  
he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net." Psalm 10:9**

Here David laments about the ordeal, but at the end days of Joab, because of his mishaps, he was sentenced to death by the King Solomon, the successor of King David. Without a doubt, the motive of assassination originates from self-preservation. Whether or not we believe in God or not, we as sinners are prone to be defensive, jealous, and be aggressive to our neighbors. But let us here keep in mind and thoughts. We need not to murder any of our threats for the ones who trust in Christ, Jesus will preserve us entirely. Also, all malicious deeds and hate done under cover will be cleanly eliminated in the end days by Jesus, the Judge of almighty.

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