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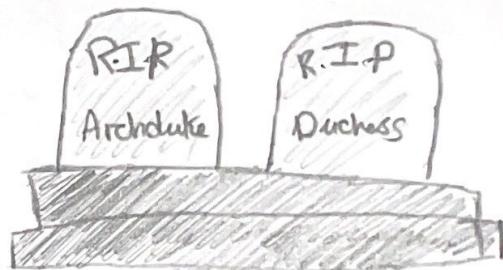
ARDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND SHOT DEAD

Archduke and Wife
Viciously Killed in a
Public Appearance.

Exclusively reported by
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24 hours ago, 28th June, the dreadful assassination of Franz Ferdinand happened on the streets of Sarajevo (Bosnia). The heir to the throne was unfortunately shot by the Black Hand Society due to nationalistic reasons - Serbia did not want to be united under a flag that wasn't theirs.

Whilst on a quest to improve relations between the royals and Bosnian people, Franz Ferdinand met his fatal end. It is reported he had planned to visit the City Hall for lunch, before checking the military manoeuvres of the local troops stationed in Bosnia. However, a Serbian terrorist group - The Black Hand - made several assassination attempts on the Royal family, in a shocking turn of events.



Archduke and wife's coffin.

One of the members, who has not yet been identified, threw a small grenade. He successfully demolished a car, behind the Royal couple, and the injured civilians were taken to a near-by hospital for treatment. Unbothered, Franz Ferdinand continued with his plans. After their lunch at the City Hall, the Archduke and wife decided to visit those who had been injured in the previous attack, instead of inspecting the military and their manoeuvres.

It is believed that on their way, the replacement chauffeur took a wrong turn. Within seconds, he realised his mistake and started to reverse. In this critical moment, Gavrilo Princip (a member of the Black Hand) walked out of a near-by cafe towards the car, before firing two shots. According to sources, the first shot hit Duchess Sophie in the stomach - killing her and her baby instantly. Moments later, the second lethal shot hit Archduke Franz Ferdinand in the neck. Within seconds the assassin was seized by the police and was taken to be questioned.

On the day of the assassination, millions of people gathered around the streets of Sarajevo to welcome the Royal Family. Alija Ismet, a member of the local cafe, told us, "I couldn't believe my eyes, it was so brutal. One second I was cheering and then I was terrified as I heard the deafening screams." With the face still pale, she continued by stating that as soon as the shots were fired, the police tackled the assassin to the ground and placed him in hand cuffs.

Feriz Enis, the replacement chauffeur informed us that he felt incredibly guilty because of his wrong turn. He went on to add, "I feel unbelievably lucky as I got to escape the car."

The police has asked members of the public to tell them any information they know about the act of treason.

The problem in the Balkans has been tense for many years as Austro-Hungary has been conquering small countries, enlarging their own territory. The imperialistic movements were faced with nationalist organisations in the region. People who spoke different languages, had different social and religious beliefs were forced to be united under a flag of Austro-Hungary. They directed their anger towards Vienna.

One by one, The Black Hand and young Bosnia were established with the mission of forcing out the Austro-Hungarians. Encouraged and urged on by operatives from Serbia's government, the members of The Black Hand Society offered to be trained for acts of terrorism. It was only

a matter of time until their ~~plans~~^{and} plans were executed.

Horrified, the people of Sarajevo are still shocked after the unbelievable events. Millions of people are laying down flowers to tribute the Archduke and the Duchess. Special T.V programmes have been played across the country to honour their lives.

It has been said that Gavrilo Princip is still under arrest and is in custody. He will escape the death penalty due to his age. As a result, the attack has increased tensions further, with Austro-Hungary blaming Serbia. There has left one question on peoples minds:
Is war going to start?