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EXCLUSIVE: SAS's lamping unit 'used laser to dazzle Princess Diana's driver'

A MAN-MADE “lightning bolt” was used by an SAS group nicknamed the Lamping Unit to kill Princess Diana, it is claimed.



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A witness saw a bright light in the tunnel prompting fears Diana's driver was dazzled

Following Soldier N's claims of an SAS plot, other military sources allege a secret force existed and it had the ability to carry out an operation to kill the Princess.

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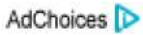


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The elite Army detachment was able to kill by shining high density beams called “dazzler lasers” into the eyes of targets.

These either cause road accidents or disorientate victims so they could be killed in another way.

Normally, the licence to kill has to be authorised by the Foreign Secretary, under a Class Seven Authorisation, but fresh military sources say in this case it came from deeper within the intelligence establishment.

The Diana allegations surfaced in July after the court martial of Danny Nightingale, another SAS veteran who was convicted of illegal possession of a weapon and ammunition.

The claims were passed to the Royal Military Police and then to Scotland Yard which has interviewed the wife and mother-in-law of Soldier N in connection with the Diana murder claims.

Allegations that Diana died after the driver of her Mercedes, Henri Paul, was “lamped” by an SAS unit on a motorcycle in a Paris underpass in 1997, causing the car to plough into a wall, are supported by witness evidence.

The Mercedes car after the crash in 1997 when Diana was killed

Another driver in the underpass described seeing in his rear-view mirror a “major white flash” which illuminated the Mercedes moments before the fatal accident.

Francois Levistre claimed that a motorcycle pulled up to the car and directed a light into the vehicle before it crashed. He told the official inquest in 2007 that it was like night turning to day, adding: "I just wondered what happened because the light was like you were caught in a police radar.

"The light even came into my car," said Mr Levistre. "The light was not directed towards me. It was directed towards the car which was behind.

"When I saw the light, I looked into the mirror. I saw the car going from left to right to left again to get within the

pillar. The car had no light any longer. Everything was switched off.”

His evidence was disregarded as insignificant at the inquest and subsequent inquiry into the Princess's death.

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However, added to current developments, and with previous testimony from former MI6 spy Richard Tomlinson, it is gaining credibility by the day.

Tomlinson said that the same technique was considered for use in the Balkans for an MI6 plot to assassinate the Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic.

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Tomlinson has been dubbed a rogue spy but many of his claims have been substantiated in public hearings, including the confirmation that MI6 had a “licence to kill”.

This is given out under what is known as Class Seven Authorisation by the Foreign Secretary, as confirmed by Sir Richard Dearlove, the former head of MI6, who testified on oath at the inquest.

A Human Rights Watch report on “dazzlers” in 1998 says: “In the case of an electro-optical device, the laser would work in the same way a driver’s night vision is overwhelmed by bright headlights.”

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