

THE SADAT ASSASSINATION

A sourcebook for researchers

**U.S. State Department files on the 1981
assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat**

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On Oct. 6, 1981, a conspiracy of terrorists from Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Takfir Wal Hijra, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamic Group assassinated Anwar Sadat during a military parade. The event rocked the Arab world and imperiled the Middle East peace process -- which Sadat had advanced immeasurably by opening talks with Israel.

Along with the Siege at Mecca (also covered in an Intelwire Sourcebook Series), the Sadat assassination is one of the seminal moments leading to our current conflict. It was an opening salvo in what we now understand to be the War on Terror.

These documents cover approximately the first 30 days after Sadat's murder. Subsequent editions will examine the trial of his assassins and related issues. All documents were obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

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