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The Truth and Meaning of Kazuyoshi Miura's Death

--- Miura was used for the "conspiracy campaign" designed by US and Japan!

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The Miura Case broke out with his arrest on Saipan on 22th February. After a prolonged period of detention, .he was transferred to Los Angeles on 10th October and on this very day he reportedly committed suicide. This seems to have drawn the curtain on the series of the events in this case.

But, here's someone who's raising an objection against the alleged suicide. Who is it? It's a media writer Mr. Shigeru Kawamura, who was in charge of a number of famous TV shows such as "A Star Is Born", "11 PM" and "Geba Geba 90 Minutes" and hosted a live talk show with Mr. Miura until the year of 2007.

He, as one of the persons closest to Mr. Miura, has talked about him in response to calls for comments from numerous media including TV programs and weekly magazines.

And he still wanted talk to us, just because he sees this case as "conspiracy campaign" . So we encouraged him to take this opportunity to fully talk about the "truth" of Mr. Miura's death which he said he's been unable to relate in other media about.

Those who are talked about behind their back have eyes in back of their head that could find the truth of the world.

There must be different ways to see what kind of person Kazuyoshi Miura was. It was only six years ago when I came to hook up with Miura, so of course after he had been finally acquitted in the case of Los Angeles murder suspicion (referred to as "Rosu Giwaku" in Japanese). About Miura, I had had until then only a general image of the Los Angeles murder suspect that was shared by many ordinary TV viewers. It means that I was just one of those Japanese who were totally manipulated by the information flowing from TV shows and weekly magazines. A suspicious-looking guy wearing sunglasses! His appearance even made me think: "Stop putting on airs, you motherfucker!"

So when I first met him in person, I said to him, "Hey man, you are shady, aren't you." I meant by this, "The Supreme Court saw you "white", but you are still shady in the eyes of the public." His answer was: "Of course I am. More than that. I am almost "black" actually". Perhaps he wanted to suggest that a vast number of gossips and talks forged his personality regardless of what he really was.

I have hooked up with Miura from then on. Talking with him in person, I found us often sharing our ways of viewing things. In the meantime, I began to feel like pursuing the possibility of his being largely “white”, partly because my own job was to serve as “brains” of whatever project or task. This is how I kicked off the talk show “Tsukai Gendai Ninbetu-cho”(Wow! Who’s Who Up to Date) with Miura in August 2006.

On TV, a swarm of smarty commentators and snobs show up to say something. They are all those picked by TV stations to be loyal to their intent, just to say canned phrases. People unlike them, those in a weaker position or being talked about behind their back, were called up for our talk show. Miura, now hosting the show himself, was the typical one of those people.

The first guest was a right-wing don, the second a leftist radical, the third a yakuza, the fourth Hiroshi Totsuka, schoolmaster of Totsuka Yacht school (which was a boarding school specifically designed to care and educate, by way of yacht sailing, school-refusing children, one of them was however killed allegedly because of abusive punishment by the teachers), all of them having been the target of tasteless gossips.

Those being talked about behind their back have eyes in back of their head, which are glaring at the people out there. The people of this kind, closely watching the world with eyes in back of their head, could probably see things better than those snobbish eggheads rambling on TV, whatever expertise they have I don’t know.

Miura talked to me about so many things, on or off the talk show stage. This allowed me to figure out his philosophy and humanity.

Kazuyoshi Miura was used for conspiracy campaign

And he was taken into custody in February this year on Saipan. Let us begin with organizing a support group anyway, we thought. “The Citizens Angry against the Arrest of Mr. Miura” thus established has been active until today.

“Why was he arrested?” To this question, human rights experts will answer from the standpoint of human rights and legal experts may talk in view of the judicial system of the United States.

For me, there can be only one reason. Conspiracy, which constitutes one of the reasons for his arrest. In the course of the trials going on at the district court in Los Angeles, the conspiracy count was brought into focus as a central issue of suit. This means that the Miura case was used as an instrument to introduce the conspiracy count into Japan by passing the bill through the Diet.

In the United States, they can impose a heavier punishment by means of double sentences of , for instance murder and conspiracy. Since the United States suffer more felonious offences, it is not surprising that they are trying to raise the crime restraining effect by means of heavier punishment.

In Japan, on the other hand, there is no law against conspiracy, though co-conspiracy can be banned. If conspiracy is to be regarded as a criminal offence, it will be applied to even

“conspiracy” on Internet, resulting in its crackdown by the authorities. In fact, when the ruling Liberal Democratic Party filed a bill banning conspiracy, their ostensible reason for doing this **was** the necessity for countermeasures against internet offences and terrorism, though the bill was finally rejected by the Parliament.

If conspiracy is established as a crime to be cracked down, police will be authorized to arrest and detain people for whatever trivial reasons, resulting in an overflow of spy suspects across the country. The Japanese government aims at this and intends to file the bill again for passage. They therefore joined hands with America to use the Miura case for their campaign to drag the conspiracy charge into Japan. All things then add up!

For instance, what would happen to me if I had the same experience? If I were to be tried again in a foreign country despite the acquittal finally ruled on me in Japan, the Japanese government would certainly make a move to rescue me. However, neither the Ministry of Foreign Affairs nor the Ministry of Justice took any action at all in this Miura case. This must be because Miura with his peculiar image was a perfect fit for their purpose.

Meanwhile, the unknowing Consulate of Japan in Saipan treated him very kindly. As soon as they learned that he'd got food allergy, they immediately coped with the problem by serving him proper food. Miura himself was thankful for this treatment. Yet the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an organization superior to the Consulate did nothing for his sake at all. That's too weird. The former chief cabinet secretary Nobutaka Machimura even said that he would be willing to cooperate with the American authorities. Instead of “ignoring”, he was totally involved in their campaign.

Note that Miura had been to Saipan three times in the past. What the hell was that Jimmy Sakota doing in the meantime?

Timing of Miura's death

When conspiracy was found to be a focus in the trials, we all, including Miura himself, his lawyers and the support group, considered it “great” and felt perfectly ready to fight back. We had all the materials favorable enough to win the case.

In the first place, the LA murder suspicion was only a lover's spat with the alleged accomplice Michiko Yazawa. The only plausible evidence that the prosecutors had then possessed was her confession. I once questioned her, “What did you hit her with?” She said “With the hammer I got from Kazuyoshi”. I then asked her to draw a picture of the instrument, but the hammer she drew looked completely different from what was in the prosecutors' materials. She gave a false confession because she thought it would make her sentence lighter.

The only evidence was her confession, even without any weapon definitely identified. And yet they were prison-sentenced for co-conspiracy. Yazawa was hiding herself from Miura after she served out her sentence. And she finally disappeared after having been running a bar in Roppongi for a while. To tell the truth, I know her whereabouts, but she will never show up in public, I believe.

The LA City Police dangled new evidence. If they really have one, they have only to bring it out. The fact that they wouldn't show it only means that they have none. Miura got aware of this at that time and was convinced that he could win the suit. So he headed for Los Angeles in high spirits. He had studied law hard on his own and was quite familiar with this area.

All these things considered, the timing at which Miura died right after his transfer to LA seems most convenient for the American authorities. They should have lost the case for certain if they had disputed directly focusing on conspiracy. The loss means the failure of conspiracy campaign.

This is why we have to continue insisting that he did not commit suicide. I do. I keep saying he did not.

We should note that the authorities had two ways to go at the point of his arrest. One is to handle this as a "cold case" and the other to use this for "conspiracy campaign". Money and men must be procured for either of the ways. However, if the case is to be handled as a cold case, there will probably be a lot of criticism making it difficult to secure a sufficient budget. On the other hand, budgeting is easier for the cause of conspiracy campaign. This is how Jimmy Sakota made an exhibition of himself. It's exactly like making a movie film.

There are lots of good reasons for his not committing suicide

While Miura's wife is talking with his son living in LA every day on the phone, they say that the LA city police have never got in touch with the family by now (as of October 16).

And the police now say that what Miura hanged himself with was found to be a shirt, but not a T-shirt which they had mentioned as the means for hanging before. The fact about the incident changes suddenly? How absurd!

. More bizarre is his transfer to LA itself. When Miura was still in Saipan, his lawyers filed there an appeal for habeas corpus, while court hearings were going on in LA to abate the warrant of his arrest. As soon as however the habeas corpus right was denied on September 23, the LA police raided the prison in Saipan right on the day after . Since the appeal was suddenly accepted in reverse by the Saipan High Court just two hours before their arrival, they drew off in the mopes despite their taking trouble to fly to Saipan. If the decision of the Saipan High Court had been two hours later, Miura should have been transferred to LA at that point. It was at such tremendous speed that they came to Saipan.

We later lost the case in the LA court allowing the arrest warrant to be half way valid. Upon hearing this, we again filed the appeal for habeas corpus, but Miura phoned us saying that he would rather be ready to fight against the conspiracy charge, so we withdrew the appeal. Miura believed that the LA Police should be rushing to pick him up and waited for them even saying good-bye to the cleaning women and other people around him. But they didn't come even after a week. Miura became irritated. So we asked the LA police via the Consulate what was going on. The answer was, "We are busy".

He was transferred to LA three days later after all. What on the earth was the blank of 10 days then? Probably they were discussing what kind of actions to be taken now that lots of difficulties were expected in charging him with conspiracy. They were “busy” with planning their strategy.

If he had had to kill himself, he could have done it in Saipan. Some people were initially talking about such nonsense as what those letters on his cap could insinuate. The fact is that Miura could hardly read English at all. Since he had only Aloha shirts with him in Saipan, this dandy guy had the outfit sent from his wife on and wore the cap to hide his gray hair. He had usually colored his hair gold or green, but gray stood out during detention naturally. He knew too well that a troop of news cameras would crowd him upon transfer. So he put on the cap. That’s all, nothing else.

I heard that he was so fond of California. He was there in his favorite place for the first time in thirty years. He must have looked at the blue sky over California. He might have been somehow depressed because of detention, but he had already survived the imprisonment for many years. This time he had a lot of supporters. He was able to talk to his wife on the phone. There is nothing ever at all that can be associated with suicide.

Besides, we were planning to publish two books together when he got free of detention. One is about the talk show we were working on together and the other about the people who were hanging around him in prison. This was to earn the legal costs. He had to depend on his wife’s income and donation from the support organization for the expenses incurred for carrying on his fight in court. He said he was feeling sorry for this, so I suggested, “Why don’t you make money in prison?” If suicide in want of money had been possible for him, he should have had lots of “chances” because the circumstance had been much more difficult in some time of his life. While it is not quite unlikely that he was led to kill himself by stoning or the like way, he had no reason to do it if he remained what he was.

Thus all I can come up with is the reason why it was “not” a suicide at all. But why did he die then? I have no answer to this question, partly because I haven’t seen the postmortem result. I am just one of his friends, and not a person accountable for this death. But one thing I can say for sure is that the postmortem result has been hidden from us, his family and friends.

Why don’t the police deliver the examination report? Strangely enough, the explanation was given that the bereaved family refused to accept the body. The fact is totally opposite. The body gets embalmed before being delivered to the family. This will change the condition of the body, making it impossible for the family and other people involved to conduct examination on their own account. So they were unable to collect the body unless all the necessary data became available to them. They are instead entreating the police by way of the lawyers to show them the body and let them to pick it up as it is.

However, many mass media reported that the family refused to pick up the body. Similar report was written even on “Asahi Shimbun”, the newspaper which we had considered trustworthy to some extent because they had endeavored to disclose as accurate information as they could get on

this case. When I asked one of their reporters, he said, “I was not involved in this, because this article came from our political department.” Then I asked him where the political department obtained the information and found that they got it from the Consulate of Japan in LA.

I immediately called the Consulate for correction through Miura’s son living in LA, but I have never found any trace of correction by now. Even the “Japanese Consulate General” in LA is not to be counted on! What are all those Japanese doing at all? I can’t help imagining that something weird is happening behind.

This would make us doubt about the examination report, even if it ever comes from the LA police. So we are calling for delivery of the body in the stage of condition where we are able to conduct examination.

Press report so far gives us an impression that the Miura’s family is sort of cold-hearted people. It is again a manipulated piece of information. His wife Yoshie looks rather tough-minded, but I know she is a vulnerable woman in truth. She must be crying when left alone at night.

Just while I was on a live TV show, the Minister of Justice Eisuke Mori gave a statement that they couldn’t help but watch quietly because this happened in a foreign country. Is it not the job of the Ministry of Justice to go for rescuing when a Japanese is arrested outside Japan? They are just giving in to the American authorities.

We can count on neither the Japanese government nor the press. We have no other choice than asserting our position on our own.

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