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Dear Editor:

This is in response to Greg Miller’s reporting on the implications of the assassination in British Columbia of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh nationalist leader.

Miller cites the muted response of the United States to this assassination given its own record of such activities but failed to reference the ‘transnational repression” of the UK. In this Britain is unique among nations claiming to be governed by the rule of law. The British Parliament last month adopted a law ending the investigation into more than 1000 killings in Northern Ireland involving security services collaboration with loyalist terror groups. The law also stipulated no government liability for the human carnage.

A former U. S. Department of State official, Daniel Benjamin was concerned about the “… rise of states willing to use violence…and violate norms.” Apparently not so much when it involves British killing of Irish citizens. The only public protest recorded of Britain’s adoption of that ‘legacy’ law was Ireland and the EU Council Europe, claiming it was a violation of Article II of the EU constitution.

Sincerely,

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