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Afghan Employee Kills US Citizen in Kabul CIA Annex Attack

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An Afghan employee at the US Embassy in Afghanistan attacked the CIA annex in the neighboring Ariana Hotel last night, [killing an American citizen](#), and lightly wounded others.

Officials say they are [still investigating the incident to try to figure out the motive of the attacker, who was killed by embassy troops](#). They also declined to say whether he was authorized to carry a weapon in the embassy.

Immediate speculation, of course, is that he was a Taliban “sleeper agent,” but officials insist all employees undergo thorough background checks. While this wouldn’t be the first time such checks failed, it is also possible he is simply a disgruntled employee with a grudge against somebody.

The attack comes just two weeks after the [last attack on the embassy](#), which was claimed by the Afghan Taliban but which US officials [now say was actually ordered](#) by the Pakistani military.