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World Headlines Report Ruby Dead

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The world reacted to the death of Jack Ruby in banner headlines today, many of them reviving suspicions of a Dallas conspiracy.

In some quarters, Ruby's death set off a new round of doubt, rumor and speculation concerning whether a conspiracy was involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Paris newspapers hinted that Ruby's passing may prevent "the truth" about the assassination from ever becoming known.

"JACK RUBY took his secret with him," headlined the tabloid Paris Jour over a story that asked: "Was Lee Oswald really the killer of Kennedy? Or was there, as many Americans feel, a plot in Dallas?"

While the London Times reported Ruby's death straightforwardly, the mass circulation newspapers in Britain used it as one more straw in building the fabric of mystery around the assassination.

"Ruby's death removes the last link in the controversy over whether there was a conspiracy," the London Times said.

The Sun splashed the headline: "Mystery of Ruby Death." It said Ruby died "when many people were questioning whether he was one of a ring of conspirators behind the shooting of the President."

THE SUN QUOTED "people who saw him near the end" as saying, "he insisted that cancer cells had been injected into him in prison."

The Guardian headlined, "Ruby Is Dead-in JFK's Hospital," and said Ruby had "shot and killed the assassin of President Kennedy."

The Daily Mirror's front page headline said, "Tape Drama as Jack Ruby Dies," and its rival, the Express, reported: "Deathbed Voice Recalls Moment of a Killing."

In contrast, Japanese newspapers reported Ruby's death briefly. The news had reached Japan barely in time for the late Tokyo city editions of the Japanese language papers. The story was printed in inside pages, saying that Ruby died of cancer at the same Dallas hospital in which Kennedy and Oswald died.