

Mr Al Fayed went on: 'After the accident, Diana was calling Dodi's name in the car. This is what Trevor Rees-Jones has now told me.

'He is beginning to remember more and more. She tried to talk. Trevor remembers her saying 'Where is Dodi, where is Dodi?'

Trevor has been seeing two psychiatrists who specialise in trauma after accidents and he is really coming along. He remembers more every time. He is one of my top guys and if he had spotted anything untoward about Henri Paul he would not have allowed him to drive that car.

'All this talk about Dodi encouraging his drivers to drive fast is b*****t. It's people who want to elaborate and spin a story.

'He didn't like driving himself and he was way beyond all that teenage fantasy stuff of speeding and fast cars. I don't believe Dodi would have encouraged the driver to speed.'

The anger burns away - and it is hard not to share much of it with him. In the wave of grief and compassion that poured out for Diana, many of us forgot about Mohamed Al Fayed.

A controversial man, yes. But also a man who lost the son he worshipped and the princess he adored.

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