

English Version

The killing of Shinzo Abe, the champion of the new Japanese bellicism, sent more than a shiver down the back in Western chancelleries. Not only because they have lost "a great friend", a close friend in the fight against China. But also for the circumstances of his death, for the figure and motivations of Tetsuya Yamagami who shot him.

In the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, Guido Olimpico, the velinero with the logic of the secret services, puts it this way: "the ex-sailor who went to war against society". Calm! Against society? At all. Today's Asahi Shinbun reports a statement of his that calls into question not society, but a specific religious organization (which is not named) guilty of having ruined his family: "My family joined that organization religious and our life became more difficult after donating money to the organization", Yamagami told police. "I wanted to target the senior official of the organization, but it was difficult. So, I targeted Abe as I believed he was linked to that organization. I wanted to kill him".

The ex-soldier of the Japanese Navy, ex-forklift driver, ex-small real estate operator Yamagami, now unemployed with a family that has fallen into ruin for one of the usual scams and embezzlement in which 'religious' gurus are unsurpassable, aimed high. And it has been able to strike very high, going to war not against society in general, but against the elite figures. Among them are the leaders of the countless (at least 180,000) religious sects that haunt Japan with their apocalyptic / chauvinistic lies and manipulations - by the way, get yourself Naoki Urasawa's 20th Century Boys, you won't be disappointed!

The country of the maximum scientific squeezing of workers through Toyotism, of the thousands of deaths a year from crazy over-work (karoshi), of the very high rate of suicides, even of adolescents and children, of the most leathery and suffocating patriarchy, of a plethora of more or less secret religious associations / gangs, overprotected by the state (tax free), of the growing polarization of wealth, of the very low birth rate (in place 209 out of 213 countries in the world), the former "model" to imitate of the 80s and 90s, shows with the naked eye, also through this episode, the irrepressible contradictions of all the "western" capitalist societies that still claim to impose their unquestionable will on the world.

These societies - emblematic of the putrefaction of the capitalist social system as such, in its different forms, including the very new ones - are teeming with potential Tetsuya Yamakami. We are certainly not the singers of individual actions of this type as a means to truly transform the world, but we see in them, and appreciate, the explosive charge of anger against the elite evildoers they contain. To wipe out the social system and the destructive power of the bourgeoisie it will take much, much, much more, however: a collective, fully conscious, and international Yamakami.