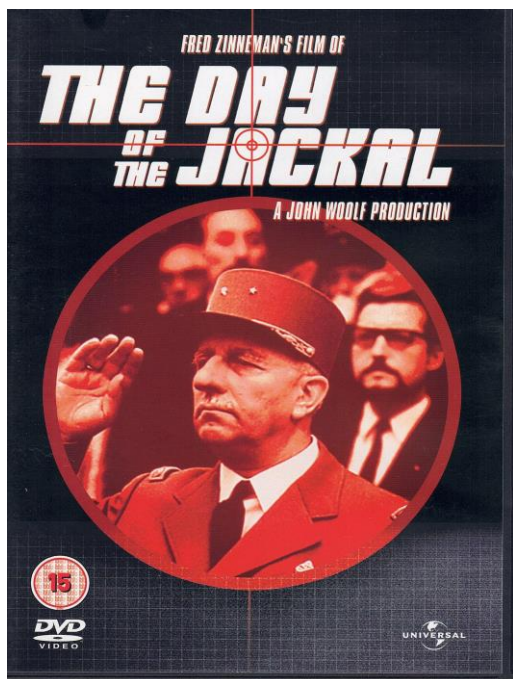


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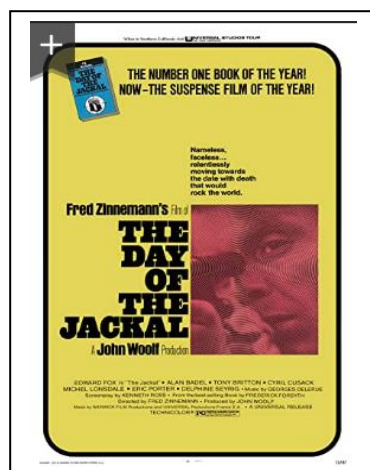
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The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Day of the Jackal**



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Information

Release Title: The Day of the Jackal 15th June 1973 (United Kingdom)

From: Book same title by John Wolf

AKA: Fred Zinnemann's Film of The Day of the Jackal

Release date: 16th May 1973 (New York)

Origin: United Kingdom, France

Genres: Crime, Drama, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: A

Duration: 2h 23m

Region Code:

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Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, Italian, French

Filming locations: La Bastide de Tourtour, Tourtour, Var, France(hotel where the Jackal meets Colette)

Sound mix: Dolby

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1

The Day of the Jackal

Theatrical release poster for 'The Day of the Jackal'. It features a large, detailed close-up of a man's eye, looking intensely forward. Below the eye, the text reads 'Fred Zinnemann's film of THE DAY OF THE JACKAL A John Woolf Production Based on the book by Frederick Forsyth Edward Fox in The Jackal'. At the bottom, it lists the cast and crew.

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Fred Zinnemann
Screenplay by	Kenneth Ross
Based on	<i>The Day of the Jackal</i> by Frederick Forsyth
Produced by	John Woolf
Starring	Edward Fox Alan Badel Tony Britton Cyril Cusack Michel Lonsdale Eric Porter Delphine Seyrig
Narrated by	Barrie Ingham
Cinematography	Jean Tournier
Edited by	Ralph Kemplen
Music by	Georges Delerue ^[1]
Production companies	Warwick Film Productions Universal Productions France
Distributed by	Universal Pictures
Release date	16 May 1973
Running time	142 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom France
Language	English
Box office	\$16,056,255

Storyline

On 22 August 1962, the militant underground organisation OAS, infuriated by the French government granting independence to Algeria, attempt to assassinate President Charles de Gaulle. The assassination attempt fails, leaving de Gaulle and his entire entourage unharmed. Within six months, OAS leader Jean Bastien-Thiry and several other members are captured and Bastien-Thiry is executed.

The remaining OAS leaders, now hiding in Austria, plan another attempt, and hire a British assassin, who goes by the code name "Jackal", for \$500,000. The Jackal travels to Genoa and commissions a custom rifle from a gunsmith, and fake identity papers from a forger, whom the Jackal kills when the man tries blackmailing him. In Paris, the Jackal duplicates a key to a flat overlooking the Place du 18 juin 1940.

The OAS relocate to Rome. The French Action Service kidnap the OAS's chief clerk, Viktor Wolenski. Wolenski dies under interrogation, but not before the agents extract vital information about the plot, including the word "Jackal". The Interior Minister convenes a secret cabinet meeting of the heads of the French security forces. Police Commissioner Berthier recommends his deputy, Claude Lebel, to lead the investigation. Lebel is given special emergency powers, though de Gaulle's refusal to change his planned public appearances complicates matters.

Colonel St. Clair, a personal military aide to de Gaulle and a cabinet member, carelessly discloses classified government information to his mistress, Denise, unaware she is an OAS agent. She passes this on to her contact, which, in turn, aids the Jackal. Meanwhile, Lebel determines that British suspect Charles Calthrop (whose name Cha... Cal... suggests chacal, French for jackal) may be travelling under the name Paul Oliver Duggan, who died as a child, and has entered France.

Although the Jackal learns the authorities have uncovered the assassination plot, he decides to proceed. While at a hotel, the Jackal meets and seduces the aristocratic Colette de Montpellier. Warned by his contact, the Jackal leaves just before Lebel and his men arrive. After a nearly fatal vehicular accident, the Jackal steals a car and drives to Madame de Montpellier's country estate to hide out. He kills her after discovering the police have already spoken to her. Using a stolen passport, the Jackal then assumes the identity of a bespectacled Danish schoolteacher named Per Lundquist. After disposing of Duggan's belongings in a river, he catches a train for Paris.

Madame de Montpellier's body is discovered and her car is recovered at the railway station. Lebel, no longer hindered by secrecy restrictions, launches a public manhunt. The Jackal picks up a gay man at a Turkish bathhouse and stays at the man's flat. The Jackal kills him after the man sees a TV news broadcast that "Lundquist" is wanted for murder.

At a meeting with the Interior Minister's cabinet, Lebel says he believes the Jackal will attempt to shoot de Gaulle during the commemoration of the liberation of Paris during World War II, scheduled three days hence. Lebel plays a recording of a phone call in which St. Clair's mistress, Denise, is heard providing information to an OAS contact. St. Clair apologises for his indiscretion and immediately leaves. When asked how he knew St. Clair was the source of the leak, Lebel says he wiretapped every cabinet member's phone. Denise returns to St. Clair's apartment and discovers that he has committed suicide and finds the police are waiting for her.

On Liberation Day, the Jackal, disguised as an elderly veteran amputee on crutches, enters a building using the key he had earlier procured. In an upper apartment overlooking the ceremonial area, he assembles the rifle hidden within his crutch and waits by the window. When Lebel discovers that a policeman allowed a disabled man to pass through the security cordon, the two race to the building. As de Gaulle presents the first medal, the Jackal takes aim but as he shoots, he narrowly misses when the president suddenly leans forward. As he reloads the rifle for another shot, Lebel and the policeman burst in. The Jackal shoots the policeman, but Lebel kills him using the officer's submachine gun.

The Jackal is buried in an unmarked grave, with Lebel as the only witness. In England, while police are searching Charles Calthrop's flat, the real Calthrop suddenly arrives. He accompanies them to Scotland Yard and is later cleared. Inspector Thomas then asks who the Jackal really was.

Cast

Edward Fox as the Jackal, also known as Paul Duggan & Per Lundquist
Michel Lonsdale as Deputy Commissioner Claude Lebel
Terence Alexander as Lloyd
Michel Auclair as Colonel Rolland
Alan Badel as the French Interior Minister
Tony Britton as Superintendent Brian Thomas
Derek Jacobi as Caron
Denis Carey as Casson
Cyril Cusack as the Gunsmith
Maurice Denham as General Colbert
Delphine Seyrig as Colette de Montpellier
Jacques François as Pascal
Olga Georges-Picot as Denise
Raymond Gérôme as Flavigny
Barrie Ingham as St. Clair
Jean Martin as Victor Wolenski
Ronald Pickup as the Forger
Vernon Dobtcheff as the Interrogator
Eric Porter as Col. Marc Rodin
Anton Rodgers as Jules Bernard
Donald Sinden as Assistant Commissioner Mallinson
Jean Sorel as Jean Bastien-Thiry
David Swift as Montclair
Timothy West as Commissioner Berthier
Bernard Archard as Inspector Hughes
Philippe Léotard as Paris Gendarme
Adrien Cayla-Legrand as President Charles de Gaulle
Edward Hardwicke as Charles Calthrop (uncredited)
Howard Vernon as Minister Levesque (uncredited)
David Kernan as the real Per Lindquist (uncredited)
Féodor Atkine as an OAS member (uncredited)
Max Faulkner as a Special Branch Inspector (uncredited)
Liliane Rovère as Hotel Chambermaid (uncredited)

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:16 (original rating) Argentina:13 (re-rating) Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Canada:PG (Ontario) Denmark:15 Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Hungary:14 (original rating) Iceland:16 India:A Italy:T Japan:G (2013) Netherlands:12 Netherlands:14 New Zealand:PG Norway:15 (re-rating) Norway:16 (1973, cinema rating) Peru:14 Singapore:PG South Africa:10 South Korea:15 (DVD rating) Spain:12 (2011, re-rating) Spain:13 (2000, re-rating) Sweden:15 Taiwan:13+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:A (original rating) United Kingdom:15 (1987, re-rating) United States:PG (certificate #23402) West Germany:16

Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Mild

Profanity

None

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Mild

