**Matteotti Crisis**

**political confrontation, Italy [1924–1925]**

Matteotti Crisis, political confrontation between liberals and the Fascist government of Italy after the assassination of Giacomo Matteotti, a Socialist opposition deputy, by Fascist thugs in June 1924. The crisis had threatened to bring about the downfall of Fascist leader Benito Mussolini but instead ended with Mussolini as the absolute dictator of Italy.

On May 30, 1924, Matteotti had spoken in the Chamber of Deputies against the Fascist use of violence in the parliamentary elections. When the news of his kidnapping spread in early June, the Italian public had no doubt that Fascists were implicated in the crime and reacted against Fascist rule. Fascist party badges disappeared overnight, and the antechamber of Mussolini's office, usually full, stood empty.
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Minister of the Interior of Italy
- In office: 13 July 1917 - 31 July 1919
- Party: Italian Social Republic
- Political career:

Matteotti was a renowned political figure in Italy, known for his involvement in the Italian Socialist Party. He held several important positions within the party and was a vocal advocate for workers' rights and social justice. His political career was marked by his active participation in various political and social movements, and he was known for his oratory skills and his ability to mobilize public opinion.

Murder:

Matteotti was assassinated on June 24, 1924, by a member of the Fascist Party. The assassination had a significant impact on Italy, as it sparked widespread outrage and led to increased political tension.

Mussolini's aligned involvement:

Mussolini's involvement in the assassination of Matteotti was controversial. Some historians and political analysts believe that Mussolini had some role in the assassination, while others argue that there is no direct evidence of his involvement.
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