

# ASTROLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF DEYDA HYDARA'S HOROSCOPE

## Gleaning the Signatures of Destiny, Sacrifice, and Truth

### *Who Killed Deyda Hydara? – An Astrological Reflection*

On the night of **16 December 2004**, The Gambia lost one of its bravest voices. Deyda Hydarajournalist, editor, and defender of press freedom had just left his office in Banjul. He was on his way to mark the **13th anniversary of *The Point* newspaper**, the independent paper he co-founded with his lifelong friend Pap Saine. The two men were to meet later at a wedding ceremony they had both been invited to. Hydara never arrived.

Instead, a phone call shattered that evening. Deyda Hydara had been **shot and killed**.

Born on **9 June 1946**, Hydara was widely respected as one of The Gambia's most distinguished journalists, intelligent, principled, and unwavering in his commitment to truth. He consistently acted as *the voice of the voiceless*, challenging authoritarian excesses in a society where civil laws had grown fragile and dissent was treated as treason. In such an environment, to speak truth was to risk death. Tragically, Hydara paid that price. Astrology cannot replace justice, nor can it substitute for legal accountability. But it can help us *understand the symbolic architecture of destiny*: why certain souls are drawn into confrontation with power, why some lives become sacrificial, and how collective fear manifests through individual tragedy.

## Overview of Deyda Hydara's Horoscope

Deyda Hydara's natal horoscope reveals a life shaped by **service, communication, moral courage, and sacrifice**. His chart speaks not of ambition for power, but of devotion to conscience.

### **Pisces Ascendant: The Burden of Collective Suffering**

Hydara was born with **Pisces rising**, a placement often found in the charts of healers, artists, spiritual servants, and social martyrs. The Ascendant describes not only personality, but the *psychological lens* through which life is experienced. Pisces Ascendant individuals are acutely sensitive to injustice and suffering. They

absorb the emotional climate of their environment and often feel called to redeem it. Astrologically, the Ascendant and First House also reflect subconscious memory patterns formed in childhood emotional impressions that shape adult behaviour. In leaders, unresolved fear or insecurity in this zone can manifest as tyranny. In contrast, in moral witnesses like Hydera, Pisces rising expresses itself as **compassion, empathy, and self-sacrifice**. This is a crucial contrast when viewed alongside the Jammeh era: where one man's insecurity manifested as repression, another man's sensitivity manifested as truth-telling.

## **Gemini Emphasis: Journalism as Destiny**

Hydera's horoscope contains a **cluster of four planets in Gemini**, the sign of communication, media, information, and advocacy. Gemini governs journalists, writers, broadcasters, and messengers. This stellium clearly marks his life path: *the use of words as tools of social awakening*. Gemini energy thrives on dialogue and openness, but it becomes threatening in authoritarian systems that rely on silence and fear. Hydera's journalism did not merely inform it *challenged*. His famous morning address, "**Good morning Mr. President,**" symbolized this direct engagement with authority. It was respectful, but unflinching. History shows that such direct moral confrontation often provokes violent backlash in repressive regimes. Astrology reflects this tension clearly.

## **The Grand Trine: Grace, Fortune, and Moral Authority**

One of the most striking features of Hydera's chart is a **Grand Trine** involving:

- **Lilith**
- **Chiron**
- **Venus–Saturn**

This configuration bestowed him with moral authority, inner discipline, and social respect. Venus–Saturn grants dignity, responsibility, and a sense of duty toward society. Chiron reflects the *wounded healer* one who transforms personal pain into collective healing. However, Lilith's involvement adds complexity.

### **Lilith in Scorpio in the 12th House**

Lilith represents uncompromising truth, suppressed power, and shadow forces. Placed in **Scorpio** and the **12th house**, Lilith marks exposure to hidden enemies, secret plots, and karmic sacrifice. The 12th house is traditionally associated with

imprisonment, persecution, exile, and martyrdom. This placement suggests vulnerability not because of weakness, but because of *fearlessness*. Hydarā confronted what others preferred to keep buried. In doing so, he became a **scapegoat** a carrier of collective truth that threatened those invested in secrecy.

## **The Trapezoid and the Price of Visibility**

Lilith's involvement in both a **Grand Trine** and a **trapezoid pattern** indicates that Hydarā's destiny oscillated between protection and exposure. While his chart offered grace and resilience, it also pulled him into direct confrontation with shadow power. Astrologically, this is the mark of the *sacrificial witness* someone whose life advances collective consciousness through personal loss.

## **Neptune in the 10th House: Public Idealism and State Conflict**

Hydarā's **Neptune in the 10th house (Libra)** reflects a public role guided by ideals of justice, balance, and moral vision. Neptune dissolves illusions and exposes false authority. In square to Mercury and opposition to Chiron forming a **T-square**, this placement reveals a profound tension between truth-telling and institutional power. This configuration often produces conflict with government, particularly where propaganda replaces accountability. Neptune in the 10th does not tolerate hypocrisy in leadership. It demands transparency. In authoritarian contexts, such charts are dangerous—not to the native, but to those who fear exposure.

## **The Day of Assassination: 16 December 2004**

**Astrologically, the transits on the day of Hydarā's assassination reveal chilling precision.**

## **Mars in Scorpio Conjunct Natal Lilith**

Mars, the planet of violence, rage, and revenge was transiting **Scorpio**, within one degree orb of Hydarā's **natal Lilith in the 12th house**. This is a classic trigger for **secret violence, assassination, and silencing**. Mars activating Lilith in the 12th signifies a hidden, deliberate act rather than random violence.

## **Saturn's Second Return in the 8th House**

Saturn had completed its **second return** to Hydera's natal position in the **8th house**, the domain of death, transformation, and legacy. A second Saturn return often marks the culmination of karmic duty the point at which a soul completes its contractual mission. This was not a random end. Astrologically, it marked *completion*.

## **Sun, Mercury, and Pluto Transiting the First House**

On that day, **Sun, Mercury, and Pluto** were transiting his **first house**, illuminating identity, destiny, and personal visibility. Pluto's presence speaks of forced transformation through power struggles. Mercury emphasizes communication as the trigger. His very identity as a journalist became the reason he was targeted.

## **Who Killed Deyda Hydera? — Astrology's Answer**

Astrology does not name individuals. But it reveals **motives, fears, and structures**.

Hydera was killed because:

- He embodied truth in a system built on fear
- His words destabilized insecure authority
- His destiny required confrontation, not silence

History later confirmed what astrology already symbolized: **his assassination was political**.

## **Conclusion: A Martyr of Truth**

Deyda Hydera's life was not wasted; it was *fulfilled*. His death awakened consciences, exposed tyranny, and became a moral indictment of repression. Like other martyrs, journalists, activists, healers, his chart reveals a soul that chose service over safety.

Gambia salutes you.  
Africa salutes you.

**Your words did not die with you. They became seeds.**