

Most Jonestown Deaths Not Suicide, Doctor Says

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP) — The Guyana Government's top pathologist says he believes murder, not suicide, claimed more than 700 of the 911 persons who died at the People's Temple commune at Jonestown, Guyana.

"I do not believe there were ever more than 200 persons who died voluntarily," Dr. C. Leslie Mootoo, chief medical examiner and the first doctor to reach the scene of the Nov. 18 deaths, said in an interview with The Chicago Tribune.

The pathologist said he suspected, but could not prove, that the Rev. Jim Jones, the cult's leader, did not kill himself. He said he based his conclusions on 70 autopsies performed on victims, as well as his examination of other bodies and an inspection of the scene.
