

Fabricated Accusations of Chemical Weapons Use: Russia to Veto New UN Security Council Resolution Directed against Syrian Government

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Russia intends vetoing a draft US, UK, French Security Council resolution, imposing new sanctions on Syria – based on fabricated accusations of chemical weapons use.

No credible evidence proves Syria used toxic agents at any time throughout years of conflict. Plenty indicates use by US-supported terrorists.

They've used sarin and other toxic agents against civilians numerous times, trained in their use in Turkey and Jordan, supplied these weapons by Pentagon military contractors, Saudi Arabia and perhaps other regional countries – Syria wrongfully blamed for their criminal acts.

Russian Foreign Ministry's director of non-proliferation and weapons control <u>Mikhail</u> <u>Ulyanov</u> blasted an Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) report, alleging Syria's use of toxic agents, expressing dissatisfaction of its claim, saying:

The OPCW fact-finding mission is basically working in the remote regime. As a rule, it doesn't reach the sites of incidents. The mission speaks with witnesses but primarily those...oppos(ed) to Damascus.

In response to the new draft resolution on Syria, Russia's deputy UN envoy Vladimir Safronkov said "I clearly defined (Moscow's) position...(W)e will veto the draft resolution," calling it one-sided and "based on insufficient evidence," adding:

OPCW investigators were heavily "pressure(d)" to falsely blame Syria for CW use. The draft resolution "contradicts the fundamental principle of presumption of innocence before the investigation is over" and shown to be reliably conducted.

The resolution seeks to blacklist 11 Syrian military commanders and officials, along with 10 government and related entities – based on fabricated claims of their involvement in developing and producing chemical weapons.

It calls for an asset freeze, as well as a travel ban on individuals and entities in all UN member states.

Deputy UK UN envoy Peter Wilson said the resolution will be voted on as soon as possible. French permanent UN representative Francois Delattre ludicrously said "the credibility of the Security Council is at stake." Trump's UN ambassador Nikki Haley asked "(h)ow much longer is Russia going to continue to babysit and make excuses for the Syrian regime? People died because of this and the United States isn't going to be quiet about it."

America, NATO and Israel use banned chemical, biological and radiological weapons in all their wars – Nuremberg-level high crimes.

No evidence proves Syria used toxic agents at any time throughout six years of war. Claims otherwise were fabricated.

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