

Fallout From OPCW Report on Syria Chemical Weapons. Fabricating Evidence, Contrived Narrative, Trump Playing With Fire

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Allegations and accusations without credible evidence are baseless.

The OPCW's report on Syria was deeply flawed. Alleged evidence of CW use in Kahn Sheikhoun was fake, not legitimate – provided by anti-Syria sources, including the al-Qaedaconnected White Helmets.

The agency's so-called fact-finding mission conducted its work in absentia – never visiting Kahn Sheikhoun, not getting a firsthand, on-the-scene account of events from reliable sources.

Its methodology was polar opposite, entirely lacking credibility. No peer-review vetting would accept its report as reliable.

Syria's Foreign Ministry justifiably blasted it, calling conclusions drawn "fabricated" and "misleading" – suppressing hard truths, producing a narrative Washington and other anti-Syria rogue states demanded, likely "written and prepared in advance by certain circles that are hostile to Syria," according to its Foreign Ministry.

Sources the OPCW cited are connected to US and UK intelligence. No honest, reliable, transparent, credible investigation was conducted.

Syria eliminated its CWs. No evidence suggests any remain. US-supported terrorists use them often, each time falsely blamed on Damascus.

The shameful OPCW report was

"a fabricated and contrived narrative that has no credibility and cannot be accepted in any manner, because it is removed from logic, and is concocted by a twisted imagination that only thinks about weaving conspiracies and about ways to raise the collapsing morale of terrorist groups following the achievements made by the Syrian Arab Army and its allies on the Syrian ground," Syria's Foreign Ministry stressed. Believe its statement. It's true. At no time during over six years of US imperial aggression did Syria use CWs against anyone. No evidence proves otherwise.

US-supported terrorists used them numerous times against defenseless civilians and government forces.

Trump ignored US intelligence, saying no evidence suggests use of toxic sarin or any other CW in Kahn Sheikhoun on April 4. Yet he ordered the terror-bombing of Syria's Shayrat airbase anyway – a lawless, belligerent, outrageous act of aggression.

According to investigative journalist Seymour Hersh, an unnamed Trump administration security advisor said

"(w)e KNOW that there was no chemical attack."

"The Syrians struck a weapons cache (a legitimate military target) and there was collateral damage. That's it. They did not conduct any sort of a chemical attack."

"There has been a hidden agenda all along. This is about trying to ultimately go after Iran...Russia is not going to take this lying down."

What's going on "is a big f...ing deal...POTUS" is playing with fire. Russia isn't likely to respond militarily "unless (its) own assets (and personnel) are threatened."

And what did Trump's cruise missile attack accomplish? An unnamed US military source said

"(w)e didn't hit a damn thing...We basically gave them a very expensive fireworks display."

"(I)t didn't really matter whether we elected Clinton of Trump." Russia is justifiably furious.

On June 29, the State Department commented on the dubious OPCW report – disgracefully saying it "confirm(ed) that sarin or a sarin-like chemical weapon was used on April 4, 2017 in Kahn Sheikhoun, Syria."

The OPCW's investigation was "impartial and highly professional..."

"The facts reflect a despicable and highly dangerous record of chemical weapons use by the Assad regime. Through its continued use of chemical weapons and its failure to destroy its chemical weapons program in its entirety, Syria continues to fail to comply with its legal obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and UN Security Council Resolution 2118."

Fact: The OPCW's report drew conclusions without credible evidence. It was disgracefully biased, unreliable, dubious and fabricated.

Fact: No evidence shows any CW attack occurred. The incident was staged to lay blame on Syria for what never happened.

Fact: No Syrian CWs exist. They were all eliminated. None were ever used by its military

throughout over six years of war. No credible evidence proves otherwise.

Fact: No Syrian Chemical Weapons Convention and Security Council Resolution 2118 violations occurred.

The State Department's press release turned truth on its head. The Trump administration continues aggression Obama began on a sovereign independent state.

Its objective is destroying Syrian sovereignty, replacing Assad with a pro-Western puppet, isolating Iran, and pursuing regime change against its legitimate government.

That's how imperialism works – waging endless wars of aggression for wealth and unchallenged dominance, the human cost of no consequence.

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