

## Israeli Intelligence Debunks Notion of Russia Hacking DNC Emails

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No evidence links Russia to hacking DNC emails. Accusations suggesting otherwise are baseless – the latest bashing episode, for geopolitical purposes, shifting attention from Hillary's disturbing record, and electoral rigging of the primaries.

Israeli military intelligence/Mossad connected <u>DEBKAfile</u> said "an analysis by (its) intelligence and cyber defense sources has determined that" DNC emails hacking "almost certainly (was) not carried out by (Russia's GRU) cyber warfare branch."

Its determination is contrary to unjustifiable assertions by senior DNC officials, Obama, the Clinton campaign, administration-connected cyber espionage experts and mainstream media – pointing fingers the wrong way.

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov categorically denied Russian "direct or indirect interference in (America's) election process," adding:

We see that the Russian card is in the red corner on the writing table of all Washington politicians during the election campaign, and that very often they make it a trump card in their game.

According to DEBKAfile (DF), blaming Russia is baseless "in...light of four facts:"

1. Little is known in the West about Moscow's "cyber warfare system" other than it's "highly effective." If it hacked DNC emails, "no obvious signatures (like) 'Fancy Bear' and/or 'Cozy Bear'...would have been left behind for investigators to discover."

2. Intelligence operations, including Russia's, nearly always focus on "seeking security, strategic and economic data." It's hard imagining Moscow would divert "stretched" resources to investigating other matters.

3. The private information security company CrowdStrike, hired by the DNC and FBI, claiming it "cracked the case in two hours is hardly credible."

"Getting to the bottom of an APT (Advanced Persistent Threat) calls for extra-powerful computers, working in conjunction with the internet service provider (ISP), and consuming weeks, if not months of analysis."

4. Blaming Russia for hacking DNC emails provides US conspiracists "with a convenient reminder" that Edward Snowden remains free from prosecution in Russia – WikiLeaks

founder Julian Assange as well, given asylum in Ecuador's UK embassy.

Blaming Russia is a convenient way to shift attention from a legally challenged, illegitimately anointed Democrat party nominee – the greatest threat to world peace in modern memory.

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