

Kharkov False Flag?

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US/Kiev instigated numerous previous false flags throughout months of war on Donbass. Ukraine's military downing MH17 was the most flagrant.

More recent ones included Volnovakha and Donetsk bus attacks, Mariupol's shelling, and attacks on schools, hospitals, residential neighborhoods and city streets.

Kharkov experienced bomb attacks last November and December. Each incident was called terrorism.

Kharkov is Ukraine's second largest city. It's 40km from Russia's border. A previous article said NATO planes arrive there daily delivering weapons and munitions.

On Sunday, Tass, Sputnik News and RT International reported an explosion in Kharkov. It killed at least two, injuring 10 or more others.

The incident occurred outside the Moskovsky court during a march commemorating year ago Maidan events.

RT cited witnesses saying a "devise (was) thrown from (a) car." Gromadske TV reported a blast when marchers "started moving from the Sports Palace to Svobody (Liberty) Square."

Hromadske TV reported an explosion right after demonstrators began moving toward Svobody Square.

"An explosive device was planted around 100 meters from the palace. Two people have died," reports said.

Ukraine's interior ministry reported 10 casualties, including two deaths. Kharkov police chief, Anatoly Dmitriev, called the incident "a terrorist attack."

It has all the earmarks of a false flag. Sputnik News reported four arrests made. That quickly alone raises suspicions.

Ukraine's security and defense council head Oleksandr Turchinov said "the city has announced the critical terrorist threat level and launched an anti-terrorist operation."

"Four participants of the explosion were detained," he added.

"(W)eaponry was (conveniently) confiscated including a grenade launcher," media reports said.

Turchynov blamed Moscow. He claimed unexplained "information that the terrorist group involved (was) trained in Belgorod, Russia."

It begs the question. Would anyone launching this type attack let themselves be caught redhanded at the crime scene with weapons indicating their involvement?

Ukraine's security service claimed various other Khakov "terror attacks" were plotted. It didn't take long for Kiev ro blame Russia.

These type incidents raise suspicions. Take nothing at face value. Most obvious is who gains? Who loses?

Russia and rebels for sure have nothing to gain from this type attack. Kiev and Washington benefit plenty by irresponsibly blaming adversaries for their own crimes – with lots of presstitute media help.

The reliable <u>Colonel Cassad</u> site said ceasefire was only possible if junta forces stopped shelling and refrained from "provocations" like Sunday's attack.

"We didn't have to wait long," said CS. Because Devaltsevo "is off the agenda, bloody provocations are needed to support the" long-running conflict.

"The first of these already happened (on Sunday) in Kharkov." At 2:00PM local time, a memorial service was scheduled for Maidan victims.

Russia and rebels want conflict ended, not escalated. It defies logic to suspect their involvement in what happened. CS put it this way:

"(S)uch actions are clearly beneficial for those who are interested in the increase of the intensity of the conflict and in the escalation of the hybrid war with the goal of sabotaging the Minsk agreements."

"The motive is quite clear here. I'm absolutely sure that this is not the last such actions."

Post-Minsk II, Kiev irresponsibly accused rebels and Russia of "preparing an offensive on Kharkov and Mariupol."

CS posted a video "with substantive proof of goal-directed shelling of" Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics "by the fascist junta artillery."

The evidence shows Kiev committed war crimes. False flag attacks laim to escalate conflict, not end it.

Kiev wants US-dominated NATO more directly involved. It wants Western countries doing its fighting.

Washington needs a pretext to get more involved. False flags are staged precisely for this purpose.

Kharkov's incident was minor. It may be prelude for something greater planned.

All bets are off if they engage rebels in Donbass. Doing so risks drawing Washington into direct confrontation with Moscow. The worst of all possible outcomes could follow.

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