

# **“Silly Rhetoric and Laughable Nonsense”: Obama Vows Retaliation Against Russia for Nonexistent US Election Hacking**

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*The atmosphere in America is surreal and dangerous: imperial madness combined with escalated war on fundamental freedoms.*

*With five weeks left in office, Obama seems determined to leave in a greater blaze of infamy than already, the most lawless, reckless president in living memory.*

*He's a greater war criminal than all his predecessors, heading America's police state apparatus hardened on his watch, a serial liar, trying to provoke Russia into a belligerent confrontation.*

In a Friday interview on National Public Radio, he said “I think there is no doubt that when any foreign government tries to impact the integrity of our elections...we need to take action.”

“And we will – at a time and place of our own choosing. Some of it may be explicit and publicized. Some of it may not be.”

While reserving judgment on Russia, pending a report he ordered on the impact of (nonexistent) US election interference, he claimed “the hack...creat(ed) more problems for the Clinton campaign than (for) Trump...”

He attacked Putin at the same time, saying

“(t)his is somebody, the former head of the KGB, who is responsible for crushing democracy in Russia, muzzling the press, throwing political dissidents in jail, countering American efforts to expand freedom at every turn, is currently making decisions that's leading to a slaughter in Syria.”

Sounds like his own rap sheet high crimes...

White House press secretary Josh Earnest lied, telling reporters only Russia's senior-most officials could have authorized (nonexistent) US election interference.

Deputy national security advisor Ben Rhodes claimed

“I don't think things happen in the Russian government of this consequence

without Vladimir Putin knowing about it.”

Sergey Lavrov was “dumbstruck” by these baseless allegations, he said.

“I think this is just silly, and the futility of the attempt to convince somebody of this is absolutely obvious,” he added.

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called the phony allegations “laughable nonsense.” Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova blasted “Western media (for being a) shill (and) a mouthpiece of various power groups” – not a legitimate source of news, information and opinion. How true!

Obama will elaborate further at a Friday afternoon press conference – certain to focus on nonexistent US election hacking and Syria, especially Big Lies about nonexistent massacres by government and allied forces in liberating Aleppo.

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