

UN Report Whitewashes Terrorist Attack on Aleppo Humanitarian Convoy

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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon serves US imperial interests – on the wrong side of Obama's war on Syria from its outset.

Last September, US-supported terrorists attacked a humanitarian convoy for Aleppo, destroying at least 18 trucks, along with killing and wounding numerous aid workers.

US-supported al-Nusra (al-Qaeda in Syria) carried out the attack as humanitarian aid was being unloaded. Trucks were struck by artillery and rocket launchers. Video evidence showed no signs of craters that would have resulted from air-to-surface explosives.

According to Russian Defense Ministry spokesman General Igor Konashenkov, trucks were attacked and set ablaze "exactly at the time militants started a large scale offensive on Aleppo."

Clearly, Syrian and Russian forces had nothing to do with it. Both countries have been supplying humanitarian aid to Aleppo. The obvious ignored UN Board of Inquiry question is why would they want it destroyed? Also unaddressed was who benefitted from the attack – clearly not Syria or Russia.

The UN report read like a Washington-written script – a fabricated account, illegitimate fake news.

Despite no evidence suggesting it, "(t)he Board found that, while the incident was caused by an air attack, it was not possible to identify the perpetrator or perpetrators."

Fact: The attack was launched from the ground by US-supported terrorists, perhaps directed by their American handlers, CIA and other elements on the ground.

After it occurred, Syria and/or Russia were blamed despite none of their warplanes operating in the area at the time. Both countries categorically denied responsibility.

The UN board lied, claiming "munitions used included non-precision unitary bombs and/or smaller blast-incendiary air-to-ground weapons, which could have been missiles, rockets or sub-munition bomblets."

Konashenkov said video footage from the scene showed no evidence of air-to-ground munitions used.

"We have closely studied the video footage from where the incident took place and we did not find any signs of any ammunition having hit the convoy," he explained.

"There are no craters, while the vehicles have their chassis intact and they have not been severely damaged, which would have been the case from an airstrike."

Deputy national security advisor Ben Rhodes held Russia "responsible for air strikes in this space, given that their commitment under the cessation of hostilities was to certainly ground air operations where humanitarian assistance is flowing."

John Kerry repeatedly accuses Russia and Syria of bombing indiscriminately. No evidence suggests it. Just the opposite!

While saying US-led coalition warplanes, as well as Russian and Syrian ones, were capable of striking the humanitarian convoy, the UN board absolved Washington and its allies, dismissively claiming "no party had alleged the involvement of" of their aerial forces.

"(M)ost likely" it was carried out by Syrian or Russian forces, the board said. Clear evidence indicates a polar opposite conclusion.

Titled "Summary of UN Headquarters 'Board of Inquiry' Report,' " to the Security Council, information presented was fake news – truth-telling suppressed.

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