

Unknown Snipers Once Again Stir Up Violence ... This Time In Crimea

Shouldn't We Find Out Who's Responsible Before We Start Beating the War Drums?

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After a Ukrainian soldier at a base in Crimea was killed, Ukraine announced that the murder was a "war crime", and that Ukrainians could use live fire to protect themselves.

Fair enough.

But no one knows who actually pulled the trigger. The Independent [reports](#):

However, there were indications that it was the separatist Crimean government's recently created "Self Defence Forces" who had actually carried out the fatal attack. Local officials, meanwhile, claimed that "fascist snipers" had fired the first shot from a residential building and one of the injured was one of the defence force members.

Local authorities presented a different version of what had taken place. A police officer said: "There were snipers who were using peoples' homes to start shooting, that was the provocation. One of those injured was from the Self Defence Forces."

Associated Press [confirms](#):

A Ukrainian serviceman and a member of a local self-defense brigade were killed by gunfire in Crimea ...

This is very similar to the deployment of snipers during the Ukrainian protests that toppled the regime: with [each side blaming the other](#). [Update](#).

The Western press is beating the war drums over the incident. But – given that that [snipers are a common form of false flag terrorism](#) – shouldn't we wait to find out who was really behind the violence?

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