

## Are There Any Limits to U.S. Hypocrisy?

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*Having ordered to attack the al-Shayrat air field near the western Syrian city of Homs, U.S. **President Donald Trump** knew that the Syrian government hadn't used any chemical weapons in Khan Shaykhun. At the same time the current U.S. administration was making every effort to develop an information campaign against Damascus.*

This was reported by Die Welt am Sonntag, a German Sunday newspaper. US investigative journalist and political writer **Seymour Hersh** stressed that, actually, Syrian Air Force had targeted a two-story building, where extremists from various terrorist groups held meetings. According to Hersh, a bomb, dropped by the Syrian aircraft in Khan Shaykhun, caused a number of detonations. The explosion led to the formation of a cloud of noxious vapour. Washington was knowledgeable about that.

The attack became an ideal occasion for the U.S. further accusations against Damascus. After a short time, the world media started to spread staged footages and photos from Khan Shaykhun. Those materials showed injured people, who were allegedly dying in a suspected sarin chemical attack.

Permanent representatives of a number of Western countries to the UN also made every effort to put all responsibility for the incident on the Syrian government, headed by **President Bashar Assad**. Thus, **Nikki R. Haley**, the United States ambassador to the United Nations, at a Security Council meeting even showed photos, allegedly proving the 'crimes' of the Syrian authorities against Syrians.

In addition, the U.S., France, Britain proposed the UN SC several draft resolutions on Syria gas attack. The documents were aimed to provide an international investigation with flight plans and logs, the names of all helicopter squadron commanders and provide access to air bases where investigators believe attacks using chemicals were launched.

It also should be mentioned that despite Syria's readiness to cooperate with the specialists from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), an official investigation into the incident in Khan Shaykhun has not been launched yet. Moreover, Western countries continue to expand sanctions against Syria to escalate the economic situation in the country and drag it into an endless war.

Seymour Hersh, referring to information received from a senior adviser in the U.S. intelligence services, reported that Washington had no evidence of the Syrian Army used sarin gas. The CIA also informed the White House about no poisonous substances were found in the al-Shayrat air field, and Assad had no reason to commit political suicide.

According to many Syrian experts, it is possible that the world will soon become aware of the United States' participation in other major scandals and incidents in Syria.

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