

# Dubious OPCW Report on Syria's Alleged Use of Chemical Weapons against its Own People

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*The Hague-based intergovernmental Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is mandated "to implement the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention...to achieve...a world...free of" CWs.*

Its mission includes "credible and transparent" on-site inspections to verify use of or destruction of these weapons.

In 2013, it was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its work - given nearly always to establishment individuals, groups or other entities - with rare exceptions.

Notorious laureates include **Obama, Al Gore, Jimmy Carter, Kofi Annan, Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, Menachim Begin, the 14th Dalai Lama, Elie Wiesel, Mother Teresa, Henry Kissinger**, the EU, and last October to narco-state terrorist Colombian **President Juan Manuel Santos** - among many other deplorable honorees.

On June 30, the OPCW issued a "fact-finding (sic)" [report](#) on alleged use of CWs in Kahn Sheikhoun, Syria on April 4, 2017.

Its so-called "rigorous methodology" was deeply flawed. Alleged evidence lacked credibility - obtained from anti-Syrian sources, including the al-Qaeda-connected White Helmets.

Russia's OPCW representative **Aleksandr Shulgin** blasted its findings, saying its

"conclusions...are based on questionable data provided primarily by all kinds of the Syrian armed opposition groups and NGOs, including the infamous White Helmets."

No on-site inspections were conducted, what the OPCW is mandated to do in investigating possible use of CWs. No verification of alleged CW samples were gotten. They could have come from anywhere.

According to Shulgin, the OPCW's fact-finding mission (FFM) "was unable to implement a complete chain of custody...for samples from source" - rendering so-called evidence

virtually worthless.

“The report leaves many important questions unanswered” – including no evidence that a CW attack occurred.

The alleged Khan Sheikhoun incident is another “attempt to topple the Syrian authorities, to demonize **President Assad**. We have witnessed this policy (numerous) time(s) (before), and it is yet another example of such policy” – instigated by the West.

Nothing proves Khan Sheikhoun residents were victims of sarin or any other CW.

No independently verified victims were identified. No one sought medical treatment. No antidotes or decontaminants were requested, no help of any kind.

Images on the scene showed no one allegedly investigating the incident wearing protective clothing – vital if sarin or other toxic agents were present.

The alleged CW attack was fabricated. None occurred. The incident was a false flag, wrongfully blamed on Damascus as a pretext for US aggression on Syria’s Shayrat airbase.

On June 30, Russian **Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov** said the OPCW’s report indicated no knowledge of how alleged “sarin was delivered...Can you imagine that?” Anti-Syrian forces “have been trying to escalate tensions (for) months.”

Separately, Russia’s Foreign Ministry said

“we are forced to state on the first reading of the (OPCW’s) document that its conclusions are...based on very doubtful data.”

So-called information was “obtained from the same opposition and the same notorious NGOs of the White Helmets type, and not at the site of the tragedy (as required) but in a certain ‘neighboring country.’ “

“(I)t is not not surprising that the content of the OPCW special mission’s report is largely biased, suggesting the presence of a political order in this structure’s activity.”

The agency’s report lacks credibility – perhaps to be used as a pretext for escalated US aggression.

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