

German state TV reports: Syrian rebels claim responsibility for attack on Turkey

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On Oct. 4th, the German state TV channel ZDF reported on the attack on Turkey several times.

In its ["Mittagsmagazin"](#) at 1300 hours it reports as follows:

02:06 - 02:32

German:

„Raketen- und Granatfeuer. Die Türkei übt Vergeltung für einen Angriff von syrischer Seite. Gestern Nachmittag hatten syrische Rebellen einen türkischen Ort in Grenznähe beschossen. Seit Wochen schon warnt Ankara davor, die Türkei zu provozieren. Inzwischen haben sich die syrischen Rebellen ganz offiziell zu der Provokation bekannt.“

Translation: (emphasis added)

“Rocket and mortar fire. Turkey takes revenge after an attack from the Syrian side. Yesterday afternoon Syrian rebels fired on a Turkish village close to the border. For weeks Ankara had warned against provoking Turkey. **Meanwhile Syrian rebels officially claimed responsibility for the provocation.**”

Only 3 hours later in its ["Heute in Europa"](#) at 1600 hours it reports:

01:40 - 01:52

German:

“Raketen und Granatfeuer. Vergangene Nacht übte die Türkei Vergeltung für einen Angriff von syrischer Seite. Gestern Nachmittag hatten Rebellen einen türkischen Ort in Grenznähe beschossen.“

Translation:

“Rocket and mortar fire. Last night Turkey took revenge for an attack from the Syrian side. Yesterday afternoon rebels fired on a Turkish village close to the border.

0220 - 0227

German:

Aussage eines Einheimischen (Türke): „Die syrischen Rebellen versuchen, uns in ihren Konflikt zu verwickeln. Wir müssen da sehr vorsichtig sein.“

Translation:

Testimony of a local Turk: “The Syrian rebels try to draw us into their conflict. We have to be very careful here.”

In their main evening news [“Heute”](#) at 1900 hours they report:

01:40 - 01:53

German:

„Raketen- und Granatfeuer. Vergangene Nacht übte die Türkei Vergeltung. Gestern Nachmittag hatten die Syrer einen Ort in Grenznähe beschossen. Die Spannungen zwischen den Nachbarn waren eskaliert – Ankara schlug zurück.“

Translation:

“Rocket and mortar fire. Last night Turkey took revenge. **Yesterday afternoon the Syrians fired on a Turkish village close to the border. The tensions between the neighbours had escalated - Ankara retaliated.**”

In the late evening news [“Heute Journal”](#) at 2300 hours they reported:

0154 - 0205

German:

“Raketen und Granatfeuer. Vergangene Nacht übte die Türkei Vergeltung. Gestern Nachmittag war von syrischer Seite ein Ort in Grenznähe beschossen worden. Die Spannung eskalierte. Ankara schlug zurück.”

Translation:

“Rocket and mortar fire. Last night Turkey took revenge. **Yesterday afternoon a village close to the border had been fired upon from the Syrian side. The tension escalated - Ankara retaliated.**”

0235 - 0242

German:

“Zerschossene Häuser und menschenleere Straßen. Noch ist nicht einmal klar, wer eigentlich geschossen hat, die syrische Armee oder die Rebellen.”

Translation:

“Houses shot to pieces and streets devoid of people. It is not even clear yet who really fired, the Syrian army or the rebels.”

The first victim of war is the truth

The first report clearly states that the rebels officially claimed responsibility for the attack on

Turkey.

It is telling to see how the pressure on this TV station worked. They had to back-paddle:

At 1300 it was the Syrian Rebels officially claiming responsibility.

In the main evening news at 1900 it was the Syrians (suggesting the Syrian army). This is a prime example of how the first and probably most authentic and truthful report is turned and twisted by the spin doctors to come to the desired result. In these times of Orwellian double speak we have to give credit to the ZDF that they did not stick with "The Syrians did it" but at least ended with a question mark - in the late evening they leave it open who was responsible.

Supporting the original ZDF report that the rebels are responsible for the attack is [another video](#) (Source: [Syria News](#)) which shows that the rebels have the equipment to carry out such an attack.

These mortar shells are Russian-made, at least, the armed Western-backed fighters state this in this video on YouTube. It seems that they use ammunition that they got by attacks of arms depots of the Syrian Arab Army.

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