

# Malaysian Airlines MH17: Weathering the Propaganda Firestorm

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*The level of unsubstantiated propaganda being directed against Russia regarding the downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 has reached unprecedented lows.*

*There is tangible desperation across Western media establishments, their political spheres, and within their corporate-financier funded policy think-tanks as they attempt to reassert their agenda and narrative not only upon the crisis in Ukraine, but upon the entire world as their weakening grip becomes apparent to all.*



*The dangerous desperation emanating from the West follows the latest in a series of growing failures – the previous and most comparable being the loss of its proxy war against Syria and the desperate criminal conspiracy they unleashed in a failed attempt to save it.*

## Syria and the 2013 Damascus Sarin Gas Attack

In mid-2013 Syrian government forces had already begun an irreversible push to restore security across the country. While the West attempted to maintain the facade that terrorists operating within Syrian territory were still a viable threat to Damascus, reports even from the Western media itself indicated otherwise. The Independent's April 2013 article, "[They may be fighting for Syria, not Assad. They may also be winning: Robert Fisk reports from inside Syria](#)," even went as far as quoting Syrian forces as saying:

"Why should we use chemical weapons when our Mig aircraft and their bombs cause infinitely more destruction?"

It came as a surprise then, to analysts who were closely following the conflict to see in August 2013, a sarin gas attack in Damascus, on the same day UN inspectors arrived in the capital for the very purpose of investigating claims of previous chemical weapons use. Why would Damascus risk using chemical weapons when it was already winning the war soundly [with more effective conventional weapons](#), especially under the nose of UN chemical weapon inspectors?



Answering the question of “cui bono?” was simple – NATO, its regional partners, and their proxy terrorists – who would benefit immensely if they could convince the world that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad had “gassed his own people.” The Western propagandist machine was thrown into decisive motion.

The UN immediately set out to investigate the attacks but were unable to draw any conclusions as to who the perpetrators were. Citing “evidence” Western intelligence agencies had “collected,” but would not divulge, the West attempted to convict the Syrian government entirely in the court of public opinion.

**Image:** It was later confirmed that NATO-member Turkey was helping supply Al Qaeda terrorists with sarin nerve agent, as well as training in how to use it.

Headlines read:

[“Obama: Syria changed when Assad gassed citizens,](#)

[“Syria accused of attacking its citizens with chemical weapons,”](#)

[“Assad gassed Syria 15 times since 2012 – US weighing strike options,”](#) and

[“Forensic Details in U.N. Report Point to Assad’s Use of Gas”](#)

The US and its partners failed categorically to produce any evidence linking the attacks to Damascus, and despite claims that the UN’s investigation “pointed to Assad,” the UN itself never determined the party responsible.

It wasn’t until a bombshell report by Pulitzer Prize-winning veteran journalist Seymour Hersh titled, [“Whose Sarin?”](#) that the truth behind the West’s lies were revealed – that NATO-member Turkey and close US ally Saudi Arabia gave Al Qaeda-Al Nusra terrorists training and equipment to carry out sarin attacks – and most likely carried out the August 2013 attack in an attempt to justify foreign intervention and save an otherwise lost battle against the Syrian government.

## Russia and the 2014 MH17 Airliner Disaster

Russia for months has continuously confounded NATO's attempts to overthrow and reorder the nation of Ukraine along its western border. While NATO managed to violently remove the elected government of Viktor Yanukovich, the proxies it chose to replace it with were immediately as incompetent as they were unpopular. In quick succession, Crimea peeled away from Kiev and became a federal district of Russia, while the provinces of Donetsk and Lugansk declared independence and sought closer ties with neighboring Russia.

Disorganized, underfunded, and ill-equipped, the Ukrainian army fought a brutal punitive campaign in eastern Ukraine that as of July began unraveling in spectacular disarray. Entire units were wiped out, others encircled, and others still on the brink of mutiny. [Attempts to undermine Russia](#) throughout Kiev's rampage east failed as well. A second round of sanctions leveled at Russia by the United States and Europe were recognized globally as ineffective and impotent. NATO's last card appeared to be out on the table, and it was a 'joker.'

With Russia and the separatists in eastern Ukraine standing at the threshold of inevitable victory and standing high in global public opinion, Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 was downed near the Ukrainian-Russian border in territory controlled by eastern Ukrainian separatists. Again, [answering the question of "cui bono?"](#) is simple. NATO - and the West made no secret of this.

Headlines followed in the same politically motivated, factually disfigured manner as they did in regards to Syria:

["Putin Killed My Son,"](#)

["Jet downing a 'game-changer' in world relations with Russia,"](#)

["Malaysia plane MH17: Game-changer in Ukraine crisis?,"](#)

["With Jet's Fall, War in Ukraine Becomes Global,"](#)

The ["game changer"](#) indeed - just like NATO's false flag sarin gas attack in Damascus was supposed to be at a time Syria's government would benefit the least from it, and when NATO would have benefited the most. Again, absolutely no evidence is being provided for public scrutiny - the public is simply being told that it "exists," just as it "did" in Syria's case. The hysterical accusations being made by Western politicians and the media echoing them in editorial after editorial is behavior unbecoming of a global order that passes itself off as guided by the "rule of law," "democracy," "justice," or just plain human decency.

### The "Evidence"

For now, all that is certain is that there's a plane wreck in eastern Ukraine. That is all the evidence that exists. Clearly fabricated propaganda emanating from Kiev hints to criminal conspiracy aimed at framing Russia, but the particulars of how MH17 crashed and who may be responsible have yet to come to light.



*Image: The only evidence - a field with MH17's wreckage.*

At best, commentators and analysts must search for what is most probable while calling for and awaiting the results of an independent investigation. Until then, no conclusions can be made, and certainly no measures taken based on such premature, baseless conclusions.

Next, the psychological and political inertia the West is attempting to build against Russia must be blunted. The irresponsible preying on emotions and skewing of reality by the West and its propaganda endangers the search for truth - constituting an international obstruction of justice.

### **Weathering the Propaganda Firestorm**

We should not expect the West to search for credible evidence or provide it. Whatever independent investigation does take place, will be manipulated and spun by the Western media, drawing conclusions that were never made by investigators, just as was done in Damascus in August of 2013. Already, the West is claiming the crash site is being "tampered with" - a convenient excuse to dismiss unfavorable developments that implicate either NATO or Kiev, or both.

As with the Damascus sarin gas attack in 2013, those seeking the truth must weather the propaganda firestorm, poking holes in the lies relentlessly until time has run out for those seeking to exploit this catastrophe. The West must not be allowed to reassert itself in Ukraine, a nation it destabilized with its engineered "Euromaidan" mobs and the subsequent, [illegitimate regime that resulted](#) in the first place.

Readers must finally ask themselves what sort of "world leader" would celebrate the downing of a commercial airliner as a "game changer" and immediately mobilize, not to seek the truth, but exploit fully baseless accusations and intentional distortions to score political points in the immediate aftermath? A "world leader" we can afford allowing to continue leading?

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