

OPCW Rubber-Stamps Novichok Poisoning of Navalny Hoax

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Operating as an imperial tool, the chemical watchdog OPCW transformed itself into a pro-Western lapdog.

Abandoning its mandate for higher priorities, the organization no longer can be taken seriously.

Replacing the OPCW with an independent chemical watchdog — free from ties to the US and West — is long overdue.

As things now stand, its so-called probes are political lynchings of US enemies like Syria and Russia.

At the same time, it consistently ignores use of chemical, biological, radiological and other banned weapons by the US, NATO and Israel in all their preemptive wars against invented enemies.

Russia earlier slammed the organization, saying the following:

"There is no difference with the vicious principles of the OPCW Fact Finding Mission in Syria (FFM) and the former OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism (JIM)."

Its probes "are conducted in flagrant violation of the provisions of the CWC, without respecting the key principle of fulfilling procedures to ensure preservation of physical evidence (so-called 'chain of custody'), which, inter alia, requires the evidence to be collected on site and exclusively by (organization) specialists."

In Syria, OPCW "sources" include establishment media, dubious blogs, pro-Western NGO websites, and al-Qaeda-linked White Helmets — rendering its reports exercises in mass deception.

No credible evidence supports the OPCW's claim that Syria's military used sarin gas, chlorine, or any other banned weapons.

Credibility lost by serving Western interests over fulfilling its Chemical Weapons Convention mandate cannot be regained.

The organization's de facto mandate is serving Western interests, demonizing its enemies, inventing evidence that doesn't exist.

Its so-called Report on Technical Assistance Requested by Germany (dated October 6) is the latest example of OPCW mass deception over analysis the way it's supposed to be — stating the following:

"The results of the analysis by the OPCW designated laboratories of biomedical samples collected by the OPCW team and shared with the Federal Republic of Germany confirm that the biomarkers of the cholinesterase inhibitor found in Mr Navalny's blood and urine samples have similar structural characteristics as the toxic chemicals belonging to" the novichok family.

Analysis of the same blood and urine from Navalny by Russian and German doctors at Berlin's Charite hospital found no novichok or other toxins in his system.

Germany's military lab dubiously claimed otherwise.

The OPCW called its so-called "results...a matter of grave concern," adding:

"The use of chemical weapons by anyone under any circumstances."

Their use is "reprehensible and wholly contrary to the legal norms established by the international community" - except when used by the West and Israel against their invented adversaries, the organization failed to add.

Separately, the UK OPCW delegation tweeted the following:

"A banned chemical weapon has been used against a Russian citizen on Russian territory. Russia must uphold its obligations under the #CWC and explain what happened."

In response to the OPCW's dubious claim, Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the following:

"(T)here needs to be some time to hand it over through diplomatic channels and for us to receive this information" for review.

Ahead of the report's release, Sergey Lavrov accused the OPCW of operating as a tool of Western interests.

Clear evidence is indisputable — falsely claiming Navalny was poisoned by novichok the latest example.

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