

## **OPCW Rubber-Stamps UK Skripal Incident Findings. Coopted by British Government?**

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The Skripal Incident Big Lie unravelled earlier. It's unclear what harmed Sergey and Yulia, clearly not a military-grade nerve agent.

If exposed, they'd be dead. They're alive, doing well, Yulia discharged from Salisbury hospital, Sergey to follow in the coming days or weeks.

The alleged poisoning was a US/UK concocted scheme to vilify Russia more than already. When legitimate reasons don't exist, phony ones are invented.

The Skripals are geopolitical pawns – their rights, health and welfare harmed to serve US/UK interests.

The OPCW went along with the scheme, analyzing UK-supplied toxic material, nothing suggesting it harmed the Skripals.

It's the same substance Britain's Porton Down lab called novichok, saying it was unable to determine its origin – as likely to have been produced in the West as anywhere else, nothing connecting it to Russia.

An OPCW statement said the following:

"The results of the analysis by the OPCW-designated laboratories of environmental and biomedical samples collected by the OPCW team confirms the findings of the United Kingdom relating to the identity of the toxic chemical that was used in Salisbury and severely injured three people" – identifying the agent as novichock without indicating its origin.

The OPCW let itself be used, going along with Britain's findings – instead of explaining it couldn't connect what it analyzed to what may have harmed the Skripals, making its analysis irrelevant.

The Russian Federation never produced anything called novichok. Despite nothing new from the OPCW's report, UK **Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson** jumped it, again turning truth on its head, saying:

"There can be no doubt what was used, and there remains no alternative explanation about who was responsible – only Russia has the means, motive and record."

"We will now work tirelessly with our partners to help stamp out the grotesque use of weapons of this kind, and we have called a session of the OPCW executive council next Wednesday to discuss next steps. The Kremlin must give answers."

Russia's Permanent Mission to the OPCW received its report, a statement issued saying

"it will take some time to study it" before issuing an official response.

The organization's findings didn't surprise. Britain gave its scientists a novichok sample to be analyzed and identified by name – proving nothing, no connection to the Skripals or Russia.

Nor do OPCW findings on the substance have validity without Russian access to information on the incident.

In legitimate judicial proceedings, defendants are entitled to all relevant documents, witness depositions, questions and answers from interrogations, crime scene and other forensic evidence including toxicology results, police reports, "raw evidence," arrest and search warrants, grand jury testimony, and other relevant data – to assure judicial fairness.

Russia was shut out of the so-called discovery process straightaway after the Skripal incident occurred.

Accusations without evidence are groundless. Nothing suggests Russian involvement in what harmed the Skripals. No evidence proves it.

Britain breached its legal obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention, refusing to provide Moscow with samples of the alleged toxin it claims responsible for harming the Skripals, nor any other relevant information on the incident.

Yulia was well enough to be released from Salisbury hospital. According to UK media, she was taken to a secure location, reportedly another medical facility on a military base.

A statement attributed to her released by metropolitan police reads like coverup, Britain wanting full control over her whereabouts and remarks she's reportedly making.

It said she "find(s) (herself) in a totally different life than the ordinary one I left just over a month ago, and I am seeking to come to terms with my prospects, whilst also recovering from this attack on me."

Earlier she told her cousin **Viktoria, Sergey** is "all right." The latest comment attributed to her said he remains "seriously ill," adding:

At "the moment I do not wish to avail myself of (Russian embassy) services. (N)o one speaks for me or my father, but ourselves."

Viktoria should "not visit me or try to contact me. (H)er opinions and assertions are not mine and they are not my father's."

Does this sound like a national of one country reportedly recovering from illness abroad, wanting no contact with family back home or her nation's embassy services?

Russia's embassy in London believes she's been detained against her will, cut off from the outside world, Britain denying the embassy information about "her true health, status, wishes and location," adding:

"It is apparent that she is being isolated. Eyewitness evidence is being concealed, and obstacles are being erected in the path of an objective and independent investigation."

The Skripal incident was a US/UK false flag to demonize Russia. Father and daughter are likely detained against their will, not protected.

Moscow is denied contact with its own citizens. Yet it continues to believe tattered relations with Washington and Britain can be restored diplomatically.

No evidence whatever suggests it, Russia's relations with these countries worsening, not improving.

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