

Report by Dutch Investigators of MH17 Crash Dispels Notion about Missile Attack. Michel Chossudovsky

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The preliminary <u>report</u> by the Dutch Safety Board (DSB) on the Malaysian MH17 crash suggests that the plane was not brought down by a missile, Michel Chossudovsky, director of the Center for Research on Globalization told RIA Novosti on Tuesday.

"The conclusion of the report by the Dutch Safety Board confirms earlier independent reports to the effect that the Malaysian airlines flight was not brought down by a missile," Chossudovsky said, quoting the DSB statement: "the aircraft was penetrated by a large number of high-energy objects from outside. It's likely that this damage resulted in a loss of structural integrity of the aircraft, leading to an in-flight break up".

"This paragraph dispels the notion that it was a missile attack, and that's what is important," Chossudovsky asserted.

Chossudovsky also thinks that the report confirms the earlier statement of the Head of mission of the OSCE who pointed to "machine gun-like holes."

The expert noted that the report does not specify the nature of those objects or projectiles.

"That has to do with the fact that there was an agreement between the various parties of non-disclosure of certain details," he explained. "But by stating "a large number of highenergy objects," the Dutch report implies that these numerous perforations were not attributable to a missile attack.

Chossudovsky believes that the MH17 crash which was blamed on Russia was a pretext used to justify extended sanctions against the Russian Federation, and the US accusations against Russia were fabricated. However, this report refutes Washington's accusations.

"There is a lot of politics behind this report, but it still refutes the version claiming that the plane was brought down by a surface to air missile launched by the Donbas militia with Russia's support. Reference to a "large number of energy objects" is a very important concept, it points to shelling from a military aircraft" he concluded.

The Dutch Safety Board released the preliminary report on MH17 crash earlier today. According to the report, the flight operated by Malaysia Airlines broke up in the air probably as the result of structural damage caused by a large number of high-energy objects that penetrated the aircraft from outside.

Flight MH17, flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, crashed on July 17 in the Donetsk region, killing all 298 people on board.

The investigation was conducted according to the standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The only objective of this investigation is the prevention of similar accidents and incidents, the report says.

The <u>Board</u> also said that the preliminary reports were sent to the other countries involved in the investigation, including Malaysia, Ukraine, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia and their reactions to the report have been received.

The Dutch Safety Board does not have the right to apportion blame or responsibility on any party.

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