

# **Syria Poison Gas: The French Connection?**

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In-depth Report: **SYRIA** 

Chlorine packed rockets rained down on central Aleppo. The barrage of deadly gas hit the residential neighborhoods of the most populated city in Syria.

Over 100 residents sought treatment at the Ar-Razi and University hospitals after rockets struck the <u>Al-Khalidiye and Al Zahraa</u> neighborhoods. Live coverage of the chaos at the hospitals was shown on <u>Syrian TV</u>, while children and adults were being treated mainly with oxygen. Patients vomiting were part of the horrific scene, as their bodies attempted to rid themselves of the toxic gas.

<u>Chief of Police</u> **Major General Issam al-Shilli** said that terrorist group last night had used explosive rocket shells harboring toxic gases.

**Ziad Haj Taha**, Director of the Health Department in Aleppo, indicated that the number of civilian casualties in the attack was expected to rise, adding that the gas used by terrorists was most likely chlorine gas.

### **Terrorists, or Opposition?**

According to the <u>Washington Post</u>, those who are accused of the attack are termed "Syrian rebels" or "opposition".

However, according to the friends of Raed Fares, a prominent Syrian anti-government activist, recently assassinated in Idlib, they are Jihadists linked to <u>Al Qaeda</u>. The mainstream media ridicules the Syrian government for using the term "terrorists", but the Los Angeles Times reports that the Syrian opposition calls them terrorists in Idlib.

#### Which Side is to Blame?

The western media assumes all chemical attacks to be carried out by the Syrian government, yet the evidence of that is lacking.

Carla del Ponte was a senior UN official, and former war crimes prosecutor, looking into human rights abuses in Syria. In May 2013 she stunned the international community when she said that testimony gathered in Syria from casualties and medical staff indicated that the nerve agent sarin was used by <u>rebel fighters</u>.

The world was captivated by a gas attack video in April 2018, yet when the British veteran journalist, **Robert Fisk**, arrived at the actual hospital in Douma which was the scene of the video, he found that the events had been carefully <u>stage-managed</u> by the award winning

video troupe: White Helmets. His reporting concluded there was no gas used.

The UN envoy on Syria, **De Mistura**, warned in Sept. 2018 not to bomb Idlib, because he believed the "rebels" might have access to chlorine-based weapons.

#### The French Connection

Sources on the ground in Idlib revealed last month, that the <u>White Helmets</u> entered Idlib, from <u>Turkey</u> bringing toxic gas to be used in weapons. Terrorists from the <u>Turkistan Islamic Party</u> delivered the chlorine gas canisters to <u>French</u> chemical warfare experts who are working under the Nusra Front, an internationally recognized terrorist group who are occupying Idlib.

The Syrian and Russian military intelligence have long benefited from having cultivated an extensive network of field agents imbedded in the terrorist controlled areas. This paid off in the battles of East Aleppo and East Ghouta. They effectively know what the terrorists are doing, what they have, and where they are.

The <u>White Helmets</u> have been exposed and are now known to be a video making group which is responsible for churning out propaganda used to keep the western audience firmly against the Syrian government. They do not save people, and they are not Emergency Medical Technicians. They are terrorists, and their support group, who pose as heroes. **Vanessa Beeley** has devoted years of on the ground research in Syria, interviewing victims, and even talking with a White Helmet.

The <u>French government</u> has consistently supported the White Helmets. In July 2018 France participated in the evacuation of hundreds of the group and their families leaving Syria via Israel. France was among several NATO members who pledged to welcome them as refugees.

In March 2018 the US government sanctioned the <u>Frenchman</u> **Joe Asperman**, described as "a senior chemical weapons expert", working for Nusra Front in Idlib. According to local sources (unconfirmed), there is a network of French chemical experts in Idlib currently.

The Russian Defence Ministry announced they had carried out airstrikes today against the terrorists who were responsible for the chlorine gas attack on Aleppo last night. <a href="Major-General Igor Konashenkov">Major-General Igor Konashenkov</a> said they informed the Turkish military prior to the mission. There had been an Idlib <a href="cease-fire">cease-fire</a> deal signed in September between Turkey and Russia. Idlib is the last terrorist controlled region, and is home to millions of unarmed civilians under the brutal occupation of a Jihadist group, who refuse to allow them to escape. All eyes are on Idlib now, as the situation appears to herald the beginning of the last major battle in Syria.

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