

The Netherlands-Ukraine "Secret Agreement" Regarding the July 2014 Shoot Down of Malaysian Airlines MH17

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The Netherlands Government is resisting an effort by Dutch victims' families to find out **why** Ukraine's Government, on 17 July 2014 — when the Malaysian airliner MH17 was shot down while flying over Ukraine's civil-war zone — this passenger-plane had been guided by Ukraine's air-traffic control to fly through, instead of around (<u>as it instructed other airliners</u>), the war-zone.

On 1 October 2019, now more than five years after <u>196 Dutch nationals</u> had died from that incident, Holland's RTL News headlined (as autotranslated into English) <u>"Cabinet considers</u> research into Ukraine's role in disaster MH17", and reported that

"The cabinet will examine whether further research is possible on the role of Ukraine in the disaster with flight MH17," [because]

"A proposal ... for the investigation received the support of all Parties present in the second chamber" of Holland's parliament.

See Dutch original source RTL article on MH17 here (October 1)

Second October 1 RTL article

This news-report said that,

"So far, the cabinet has not taken any steps against Ukraine. As far as we know, nothing is happening behind the scenes." Furthermore: "Last year, the Netherlands, together with Australia, **decided to make Russia as a country liable. For the liability of Ukraine, according to the cabinet, there was 'no evidence' and also 'no research needed'."** (emphasis added)

Moreover, Dutch Foreign Minister **Stefan Blok** said that:

"We don't see any reason for an investigation" into that, because "The government is trying to maintain its relationship with Ukraine," and "because then both the airspace of Ukraine and that of Russia should be looked at," and because "there are still no indications that Ukraine can also be held liable."

But actually, from the very start of that investigation, there was a secret agreement not to blame Ukraine for anything having to do with the incident.

This agreement is kept secret from the Dutch people. Blok, in resisting to investigate why the MH17 was guided over the civil-war zone, was simply adhering to **the secret** agreement that Netherlands had signed with Ukraine on 8 August 2014.

If he were to agree to the families' demand, he still would be obligated, by The Netherlands August 8, 2014 agreement with Ukraine, to find Ukraine not to have perpetrated the downing. But the families don't know this.

As I reported back on 24 August 2014, a secret agreement had been signed on August 8th between Netherlands, Ukraine, Belgium, and Australia, that Ukraine would have veto-power over any finding that their official "Joint Investigation Team" ("JIT") would issue regarding the shoot-down of the MH17.

Malaysia was <u>excluded</u> from the Team, but was finally admitted, after agreeing to their secret terms — including not to blame Ukraine. Russia's RT headlined on 20 November 2014 <u>"Dutch government refuses to reveal 'secret deal' into MH17 crash probe"</u> and revealed that the Dutch Government was refusing to comply with its own Freedom of Information law by keeping this agreement secret.

On 14 June 2016, the website "What Happened to Flight MH17" headlined <u>"The vague role of Malaysia in the Joint Investigation Team"</u> and reported that the JIT had actually been officially formed on 7 August 2014, and noted that, "In the limited number of public communications by JIT it is not mentioned what the role of Malaysia is in the criminal investigation." (Malaysia, unlike those other four nations, isn't a member of America's core anti-Russia alliance, which includes NATO and Australia, but is instead a neutral nation and therefore considered untrustworthy by the others.) Subsequently, on 21 July 2019, John Helmer and Max van der Werff revealed that Malaysia's Government rejects the 'findings' by the JIT (which, with no reservations, blame Russia for downing the MH17), but that Malaysia isn't violating the 8 August 2014 secret agreement, since Malaysia isn't saying Ukraine did it. Instead, Malaysia is saying that further investigations are needed, and that Malaysia possesses the black boxes and other crucial evidence.

Update

The present report is an update regarding the entire matter of the shoot-down on 17 July 2014 of the MH17 Malaysian airliner over the breakaway Donetsk region of Ukraine. The additional facts which will be reported here regarding the MH17 incident shock me.

I knew that U.S. President Barack Obama had become desperate for something to happen that would persuade **German Chancellor Angela Merkel** to endorse added sanctions against Russia regarding Ukraine, but I had no idea, until now, as to what direct involvement, if any, he had had in the actual setting-up of the MH17 shoot-down.

All of the source-evidence for the following can be clicked-through-to here by the reader, and this is important to do, for any reader who is skeptical (as all ought to be) and who wants to see source-evidence, for any assertion that seems outlandish. It's important especially because the case which will be presented here stuns even me, who had voted three times for Obama, first in his 2008 primary against Hillary Clinton, then once again in his 2008 general election contest against Republican John McCain; and then, finally, once more, yet again, in his 2012 general election contest against Republican Mitt Romney (who, incidentally, <u>right now</u>, is arguing for Trump's impeachment and replacement by Mike Pence; and who is famous for having said, in his 2012 campaign against Obama, that <u>"Russia, this is, without question, our number one geopolitical foe"</u>).

I knew that Obama was the lesser of two evils, but I now recognize that I had had no idea of how evil that actually was. Here I shall report what I now know. This extensively documented reconstruction, of the MH17 incident and of how it came about, seems to me to disprove the fundamental Western 'historical' narrative about contemporary international relations, and to signal the necessity for a fundamental rewrite of the mainstream view of world history in our era. At the very least, it disproves that view — the mainstream view or 'history' of our time. Whatever the truth might be, it certainly cannot be anything even approximating that 'historical' mainstream. Mainstream recent 'history' is, now more clearly than ever before, a sinister and carefully orchestrated myth, as will be demonstrated here in what follows.

The essential background information regarding the MH17 must be presented at the start, and it's accurately portrayed in an 11-minute video. The first-ever news-report to display and assemble in an easily comprehensible way all of the crucial facts constituting the background context that's necessary in order to understand the MH17 event and what caused it, was an 11-minute video compilation, which was uploaded to youtube on 12 March 2014, and which you can see <u>here</u>.

It's 100% true, nothing at all deceptive in any way, and it still remains, in my opinion (after my seeing it around 50 times and considering it from a multitude of different perspectives), absolutely a masterpiece, the only perfect public-affairs video that I have ever seen. Beyond that essential background information to the MH17 event, now follows (and entirely within that factual background-context), a summary in more detail, focusing in, or zooming onto, the MH17 event itself, more closely:

This will be a summary, which — since it might seem incredible to anyone who doesn't already know the evidence — will immediately be followed by the evidence, all clickable here to each source (though not necessarily via only a single click). The first sentence of the summary will summarize the essential *background* information to the MH17 event — meaning here only information on the background that's essential in order to be able to understand the context in which the information that is to be *newly introduced here* regarding the MH17 event will fit into that bigger picture — and this opening sentence will therefore itself be linked to more-detailed summaries of key aspects of that background part, each aspect of which itself contains links to all of the source-evidences there regarding that aspect of the deepest background, so that **the full background will be accessible from the links that are provided here**, and the new information, which is to be provided at the end, will be entirely understandable within the context of that full background.

Here, then, is the overall summary, including the heavily-linked opening sentence regarding this event's deep background:

<u>President Obama not only perpetrated the February 2014 bloody coup in Ukraine</u> which he had started by no later than 2011 to plan and placed into operation on 1 March 2013 inside

the U.S. Embassy in Kiev (months before the democratically elected Ukrainian President whom he was to overthrow <u>decided for Ukraine not to accept the EU's offer of membership</u>), but Obama and his NATO were so determined to reverse the coup's resulting breakaway, from Ukraine, of Ukraine's two most anti-nazi districts, <u>Crimea</u> and <u>Donetsk</u>, that Obama and his NATO then set up the shoot-down of the MH17 airliner by Obama's newly-installed <u>nazi Ukrainian government</u>, with the objective being to promptly blame it against Russia. Obama was, at that time, in early July 2014, desperate for there to be a pretext on which the European Union would join the U.S. in greatly hiking sanctions against Russia regarding <u>Ukraine</u>.

What the most-recent information will show is this: **Obama and his NATO were intending** to use this false accusation against Russia as a pretext not only to hike anti-Russia sanctions but ultimately to invade both Donetsk and Crimea and risk WW III in order to coerce those two regions back again into Ukraine — now to become (like the rest of Ukraine) under the control of the U.S. regime.

The reasons why that plan failed (was aborted) were, first, that Malaysia's Government held in international law the unchallengeable right of ownership over the airliner's black boxes; and, second, that there was especially one member of NATO, Angela Merkel, who refused to risk WW III and to join into Obama's extremely psychopathic scheme, since it risked the whole world over his determination to grab the entirety of Ukraine.

Obama always refused to proceed forward with a geostrategic plan if it was strongly opposed by at least one core ally — in this particular instance, he knew enough not to drive Germany to abandon NATO and to ally with Russia (especially since Russia itself was his actual *target* in his coup to take over Ukraine). By declining to move forward without Merkel, all of those immediate risks to the world were avoided.

Furthermore, Malaysia's holding the black boxes was especially a problem for Obama and NATO, because any preparation for a U.S.-NATO invasion of Donbass and Crimea would spark Malaysia to go public with what it already knew about the U.S.-NATO lies regarding the MH17 incident. Obama possessed no ability to prevent that response from Malaysia. Not only Germany, but also Malaysia, possessed power in this situation, and Obama, fortunately, yielded to it. (Of course, the great worry about Trump is that if he gets into a similar situation, he might move forward regardless.)

Also noteworthy — especially for Dutch citizens and the families of the passengers on that airliner — the Netherlands Government had been one of the largest financial backers of the February 2014 U.S.-planned overthrow of Ukraine's <u>democratically elected President</u>.

For example, it was the largest single donor, <u>listed at \$793,089</u>, to Hromadske TV, which was the leading station that advocated for forcing that President out of power. Whereas the U.S. Government had organized and ran the overthrow, and spent far more on it (over \$5 billion) than did any other nation or individual, the U.S. was only the second-largest donor to that station, at \$399,650.

So: Holland's government had a significant investment in the post-coup regime, even before that post-coup regime shot down the MH17 plane and thereby slaughtered its 283 passengers, of whom 196 were Dutch. This is yet another reason why the Dutch Government's heading this investigation in which Ukraine — another member — should be a suspect but is instead a juror, nullifies any rational authority to its 'findings'.

One of my more important early news-reports regarding the MH17 case was the 24 August 2014 <u>"MH-17 'Investigation': Secret August 8th Agreement Seeps Out"</u>, which article, referenced near the opening of the present article, documented that the secret agreement amongst the 4-party official MH17 'investigative' team — Netherlands, Australia, Belgium, and Ukraine — gave each one of those governments an absolute veto over any public announcement or 'finding' from the 'investigation', so that if Ukraine, which was a prime suspect in the incident, were to disapprove a 'finding', then the team wouldn't be allowed to issue it. This is like giving a murder-suspect veto-power over the investigation into the murder. It shows how poisoned that whole official 'investigation' was, even at its very start. This is important to understand.

Another especially relevant news-report from me was the 7 June 2015 <u>"Obama Sidelines</u> <u>Kerry on Ukraine Policy"</u>, which noted that Obama supported the position of Victoria Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, who favored the U.S. backing an all-out invasion of Crimea and Donbass by Ukraine, and that Obama rejected the position of her boss, John Kerry, the Secretary of State, who opposed that policy.

"Kerry, for his part, now faces the decision as to whether to quit ... or else for Kerry to stay in office and be disrespected in all capitals for his staying on after having been so blatantly contradicted by his subordinate."

This wasn't the only instance when Obama trashed Kerry's work: he likewise did it when Kerry favored the U.S. agreeing with Russia that, in a Syrian-war cease-fire, not only ISIS but also Al Qaeda-led forces in Syria could continue to be bombed. Russia was bombing both, but Obama refused to accept a ceasefire in which Russia would be allowed to continue its bombing of Al Qaeda, not only of ISIS. It was the ultimate humiliation of Kerry, and effectively ended his career in government.) This displays Obama's profound hatred of Russia.

My last major report on MH17 was on 31 December 2018, <u>"MH17 Turnabout: Ukraine's Guilt</u> <u>Now Proven"</u>. That presents conclusive checkmate against the U.S.-NATO case blaming Russia for MH17 (that case being run by the Netherlands Government, which simply ignores its case having become **disproven by that evidence**).

Here's <u>the more-recent report</u>, what I did not previously know, which comes from the great independent Western journalist living in Moscow, John Helmer; and presented here are the highlights from his report — a report that fills-in *crucial additional details* of <u>the same</u> <u>historical narrative that I have previously documented regarding the MH17</u> <u>incident</u>:

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[The John Helmer article was previously posted by Global Research]

<u>"MH17 Evidence Tampering Revealed by Malaysia - FBI Attempt to Seize Black</u> Boxes; Dutch Cover-Up of Forged Telephone Tapes; Ukrainian Air Force Hid Radar Records; Crash Site Witness Testimony Misreported" by John Helmer, 27 July 2019

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