

# Usual Suspects US and Ukraine Behind Moscow Terrorist Attack

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*Last Friday evening of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a horrific terrorist attack at the Crocus City Hall concert venue near Moscow murdered at least [133 Russian people](#), with over 120 more wounded. Within the first 24-hours after this egregious violence, Russian authorities arrested and detained eleven potential suspects that included the four alleged terrorist gunmen. In his address to the nation, President Vladimir Putin said that the terrorists were captured in Bryansk, Russia near the Ukraine border attempting to escape through "a window" provided by Ukrainian collaborators. In Putin's [words](#):*

They [terrorist] tried to hide and moved towards Ukraine, where, according to preliminary data, a window was prepared for them on the Ukrainian side to cross the state border.

Thus, within hours the Russian leader was linking this act of terrorism to the Kiev government and by implication, Washington. Additionally, too many US fingerprints, unable to be covered up, are now rapidly emerging from this crime scene.

Back on March 7<sup>th</sup>, more than two weeks prior to this tragedy, US intelligence already knew of a potential attack in Moscow, enough for the US State Department to issue a public advisory to Americans in Russia, warning personnel at both the US and UK embassies of a probable terrorist attack in Moscow at “large public gatherings including concerts.” A day later on March 8<sup>th</sup>, [Reuters](#) reported:

The U.S. embassy in Russia warned that ‘extremists’ had imminent plans for an attack in Moscow, hours after Russian security services said they had foiled a planned shooting at a synagogue by a cell from the Afghan arm of Islamic State.

Apparently, the March 7<sup>th</sup> US intelligence details warning of an imminent potential attack at a Moscow concert were never passed on or shared with Russian security services, which according to former CIA operative Larry Johnson is standard international protocol. Shortly after the attack, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman [Maria Zakharova](#) responded:

If Washington had information, it should be shared and that if Washington had no information, it should not be talking in such a way.

So apparently in this exceptional case, the US elected to break international spook practice by allowing political issues [once again] to interfere with the CIA decision to withhold such vital information of an imminent terror attack that would have saved 133 Russian lives. This in and of itself is both morally reprehensible and potentially criminal as an accomplice to international terrorism, aka the Gladio operations of the 1970s through the 1980s. Within a couple hours after the attack, both the US government reported and ISIS via an alleged Telegram disclosure claimed responsibility for terrorism at the Moscow concert. The [ISIS statement](#) posted on Telegram late last Friday night:

Islamic State fighters attacked a large gathering of Christians in the city of Krasnogorsk on the outskirts of the Russian capital, Moscow, killing and wounding hundreds and causing great destruction to the place before they withdrew to their bases safely.

And like clockwork also late on Friday night of March 22<sup>nd</sup> from [Reuters](#):

The United States has intelligence confirming Islamic State’s claim of responsibility for a deadly shooting at a concert near Moscow, two U.S. officials said on Friday.

White House National Security Council (NSC) spokeswoman [Adrienne Wilson](#) stated:

Earlier this month, the U.S. government had information about a planned terrorist attack in Moscow – potentially targeting large gatherings, to include concerts – which prompted the State Department to issue a public advisory to Americans in Russia... [Washington] has [forwarded](#) this information to the Russian authorities.

Less than 24-hours after the attack in predictable US cover-up mode, [NSC propagandist](#) Adrienne Wilson stated:

ISIS bears sole responsibility for this attack. There was no Ukrainian involvement whatsoever.

Belatedly after the [attack](#) in an attempt to cover their March 7<sup>th</sup> tracks, an anonymous U.S. official explained:

We did warn the Russians appropriately.

Meanwhile, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova refutes these feeble US denials. Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson [Maria Zakharova](#) questioned how the US could know about it. If they knew such an attack was going to happen, according to Zakharova, the US should immediately share that information with Moscow or better yet, keep silent.

Plus, before any investigation had even begun, within a couple hours after the attack and minutes after Russia first revealed the attack, US National Security Council spokesman [John Kirby](#) was mouthing his pre-scripted instructions:

At this moment, nothing indicates that Ukraine or Ukrainians were involved in this shooting.

His premature declaration of Ukraine's innocence didn't fly with the always astute [Maria Zakharova](#):

On what basis do officials in Washington draw any conclusions in the midst of a tragedy about someone's innocence?

Per [Reuters](#):

She [Zakharova] said that if Washington had information, it should be shared and that if Washington had no information, it should not be talking in such a way.

A very short time after that, [Reuters](#) was busily reporting:

Islamic State Khorasan (ISIS-K), named after an old term for the region that included parts of Iran, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan, emerged in eastern Afghanistan in late 2014 and quickly established a reputation for extreme brutality.

Then came the backup apologists for Ukraine insisted that ISIS-K was the culprit with the axe to grind against Russia. [Business Insider](#), counterterrorism and Middle East expert at CSIS Daniel Byman remarking how ISIS-K is "one of the more successful branches" of the Islamic State:

If you want, you can go back to the Russian conquest of the Caucasus. And then you could go to the Soviet deportations of Muslim populations

Then another "expert" deflector, Washington-based think tank Wilson Center director Michael Kugelman told [Reuters](#):

[ISIS-K] sees Russia as being complicit in activities that regularly oppress Muslims.

*Reuters* threw in another expert to convince the world ISIS, and not Ukraine or the United

States was totally behind the Moscow terrorist attack:

Adam Dolnik, a Czech security expert who has studied past Islamist attacks in India, Kenya, Russia and elsewhere, said the Islamic State claim appeared credible, although 'that will not stop the Russians from leveraging this for their foreign policy agenda vis-a-vis Ukraine and the West.'

But others who may be more credible and objective, with experienced backgrounds in US intelligence, like former CIA and State Department Counterterrorism analyst-journalist [Larry Johnson](#) points out that within two hours, how did the State Department know Kiev wasn't involved? Larry concludes that in all likelihood, the US had intelligence but failed to share it with Russia. Larry Johnson suspects that a CIA cutout calling itself [OSINTdefender](#) (Open Source Intelligence), a self-proclaimed social media monitor on Twitter/ X made the following statement just hours after the attack:

Members of U.S. National Security Council and the White House have reportedly started to become Increasingly Frustrated by "Unauthorized Brazen Actions" taken by Ukraine against Russia, including their recent Campaign of Long-Range Drone Strikes having Targeted at least 25 Oil Refineries, Terminals, Depots and Storage Facilities across Western Russia; with some Biden Administration Officials believing these Strikes will cause a Spike in Global Oil Prices as well as Significant Escalation and Retaliation against Ukraine like was seen during tonight's Large-Scale Missile Attack.

In the past Larry Johnson having handled this kind of intel intervention, sees this as the OSINTdefender post as the CIA's way of distancing itself from further involvement in the US-Ukraine security services operation responsible for the massacre near Moscow.

Moreover, former Marine Corps officer and weapons inspector [Scott Ritter](#) also points to US collusion with Ukraine to carry out this atrocity, reminding us that ever since the neo-Nazi Maidan coup that State Department's Victoria Nuland illegally perpetrated in 2014, and prior, the CIA has closely worked with Ukraine, and since Putin's 2022 Special Military Operation, the CIA has doubled down on acts of espionage and violence, working-ever-so-closely with Ukraine's SBS intelligence services, adding:

We know that the CIA is behind the in recruitment, training and direction of various anti-Putin Russian extremist groups that are operating under the umbrella of the Ukrainian intelligence services. These forces are carrying out active attacks against Russia in the area of Belgorod and Kursk. Let me make it clear- the CIA is behind the invasion of Russia by CIA-backed and funded Russian nationalist groups working for Ukrainian intelligence.

Scott Ritter also asserts that Braindead Biden authorized this CIA-Ukraine attack against Russia with additional backing from key Congressional CIA oversight members, concluding:

America is at war with Russia. The terrorist attack on the Crocus hall and venue was an American attack.

I would believe the expertise of Larry Johnson and Scott Ritter over any of the [Rothschild owned Reuters](#) sources. Just one day before this Moscow terror, I wrote on [thegovernmentrag.com](#) about the decades long history of both Israeli and US governments creating, financing, training and using terrorist groups, vis-à-vis al Qaeda and ISIS, to pull off

9/11, initiate their manufactured “War on Terror,” and as proxies how ISIS is used to destabilize not just the Middle East, but Africa and beyond.

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