

On Mon, Aug 26, 2013 at 8:58 PM, Keith Davies wrote:

Subject: Solid evidence suggests rebels not Assad used Chemical weapons

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Subject: Re: solid evidence suggests rebels not Assad used the Chemical weapons

Hi, Keith - wonder if you can provide some details on the following:

* Where did Syrian rebels acquire either the precursor chemicals or the CW agents themselves?

* If from the Saudis, why would this document image contain English language words, when everyone involved speaks Arabic, including the intended readership?

* Given that neither chlorine nor alkali is a component element of nerve gas, what exactly is the significance of this purported document?

* Alkali is a soluble salt comprising potassium or sodium carbonate; and chlorine is a chemical element that is toxic if inhaled or ingested in dangerous quantities, but is otherwise used in swimming pools and laundry detergent. Neither alkali nor chlorine is a precursor for sarin or the other nerve gasses.

* If acquired from a Syrian military base, which one(s) and when were they breached?

* If Syrian rebels did not acquire CW agents or precursor chemicals from the heavily guarded Syrian military bases that hold them, from where did they acquire these materials?

* Is it your assessment that the Syrian rebels know how, and control the special facilities required, to mix CW agent precursors, and load them into munitions?

* What precursor chemicals do the rebels have? In what quantities? Where do they keep them? Where do they combine them into finished CW agents?

* What finished CW agents do they have? Where do they keep them and how are they secured?

- * Are any of these advanced Sarin, Soman, or VX nerve agents?
- * Do the rebels know how to prepare binary CW agents? If not, how do they manage to maintain the finished, mixed CW agents in a secure environment prior to deployment or delivery?
- * What kind of munitions and delivery systems do they have that are CW agent capable?
- * How did Syrian rebels acquire the expertise to handle dangerous CW agents and their precursor chemicals safely? Who taught them?
- * Which militias or units of Syrian rebels have received such training?
- * There are no videos out there that show rebels wearing any kind of protective gear, not even gloves. So, how do they manage to handle dangerous CW agents w/o casualties to themselves?
- * P.S. Reports from the Russian media are not likely to be neutral on the subject of the Syrian rebels, wouldn't you agree?

With thanks in advance for any additional specifics you can provide on these questions.

Best,
Clare