

Report says chemical weapons team on way to Syria



Damascus, April 13 (RHC)-- A fact-finding team from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is now on its way to Syria and will begin working there by Saturday, according to OPCW spokesperson Johan de Wittlaan.

The team will investigate the recent killing of dozens of civilians in Douma, scene of a horrifying attack over the weekend, in which Syrians were found to have died in the city that's just outside Damascus.

Syria and its main ally, Russia, have denied any chemical weapons were used and gave permission for the OPCW to investigate. Confirmation of the fact-finding team's trip comes after Russia said that Douma had finally come under the government's total control, after the last rebel group that had been fighting Syria's regime there surrendered.

Trump said on Wednesday that the U.S. will strike Syria using missiles that are "nice and new and 'smart!'" — ramping up expectations that an attack was imminent. But on Thursday, he tweeted, "Never said when an attack on Syria would take place. Could be very soon or not so soon at all!"



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