

Lavrov: Reports on Douma chemical attack fabricated



Moscow, April 9 (RHC)— Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov says no evidence has been found of a chemical weapons attack in Syria's formerly rebel-held town of Douma.

In a press conference in Moscow Monday, Lavrov said that the Russian military in Syria had repeatedly warned of an impending serious provocation aimed at blaming Damascus for the use of chemical weapons.

"We already had a chance to comment on the situation before this current situation became reality," he stressed.

"Our servicemen staying in the Syrian Arab Republic, 'on soil,' repeatedly warned - and the Syrian government also said about it - that a serious provocation was being prepared, aimed at blaming Damascus for the use of a chemical poisoning agent against civilians."

Some non-governmental organizations, including the White Helmets, earlier claimed that chemical weapons had been used in the town of Douma in Eastern Ghouta on April 7.

In a statement posted on its website on April 8, the White Helmets alleged that chlorine bombs were used during the town's bombing, which killed dozens of people while others were taken to hospitals with the signs of poisoning.

Russia's Foreign Ministry rejected the allegations as fabricated information while the Defense Ministry of Russia said the White Helmets are well known for its fake news

The United Nations Security Council will meet Monday to discuss the allegations.

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