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## Russia: Syrian Rebels Used Sarin in Aleppo Attack

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Though the Obama Administration has already gone on record as being officially convinced that the March chemical weapon attack in Syria was totally the Assad government's fault, the evidence appears to be pointing even further the other way today.

The latest data comes from Russian officials, who presented their findings to the United Nations. The findings support previous UN estimates that the attack was actually launched by the rebels, not the government.

The Russian study says that the weapon was an unguided Bashar 3 rocket and that analysis of the impact site suggests the weapon was not industrially manufactured, but was rather the sort produced hastily by rebels. The sarin sample from the site also lacked stabilizers, suggesting that the chemical had been recently made, and was not part of Syria's large stockpile.

This of course makes a lot of sense, since the rocket hit a bunch of Syrian government forces, and it seemed odd Assad forces would attack their own troops in the hotly contested province.