

SKRIPAL TWITTER ROUNDUP

23.03.18

Chris Heron

- Stephen Davies letter still getting play
- New 'proof' there was no nerve agent is that Nick Bailey isn't dead or seriously incapacitated
- Backlash against Russia and those who congratulated Putin - Lithuania considering expelling Russians

'Proof'

Search on 'Stephen Davies Salisbury'

<https://twitter.com/search?f=tweets&vertical=default&q=stephen%20davies%20salisbury&src=tyah>

Jimmy @JimmySecUK

Corbyn supporters are now slandering and mocking Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey for the crime of not being sufficiently injured whilst serving the public.

<https://twitter.com/JimmySecUK/status/976902098209181699>

"It was a mafia group that bought it in the 90s"

Leo Strauss @DrLeoStrauss

As both Mirzayanov & V. Uglev, from GOSNIIOKNT, have explained in public: various [#Novichok](#) strains suffer rapid decomposition, making specialized storage more difficult than creation. Novichok agents from mid 1990s long since would be inert/ineffective for use today.

<https://twitter.com/DrLeoStrauss/status/976890101618892800>

The line about the Skripals probably having "limited mental capacity" after the attack seems to have got good traction

Investigate Russia @InvestigateRU 3h3 hours ago

Russian agent may have limited mental capacity after nerve attack

<http://reut.rs/2G50PkO>

<https://twitter.com/InvestigateRU/status/977047710061682688>

Hans de Vreij @hdevreij

'An unidentified doctor who is treating the Skripals said they were both heavily sedated and unable to communicate, and that it was not possible to assess when or to what extent either may regain mental capacity.'

Reuters Top News @Reuters

Russian agent may have limited mental capacity after nerve attack .reut.rs/2pyCiO9
<https://twitter.com/hdevreij/status/976953816179408896>

Thread by Kasparov aide Mig Greengard

<https://twitter.com/chessninja/status/977049371379425280>

Including

Mig Greengard @chessninja

As if the US or Ukraine or whoever would risk the incredible blowback risk of getting caught KILLING PEOPLE IN THE UK WITH A NERVE AGENT just to pin one more murder on Putin.

Mig Greengard @chessninja

Or for the next-level pros, "Yes it was Russian intelligence, but a rogue group! Putin is losing control!" Sure. The Tsar knows all, but the Tsar knew nothing.

Backlash

Rikard Jozwiak @RikardJozwiak 14h14 hours ago

a dozen MEPs have written to [@JunckerEU](#) questioning the way he congratulated [#Putin](#) after his election win & noted that he missed an opportunity to remind the leader of [#Russia](#) about the illegal annexation & occupation of [#Crimea](#) [#Ukraine](#)

<https://twitter.com/RikardJozwiak/status/976876949124583425>

Edward Lucas @edwardlucas



This is vital test of whole international system. If you know politicians in



please urge them to follow **Lithuania's**

brave lead

<http://bit.ly/2pCj0r0>

<https://twitter.com/edwardlucas/status/976846950799761412>

Fabrizio W. Lucioli @FWLucioli

Now is the moment for the friends of [#Russia](#) "to demonstrate their influence in and over Moscow and convince President [#Putin](#) of the benefits of cooperation with [#Europe](#) and the West. Equally, the same friends need to be clear about the implications of failure." [@Frenclindley](#)

J.S. Lindley-French @Frenclindley

Blog Times for Russia's 'Friends' to Face Hard Truths. Just how qualified is EU 'unqualified support' for UK post Skripal. If Russia's Euro 'friends' have any influence on Putin time they used it. Read more lindleyfrench.blogspot.nl/2018/03/time-f_____

<https://twitter.com/FWLucioli/status/976909696530571264>

[Bill Browder](#)@Billbrowder

Thank you Iain Duncan Smith MP for a great meeting in parliament to discuss Magnitsky sanctions and how to hold Putin to account after his terrorist attack using chemical weapons on U.K. soil.

<https://twitter.com/Billbrowder/status/976907689790930944>

[Heather Nauert](#)@statedeptspox Mar 21

Today, a Russian Foreign Ministry official said that “logic suggests” the [#UK](#) was behind the nerve agent attack on [#Salisbury](#). That’s absurd. Logic and evidence actually show [#Russia](#) was behind the attack. [@mfa_russia](#)



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That’s absurd. Logic and evidence actually show Russia was behind the attack.”

Heather Nauert

STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON, 3/21/18



[Henrik Breitenbauch](#) @breitenbauch 13h13 hours ago

We need knowledge, defence/deterrence and outreach to deal with Putin's Russia. Clear sighted analysis on Western options by [@CER_IanBond](#) [_cer.eu/in-the-press/w....](https://cer.eu/in-the-press/w...)

<https://twitter.com/breitenbauch/status/976896963852537856>

Rogue state Russia, in decline

[Photoshopped Hat](#) @sapient_ape

Why is Russia showing aerial footage of [@PHE_uk](#) (Public Health England) and claiming it’s Porton Down? Are they attempting to put staff there at risk or something?

The first phase of work has now completed, with more than 20 Magazines having been constructed to the highest safety and security standards to hold explosive materials. This includes substantial reinforced concrete, and lightning and independent earth protection to ensure the safety of staff and the surrounding area.

Explosive materials are all handled in accordance with stringent regulatory processes and different materials will be held in each Magazine to ensure their safe storage. For example, detection training kits for military working dogs cannot come into contact with propellants as this would provide a false indicator for the animals, so they need to be stored in separate locations.



Eliot Higgins@EliotHiggins

The new construction at Porton Down Russia is claiming in its press conference are new labs are part of Project Helios, which is hardly a state secret, details of it is on the UK government's website [_gov.uk/government/new](https://www.gov.uk/government/news).....

https://twitter.com/sapient_ape/status/976901828615995397

Guccifer 2.0 turning out (surprise surprise to be a Russian GRU officer)

Veli-Pekka Kivimäki @vpkivimaki

"But on one occasion... Guccifer failed to activate the VPN client before logging on. Working off the IP address, U.S. investigators identified Guccifer 2.0 as a particular GRU officer working out of the agency's headquarters on Grizodubovoy Street in Moscow."

The Daily Beast @thedailybeast

EXCLUSIVE: "DNC hacker" Guccifer 2.0 was, in fact, an officer of Russia's military intelligence directorate [_thebea.st/2FXFPAu](https://www.thedailybeast.com)

<https://twitter.com/vpkivimaki/status/976958938599100416>

Foreign Policy Verified account @ForeignPolicy Mar 22

Russia's economy is stagnating and Putin isn't doing anything about it.

<http://bit.ly/2pyBn0W>

<https://twitter.com/ForeignPolicy/status/976730313815724032>