

SKRIPAL TWITTER ROUNDUP

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Chris Heron

- Momentum gathering for action against Russia
- Thinking on further measures
- Kremlin propaganda and disinformation
- The nature of Putin's regime

Momentum

Integrity Initiative @InitIntegrity

At least 10 EU nations to expel Russian diplomats in spy row

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

<https://twitter.com/InitIntegrity/status/977462392731918336>

112 News @112NewsFeed

#Russian diplomats to be expelled from 20 #EU member states

<http://bit.ly/2IR5uZK>

<https://twitter.com/112NewsFeed/status/977457806147284993>

Jakub Janda @_JakubJanda

BREAKING NEWS: Czech government will probably join the UK and reported 5 other EU states in expelling Russian intelligence officers. "Yes, we will probably go that way," said Czech PM

https://twitter.com/_JakubJanda/status/977089627126419456

Further measures

Andreas Umland @UmlandAndreas

2014: @AmbJohnBolton: Since we are now acting in the midst of deterrence failure, we face a complex problem of dealing with the ongoing Russian aggression while simultaneously reestablishing an enduring @NATO position of strength. [.tws.io/2DRiL0t](https://tws.io/2DRiL0t) @weeklystandard

<https://tws.io/2uc0600>

<https://twitter.com/UmlandAndreas/status/977440320211349504>

Ian Bond @CER_IanBond

Interesting piece from @RUSI_org , making a good case for a long term Western efforts to stop #Russian intelligence services assassinating their enemies abroad.

Shashank Joshi@shashj

A former senior British intelligence official has written, anonymously, for @RUSI_org on the UK response to Skripal/Russia. Argues for a focus on deterring assassinations by degrading Russian capabilities ...

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

https://twitter.com/CER_IanBond/status/977442036709314560

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To me, this is the most important thing of the Russian WMD attack episode: France is planning to expel Russian intelligence officers....

<https://twitter.com/Fabana84/status/977443271084511232>

Atlantic Council @AtlanticCouncil

"Five years ago, many people did not believe Putin could ever invade Ukraine. One year ago, many people did not believe at all that [Russia] could organize, using nerve agents, on British soil." from @terischultz:

<http://bit.ly/2lOXs9R>

<https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil/status/977229524952895488>

Integrity Initiative @InitIntegrity

Mr Putin is playing by new rules; he's ready for a fight — but are we?

[_telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/2](http://telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/03/2)..... via @telegraphnews

<https://twitter.com/InitIntegrity/status/977462935747481600>

Disinformation

Deborah Haynes @haynesdeborah

EXCLUSIVE - UK identifies 1,000s of suspected robotic accounts, part of "extensive" Russia disinformation operation after #Skripal attack. This is ongoing, Kremlin-backed hybrid warfare against UK. #informationwarfare

<https://twitter.com/haynesdeborah/status/977418658686423040>

[Ben Nimmo](#) @benimmo

Thread: Case study in Russian and pro-Kremlin Twitter activity around the Skripal poisoning case, and how it tries to influence the UK debate.

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

<https://twitter.com/benimmo/status/977489641900163072>

[Niels Ockelmann](#) @NOckelmann

Very predictably, Russia is sowing doubt about the impartiality of OPCW. It's almost as if they know what the result will be.

Pravda Report @engpravda

Will Russia be able to survive the psychic attack from the EU and NATO?

[_pravdareport.com/world/europe/2](http://pravdareport.com/world/europe/2).....

<http://bit.ly/2pFoa5A>

<https://twitter.com/NOckelmann/status/977455909612945408>

[Dan Kaszeta](#) @DanKaszeta

OK. This deserves some attention as it keeps coming up: First, I don't know how you can deduce lethality statistics based on a case study of 3 people without knowing route of exposure or absorbed dose.

Thomas Embleton @thomas_embleton

@DanKaszeta apparently Novichock isn't that lethal! Oh so you know @nick_732 they are only alive due to prompt medical attention and advice from specialists in chemical warfare

<https://twitter.com/DanKaszeta/status/977503918036004864>

[James Marson](#)@marson_jr

The latest on U.K.-Russia relations: "The English killed Ivan the Terrible ... in order to turn Russia into their protectorate. For more than four centuries, perfidious Albion has been waging an undeclared war against Moscow."

<http://bit.ly/2G3QERF>

https://twitter.com/marson_jr/status/977442623899209728

[Craig Silverman](#) @CraigSilverman

A few weeks ago @d1gi and I showed that Russian trolls ran wild on Tumblr and the company had refused to comment on it: [_buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman](http://buzzfeed.com/craigsilverman)..... Now it acknowledges it found 84 IRA accounts last fall and gave info about them to the Dept of Justice:

<https://twitter.com/CraigSilverman/status/977198962414202880>

[John Sweeney](#) @johnsweeneyroar

A letter from the state with a strong history of political murder.

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Dear Detective Sergeant,

I was relieved to hear you were released from hospital and reunited with your family. I wish you full recovery and hope that you will be able to return to your normal life as soon as possible.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for your bravery when reacting to the assault on two Russian nationals, Sergey and Yulia Skripal on 4 March in Salisbury, who I hope will get well soon too.

Please be assured that Russia has nothing to do with this reckless incident and is ready to cooperate with the British authorities with regard to the investigation both bilaterally and through international organizations.

With my most cordial wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander Yakovenko'.

Alexander Yakovenko
Ambassador

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Chris Heron @ChrisHeron

"The lying Russian leader aims to convince the gullible and paranoid that there is no such thing as truth"

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

<https://twitter.com/ChrisHeron/status/977509015449210886>

Putin's regime

Daniel Twining @DCTwining

Kremlin has labeled @gmfus "undesirable" - a distinction @IRIglobal earned in 2016. Our response then: "This move says more about Vladimir Putin than about IRI. It's further proof that he fears allowing his people an opportunity to shape their own future."

Ryan O'Farrell @ryanmofarrell

It is difficult to imagine a more blatant or terrible war crime than using bunker busters and heavier-than-air chemical weapons to kill civilians hiding in bomb shelters. Remember this when they tell you that Assad is a lesser evil.

Elizabeth Tsurkov **Verified account** @Elizrael

Both the chemical weapons use by the regime & bunker-busters are designed to kill those hiding in underground shelters. The regime repeatedly launched chlorine gas attacks that lead civilians to escape underground shelters because the heavy gas seeps into the shelters.

<https://twitter.com/ryanmofarrell/status/976177412030464000>

Nina Khrushcheva @ninakhrushcheva 5h5 hours ago

Putin, a Little Man Still Trying to Prove His Bigness

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

<https://twitter.com/ninakhrushcheva/status/977420358184849409>

