Aleksandr Vasilievich Bortnikov

List

Type	Individual
Gender	Male
List name	United Kingdom
Programs (1)	Chemical Weapons
Listed (1)	15.10.2020

Names (2)

Last name/Name	Bortnikov
First name/Name	Aleksandr
Second name/Name	Vasilievich
Full name/Name	Aleksandr Vasilievich Bortnikov
Type	Primary name
Description	Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation

Last name/Name	Bortnikov
First name/Name	Alexander
Full name/Name	Alexander Bortnikov
Type	Primary name variation
Description	Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation

Citizenships (1)

Country	Russian Federation

Birth data (1)

Birthdate	1951-11-15
Place	Perm

Country	Russian Federation

Notes (2)

Alexander Bortnikov is the director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation and, therefore, responsible for the activities conducted by the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation. Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny was the victim of an attempted assassination during his August 2020 visit to Siberia, in which a chemical weapon—a toxic nerve agent of the Novichok group—was used. The activities and movements of Alexey Navalny during his journey to Siberia, from where he intended to return to Moscow on 20th August 2020, were closely monitored by the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation. Russia had the technical capability to carry out the attack. The Russian State has previously produced Novichoks and would still be capable of doing so. Within the last decade, Russia has produced and stockpiled small quantities of Novichok. It is unlikely that Novichoks could be made and deployed by non-state actors (e.g. a criminal or terrorist group). Russia had the operational experience to carry out the attack. Russia has a proven record of state-sponsored assassination. It is highly likely that the Russian state was responsible for the attempted assassination of Sergei Skripal in Salisbury in 2018 using a similar type of nerve agent. During the 2000s, Russia commenced a programme to test means of delivering chemical warfare agents, including investigation of ways of delivering nerve agents. Russia had the motive and opportunity to carry out the attack. Navalny was a high profile Russian opposition politician who vocally criticised the Russian administration and establishment. He was on Russian territory under surveillance by the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation at the time of the attack. Given the role of the FSB, and the extent of surveillance, there are therefore reasonable grounds to suspect that the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation was involved in the attempted assassination of Alexey Navalny using a toxic nerve agent. As director of the Federal Security Service, Alexander Bortnikov bears responsibility for the preparation and use of chemical weapons in the attempted assassination of Alexey Navalny.

Historical data

Names (2)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Bortnikov
First name/Name	Aleksandr
Second name/Name	Vasilievich
Full name/Name	Bortnikov Aleksandr Vasilievich
Type	Prime alias
Description	Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Bortnikov
First name/Name	Alexander
Full name/Name	Bortnikov Alexander
Type	AKA (also known as)
Description	Director of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation

Citizenships (1)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Country	Russian Federation

Birth data (1)

Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
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