

Pavel Anatolievich Popov

List

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

Names (1)

Last name/Name	Popov
First name/Name	Pavel
Second name/Name	Anatolievich
Full name/Name	Pavel Anatolievich Popov
Type	Primary name
Description	Deputy Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation

Citizenships (1)

Country	Russian Federation
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Birth data (1)

Birthdate	1957-01-01
Place	Krasnoyarsk
Country	Russian Federation

Notes (2)

Pavel Popov is the Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation. In this capacity, he has overall responsibility for research activities. This includes the oversight and development of the Ministry's scientific and technical capabilities, including the development of potential weapons, and modernisation of existing weapons and military equipment. The Russian Ministry of Defence took on the responsibility for the chemical weapons stocks inherited from the Soviet Union and their safe storage until their destruction could be completed. The Russian Ministry of Defence has overall responsibility for the safe storage and destruction of chemical weapons. 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. Given the use of such chemical weapons in the territory of the Russian Federation and the evidence of the continued involvement of the Russian MoD in the Novichok programme, this could only be on account of intent by the Ministry of Defence and its political leadership, which includes Pavel Popov. 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 Pavel Popov's senior role in the Russian military, the evidence suggests that he is responsible for the preparation and use of chemical weapons in the attempted assassination of Alexey Navalny.

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Historical data

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Status	Historical (last time active at 28.02.2022 05:16)
Last name/Name	Popov
First name/Name	Pavel
Second name/Name	Anatolievich
Full name/Name	General of the Army Popov Pavel Anatolievich
Type	Prime alias
Description	Deputy Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation
Remark	General of the Army

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