

Russia calls poisoning accusations by Britain ‘nonsense’

LONDON (AP) — Russia on Tuesday dismissed accusations of any involvement in the poisoning of an ex-spy and his daughter as “nonsense,” saying it will only cooperate with an investigation if it receives samples of the nerve agent believed to have been used.

Police, meanwhile, said the investigation of who poisoned Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, will last many weeks and that they are not ready to identify any persons of interest in the inquiry. The father and daughter remain in critical condition in a hospital.

British Prime Minister Theresa May said Russia’s involvement is “highly likely,” and she gave the country a deadline of midnight Tuesday to explain its actions in the case. She is reviewing a range of economic and diplomatic measures in retaliation for the assault with what she identified as the military-grade nerve agent Novichok.

U.S. and European officials were quick to offer words of support for Britain, which will need the backing of its allies if any new sanctions are to have any impact.

Her Downing Street office said

she discussed the Salisbury incident with U.S. President Donald Trump, and that the U.S. was “with the U.K. all the way” in agreeing that Russia “must provide unambiguous answers as to how this nerve agent came to be used.”

They also agreed on the need for “consequences” for those who use “heinous weapons in flagrant violation of international norms,” the White House said.

Earlier, Trump had said: “It sounds to me that they believe it was Russia and I would certainly take that finding as fact.”

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters in Moscow that his country’s requests to see samples of the nerve agent have been turned down. He insisted that Russia is “not to blame.”

“We have already made a statement to say this is nonsense,” he said.

The Russian Embassy in London tweeted that it will not respond to the ultimatum without the samples.

Russian officials and media have responded with a variety of accusations against Britain in recent days, including suggestions that it

was seeking to influence Sunday’s election, which President Vladimir Putin is expected to win easily.

Conservative lawmaker Tom Tugendhat, who chairs the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, said financial sanctions would be keys to a strong response.

“Given that the regime is built on money — it’s effectively a flow of money from the Russian people to Putin and from Putin to his acolytes — money matters,” he said. “If you get the right people and you freeze their assets, it can make a lot of difference.”



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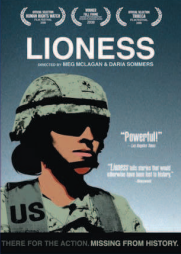
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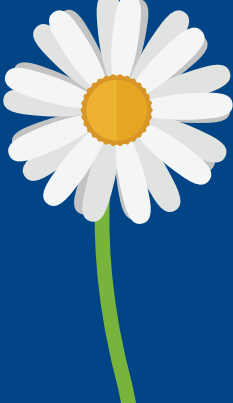
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