

Commentary on Biological Weapons Charges

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[Text] Last month, the British SUNDAY TIMES came up with allegations that Russia is developing biological weapons. The Russian Defense Ministry has strongly denied the allegations. Nevertheless, THE WASHINGTON POST has issued the same statement again recently. Vladislav Kozyakov comments:

What is surprising is that the authors of the publications about a biological weapons program allegedly under way in Russia refer to the White House, sources which in their turn quote statements by some anonymous defectors from Russia. And, moreover, the authors contradict each other. For one, an anonymous author says in THE WASHINGTON POST that he has got all the necessary evidence that the program exists, while another author states in the same newspaper that there is no evidence to prove the charges and therefore it can be only non-military equipment that should be dismantled as well.

Hence, a question arises—what are the reasons for spreading such unfounded accusations concerning the Russian policy in the American mass media, with reference to the administration's officials? An agreement is in effect between Russia, the United States, and Britain on mutual visits to biological facilities of the three countries. Russian experts visited several facilities of the kind in the United States in February-March this year. British