

From: Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
To: Joel E Seabright
Subject: Fw: Statement from the Press Secretary
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:56:23 PM

Joel, will be very interested in this in the AM.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Statement from the Press Secretary

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June 26, 2017

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To: OSD Pentagon PA List DPO CENTCOM
Cc: Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
Subject: Fw: Are you tracking
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:23:11 PM

Gents,

FYI

Mark

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Rigler, Tara M CIV OSD PA (US) <(b)(5)>

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:03 PM

To: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)

Cc: Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US); Wright, Mark E CIV OSD PA (US)

Subject: Re: Are you tracking

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From: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations
To: (b)(6)
Subject: FW: (b)(5) (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:45:08 AM

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Cc: Raimondi, Marc <(b)(6)>
Subject: (b)(5)

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From: Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
To: Hennigan, William
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] LAT
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:07:26 PM

I have nothing

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] LAT

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Hey Jeff,

Do you have any other details on this?

Thanks,

Bill

From: White House Press Office <whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>
Caution-<mailto:whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov> > >
Date: June 26, 2017 at 9:43:48 PM EDT
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From: [OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations](#)
To: [Hennigan, William](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Los Angeles Times request
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:29:55 PM

Off the record, I don't. Sorry. Just referring to the WH statement.

Defense Press Office, Duty Officer
Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
The Pentagon
From: Hennigan, William
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:17 PM
To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Los Angeles Times request

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From: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)
To: Burns, Robert
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] WH statement on potential Syrian CW attack
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 5:12:37 AM

Hi Bob,

We are deferring inquiries to the WH and the SD is not planning on making a statement on it. However if that changes I have to let the traveling press get first crack and i'll forward any information.

Thanks,

Dana

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: Burns, Robert

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:37 PM

To: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)

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Dana,

I realize you are in-flight, but we are looking for guidance on the WH statement just released warning Syria not to go forward with another CW attack. What is going on? Can you shed any light? Will SecDef discuss with traveling press in-flight?

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Burns, Robert
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) COL USARMY CENTCOM CITE OIR (US);
Subject: RE: AP-US-United-States-Syria (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:55:00 PM

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Bob,

Copying our colleagues at OIR who can assist.

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Cc: Rankine-Galloway, Adrian J Maj USMC OSD PA (US) <(b)(6)>
Subject: AP-US-United-States-Syria

Any Pentagon comment on this accusation of an airstrike killing prisoners in Deir el-Zour province?

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Slug:

AP-US-United-States-Syria

Headline:

Syria denies US allegations of coming chemical attack

Summary:

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Editors Note:

Eds: Updates with reports of airstrike killing dozens of prisoners in IS jail. Adds Kremlin comment. With AP Photos.

Urgency:

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Byline:

By PHILIP ISSA and JILL COLVIN

Bytitle:

Associated Press

Dateline:

BEIRUT

BEIRUT (AP) - The Syrian government on Tuesday dismissed White House allegations that it was preparing a new chemical weapons attack, as activists reported an airstrike on an Islamic State-run jail in eastern Syria that they said killed more than 40 prisoners.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 15 militants were also killed in the airstrike that happened on Monday in the Deir El-Zour province. The activist-run Deir Ezzor 24 media outlet said at least 60 civilians were killed.

The two groups said the U.S.-led coalition was behind the strike. Russia and Syria also carry out airstrikes in Deir el-Zour, and it was not clear how the activists identified the aircraft responsible. The coalition could not immediately be reached for comment.

Ali Haidar, the Syrian minister for national reconciliation, meanwhile dismissed a White House statement Monday that warned Syrian President Bashar Assad's government against carrying out another chemical attack. Haidar told The Associated Press the charges foreshadowed a new diplomatic campaign against Syria at the U.N.

The Kremlin also dismissed the White House statement, which had warned that Assad and his military would "pay a heavy price" if it goes ahead with the attack. Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that "such threats to Syria's legitimate leaders are unacceptable."

Russia is Assad's key backer and sided with him when he denied responsibility for a chemical weapons attack that killed dozens of people in Idlib province on April 4. Days later, President Donald Trump ordered a retaliatory cruise missile strike on a Syrian air base.

Peskov criticized the Trump administration for using the phrase "another chemical weapons attack," arguing that an independent investigation into the April attack was never conducted despite Russia's calls for one.

The statement by White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said the U.S. had "identified potential preparations for another chemical weapons attack by the Assad regime that would likely result in the mass murder of civilians, including innocent children."

He said the activities were similar to preparations taken before the attack in April, but provided no evidence or

further explanation.

Several State Department officials typically involved in coordinating such announcements said they were caught completely off guard by the warning, which didn't appear to have been discussed in advance with other national security agencies. Typically, the State Department, the Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies would all be consulted before the White House issued a declaration sure to ricochet across foreign capitals.

The officials weren't authorized to discuss national security planning publicly and requested anonymity.

A non-governmental source with close ties to the White House said the administration had received intelligence that the Syrians were mixing precursor chemicals for a possible sarin gas attack in either the east or south of the country, where government troops and allied forces have faced recent setbacks.

A senior Russian lawmaker dismissed the U.S. warning as "provocation."

Frants Klintsevich, first deputy chairman of the defense and security committee in the upper chamber of the Russian parliament, accused the United States of "preparing a new attack on the positions of Syrian forces."

The U.S. strike in April was the first direct American assault on the Syrian government and Trump's most dramatic military order since becoming president.

Trump said at the time that the chemical attack crossed "many, many lines," and called on "all civilized nations" to join the U.S. in seeking an end to the carnage in Syria.

Syria denied using chemical weapons. Russia's Defense Ministry said the toxic agents were released when a Syrian airstrike hit a rebel chemical weapons arsenal and munitions factory.

The U.S. attack on a Syrian air base came after years of heated debate and deliberation in Washington over intervention in the bloody civil war. Chemical weapons have killed hundreds of people since the start of the conflict.

The U.S. is providing air support and arms to Kurdish-led Syrian forces who are fighting to drive the Islamic State group from Raqqa, the extremists' self-styled capital.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday that Washington would continue to provide weapons after the Raqqa battle is over. His comments were likely to anger Turkey, which views the Kurdish fighters as an extension of the insurgency raging in its southeast.

On Monday, Trump had dinner with Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster and other top officials as he hosted Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House.

Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov talked earlier Monday about the need to secure a cease-fire in Syria, fight extremist groups and prevent the use of chemical weapons, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

Nikki Haley, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, followed up Spicer's statement with a Twitter warning: "Any further attacks done to the people of Syria will be blamed on Assad, but also on Russia & Iran who support him killing his own people."

Less than an hour after Spicer issued the statement, Trump was back to tweeting about the 2016 campaign, denouncing investigations into potential collusion between Moscow and his campaign aides as a "Witch Hunt!"

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Colvin reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Josh Lederman, Vivian Salama and Matthew Lee contributed to this report.

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Subject: Re: Are you tracking
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:46:40 PM

Plus duty. I'm not tracking the info behind this, but stand by for phone to blow up. I suppose we send queries back to WH.

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To: OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations; Wright, Mark E CIV OSD PA (US)
Cc: (b)(6)
Subject: RE: COB - (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:25:00 PM

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ON TOP:

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Adam Stump
Defense Department Spokesman (Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia)
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Need I say more?

Patrick

V/R,
CDR Patrick Evans, APR
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To: Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
Subject: Re: COB (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:12:29 PM

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To: Wright, Mark E CIV OSD PA (US)
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It wasn't a gaggle!

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* NORSAT- Multiple Canadian media outlets, along with NYT, requested Pentagon comment regarding recent Chinese acquisition of a Vancouver tech firm that sells its satellite technology to the U.S. armed forces. Responded with a coordinated lines between AT&L DPAP and Policy: "The Department reviews the implications of the transfer of ownership of any firms that the Department has contracts for equipment and/or services. Current contracts already awarded will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and appropriate measures will be taken, in accordance with the terms of those contracts and consistent with U.S. laws and Department regulations and policies. The Department of Defense emphasizes that transfers of sensitive technologies and capabilities should be carefully vetted to mitigate potential risks to U.S. and allied security interests.

TOP LINES (attached):

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- Syria / Chemical Weapons
- Syria / Arms to the SDF
- CIVCAS Allegation Mayadin
- Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program
- NORSAT-China Acquisition

THREE DAY FORECAST

Wednesday, June 28

- SD travel (Bilat w/German MoD von der Leyen; speech live-streamed 5 a.m. EDT; Marshall Center, Garmisch)
- CSA Gen. Milley travel (Germany, through June 29)
- GTMO pre-trial hearing for Abd al Hadi al-Iraqi (through June 30)
- DOD Info/Indstrl Base Protection Dep. Dir. Richardson @ Defense One/INSA panel on protecting integrity of national security supply chains, 1777 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. - 8:35 a.m.
- Army Corps of Engineers LTG Semonite @ Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee - 2:30 p.m.
- USECAF Disbrow exit interview with Defense One - 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 29

- SD travel (Brussels - North Atlantic Council meeting w/NATO defense ministers; presser live-streamed 2 p.m EDT; return to D.C.)
- OIR update brief w/Col Dillon via DVIDS, PBR - 11 a.m.

Friday, June 30

- Warrior Games begin in Chicago (through July 8)
- Press Office gaggle - 11:30 a.m.
- SD meets with Korean President Moon (details TBD)
- CNO Adm. Richardson speaks at Chicago Council on Global Affairs - 12:30 p.m. CDT
- CSA Gen. Milley speaks at retirement ceremony for former VCSA Gen. Allyn, Fort Bragg, NC
- SECAF Wilson interview with Dayton Daily News @ Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio - 5:15 p.m.
- SD guest of honor @ Marine Barracks parade, 8th and I Sts. SE, Washington, D.C. - 6 p.m.

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* MAVNI. Received follow-up queries following yesterday's Washington Post article on plans to end the MAVNI program. Anticipate continued interest in this story until a decision is made by OSD leadership on the fate of the program. (Updated the MAVNI top lines and dropped into the folder)

* Financial Readiness. Responded to a query from Bloomberg on financial readiness programs for Service members.

* Active Shooter. Multiple outlets queried about an active shooter on Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL. No casualties have been reported. The installation is in lockdown. Installation and local law enforcement are responding to the incident.

* Petya ransomware attack. Federal Computer Week reporter Sean D. Carberry queried about the Petya impact to DoD systems and devices. Responded with approved statement: "U.S. Strategic Command is aware of reports of ransomware affecting multiple global entities. As a matter of policy, we do not discuss the status of our systems or cyberspace operations; however, U.S. Cyber Command continues to defend the Department of Defense Information Network (DoDIN) - one of its primary missions. For your awareness, cyber threats to federal, state, and local government systems here in the United States continue to be pursued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Mark Wright
Deputy Director (Acting),
Defense Press Operations

W: (b)(5)

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From: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)
To: Sweeney, Kevin M SES (US); Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
Subject: Re: Follow up
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 5:41:19 AM

Yes I saw this. We woke up to the statement. WH did not coord with us or JS or State from what I can tell.

(b)(5) we are referring calls to WH. Will pow wow with the boss shortly about me issuing a statement. (b)(5)
(b)(5) then refer questions to WH.
Dana

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Sweeney, Kevin SES SD

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 7:03 AM

To: White, Dana W SES OSD (US); Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)

Subject: Fwd: Follow up

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Kevin M. Sweeney
Chief of Staff

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Karem, Robert S HON OSD OUSD POLICY (US)" <(b)(5)>
<mailto:(b)(5)> >
Date: June 26, 2017 at 10:43:07 PM EDT
To: "Faller, Craig RADM SD" <(b)(5)> <mailto:(b)(5)>, "Sweeney, Kevin SES SD" <(b)(5)> <mailto:(b)(5)>, "Donnelly, Sally SES SD" <(b)(5)> <mailto:(b)(5)>
Subject: Follow up

Fast developing story. Tweets and buzzfeed story quote centcom as having "no idea" about WH statement...

https://www.buzzfeed.com/claudiakoerner/white-house-says-syria-may-be-preparing-another-chemical?utm_term=.gk608md03#.pknx8v2xP

Excerpt:

Officials at US Central Command told BuzzFeed News they have "no idea" what prompted the statement. Pentagon spokesmen did not answer calls seeking comment. Secretary of Defense James Mattis departed earlier Monday evening for a three-day trip to Germany and Belgium, and Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Joseph Dunford was in Afghanistan.

The White House did not specify what form any US retribution would take, or what intelligence suggested that

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Syrian President Bashar al-Assad was preparing to once again deploy chemical weapons on his own people.

Sent from my iPhone

From: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)
To: Warren, Steven H COL USARMY OSD PA (US)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Press Secretary
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:53:42 AM

Thanks. Got it

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From: Warren, Steven H COL USARMY OSD PA (US)

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To: White, Dana W SES OSD (US); Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US); (b)(6)

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Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:55 PM

To: Warren, Steven H COL USARMY OSD PA (US)

Subject: Fwd: Statement from the Press Secretary

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To: (b)(6) Warren, Steven H COL USARMY OSD PA (US)
Cc: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Press Secretary
Date: Monday, June 26, 2017 11:57:45 PM

Surprised us all.

Jeff A. Davis
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From: (b)(6) JS OCJCS (US)
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To: Warren, Steven H COL USARMY OSD PA (US)
Cc: White, Dana W SES OSD (US); Davis, Jeff A CAPT USN OSD PA (US)
Subject: Re: Statement from the Press Secretary

Was there any coord traffic on this? This is the first I'm seeing about it. Any TPs would be appreciated. I'm getting calls from folks in DC. Thanks.

VR/ Greg

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From: White, Dana W SES OSD (US)
To: Donnelly, Sally B SES (US)
Cc: Mikolay, Justin D CIV (US)
Subject: WH Statement on Syria
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:16:23 AM

Here's the WH statement for everyone's ease:

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