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# Russia accuses U.S., Britain, Ukraine of 'direct involvement' in concert attack

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On March 22, Russian emergency services vehicles parked near the burning Crocus concert hall outside Moscow.

FSB chief [Alexander Bortnikov](#) dropped a bombshell on March 26, accusing the U.S., Britain, and Ukraine of orchestrating the horrific March 22 concert hall attack in Krasnogorsk, near Moscow, that left 144 dead and 360 injured. This explosive claim, largely ignored by Western media, came just a day after President Putin hinted at Ukraine's involvement.

Bortnikov's rare TV appearance underscored the gravity of the situation, with Russia expert [Gilbert Doctorow](#) comparing it to the Cuban Missile Crisis. Evidence suggests the attack, originally planned for March 8 — International Women's Day — to disrupt Russian elections, was carried out by Ukraine following the elections after

tight security foiled the initial plot.

ISIS-Khorasan (ISIS-K) is reported to have claimed responsibility for the attack. Following the fall of the U.S.-backed Afghan regime, a significant number of former members of the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) reportedly joined ISIS-K. There are reports that the CIA has been supplying ISIS-K with weapons and matériel. That ISIS-K was involved may be accurate, providing mercenary foot soldiers.

Bortnikov minced no words: “Radical Islamists carried out the attack, but Western special services provided assistance. Ukrainian special services were directly involved.” Bortnikov says Russia has evidence, though conclusive proof is still lacking. These stunning allegations implicate the U.S., Britain, and Ukraine in one of the deadliest terror attacks in recent history, a fact conveniently omitted by the U.S. media.

