

ALEXANDER LITVINENKO POISONED WITH POLONIUM-210 IN LONDON

Former FSB officer Alexander Litvinenko, a British citizen, was poisoned with radioactive polonium-210 at a London hotel on 1 November 2006 and died on 23 November 2006. One victim died; polonium contamination was found at multiple sites in London.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

COURT FINDING

A court, the European Court of Human Rights or a judicial public inquiry has found that Russia or its agents were responsible.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

The UK statutory Litvinenko Inquiry (report of 21 January 2016) found Andrei Lugovoy and Dmitry Kovtun killed him in an FSB operation probably approved by Nikolai Patrushev and President Putin; the ECtHR (Carter v. Russia, no. 20914/07, 21 September 2021) held Russia responsible for the killing under Article 2.

LATEST

Russia has not surrendered the suspects or complied with the ECtHR judgment; no criminal trial has been possible.

SOURCES

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WHAT WE ASK OF MEMBER STATES

- Attribute jointly and publicly; raise it at the UN.
- Sanction the officers and units who ordered the operation, not only those who carried it out.
- Expel intelligence officers operating under diplomatic cover.

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