

BBC Denies Documentary Blames Ukraine For MH17 Downing

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A separatist standing at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, near the settlement of Grabovo in the Donetsk region, is seen in this July 18, 2014 file photo.

The British Broadcasting Corporation has denied media reports that its upcoming documentary proves a Ukrainian fighter jet may have downed passenger plane MH17.

The BBC said that “misleading” media coverage had led to a distorted view of their film, “The Conspiracy Files: Who Shot Down MH17?,” set to air on May 3. The corporation insisted that it offered an objective examination of all theories regarding MH17, reported British newspaper The Telegraph.

Several Russian and international media outlets had earlier reported that the documentary would reveal proof of Ukraine's guilt in the MH17 incident. Head of the State Duma’s Foreign Affairs committee Alexey Pushkov said on social media site Twitter that the film would “get close to the truth about the downed Boeing,” and that “the false masks would start to come off.”

The BBC's press service told The Telegraph that the documentary takes a balanced viewpoint and reports the competing theories surrounding the fate of MH17. "It examines in detail the findings of the official Dutch inquiry into the incident, which provides compelling evidence that the plane was brought down by a powerful ground to air missile," a spokesperson said.

All 298 people onboard the Boeing 777 died when the plane was hit as it flew over war-torn eastern Ukraine on July 17, 2014.

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