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UK trace found in assassination attempt on Russian general – FSB chief

Vladimir Alekseyev was targeted by Ukrainian intelligence, but the plot was supported by the West, Aleksandr Bortnikov has said



FSB Director Aleksandr Bortnikov. © Sputnik/Alexander Kazakov

Britain's secret services were involved in the attempted assassination of Lieutenant General Vladimir Alekseyev, Aleksandr Bortnikov, the Director of Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), has stated.

Alekseyev, first deputy chief of Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate (GRU), was shot several times in the back earlier this month as he waited by an elevator in his apartment block in western Moscow. He survived the attack.

The Russian authorities have since detained three suspects in connection with the assassination attempt, including the alleged gunman – identified as 65-year-old Ukrainian-born

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Russian citizen Lyubomir Korba – who was extradited to Russia with the assistance of the United Arab Emirates.

In an interview with Vesti TV channel on Sunday, Bortnikov reiterated that the assassination attempt was orchestrated by Kiev's intelligence services. However, they had been acting with the support of *“third countries,”* Bortnikov said.



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“We see the UK trace here, first and foremost.

That’s why the investigation continues,” the FSB chief said, without providing further details. He pledged that Russia would not allow the attack to go unanswered, describing any public discussion of specific retaliatory measures as *“a delicate issue.”*

“We are closely monitoring everything that is happening. Of course, we will never forget, and we will never forgive,” Bortnikov added.

The FSB previously said that Polish special services helped Ukraine to recruit Korba by using his son, who is a Polish citizen. Korba later admitted working for Kiev, saying he was promised \$30,000 for killing the general.

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