

Hi Wikispooks

A few thoughts on your Dr Rola page [https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Dr\\_Rola](https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Dr_Rola) which I hope you will find helpful -

### **2.1 Panorama – 26 August 2013**

My understanding is that the alleged incendiary bomb attack itself took place on Monday 26 August [On Friday 30 August Ian Pannell tweeted “Attack was Monday (when we were @ hospital), took few days 2 reach school 2 film tho - dangerous area in Aleppo.”] and that the resulting footage was shown for the first time on the BBC on the Newsnight programme of Thursday 29

August <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-23892594>, shortly after the vote in the House of Commons against military intervention.

### **2.2 Newsnight - 30 August 2013**

The text mentions “the UK House of Commons vote which had declined military action a few hours earlier”, but the vote was on the previous day, Thursday 29 August.

### **2.3 Politics Programme - Saturday 31 August 2013**

I think this section is referring to the same Newsnight programme (of 30 August) as 2.2

There are two links in this section to footnote 6, the BBC News video report of the BBC2 Newsnight programme of Friday 30 August, in which - as you state here in this section - Dr Rola is in discussion with Dianne Abbott (and Newsnight presenter Gavin Esler) and in which Dr Rola offers to host a visit by Ed Miliband to Aleppo.

The date on the video report (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23909554>) is indeed 31 August, but this would be because Newsnight finishes around 11.20pm, and so a news item sourced from it would very likely not be prepared until a few hours later.

(There is a BBC2 programme entitled “Daily Politics” which is broadcast Monday – Saturdays, and also “Sunday Politics” but my guess is that you are likely not referring to either of these).

### **2.4 Panorama and News - 30 September 2013**

It may also be valuable to link to Ian Pannell’s more substantial report of the same day <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-24288698>, as well as the full Panorama programme “Saving Syria’s

Children” [http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03c7m8s/Panorama\\_Saving\\_Syrias\\_Children/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03c7m8s/Panorama_Saving_Syrias_Children/) (or one of the several YouTube postings of it, such as <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtZOS0cUmuk>)

Also a typo (“demonise of”)

### **2.5.1 Multiple Takes**

I agree that the visuals in the two reports don't match (interestingly even BEFORE the notorious edit to the audio - see this letter <http://members5.boardhost.com/medialens/msg/1383170693.html>)

However I am not totally convinced that there have been two video takes – it seems to me that the difference in the images is a result of the audio, in one case at least, not being in its natural place, i.e. having been transposed onto a slightly earlier or later section of the same continuously shot piece. I could well be wrong, though.

### **2.5.3 "Unverified" Footage**

The unverified, third party footage is that which was shot at the “school” in the aftermath of the “attack” – i.e. that which is featured in the first thirty seconds or so of the BBC's 20 August report <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-23892594>. All the footage at the “makeshift hospital” as the “victims” stream in and are “treated” was (at least we are led to believe!) shot by the Panorama crew, headed by Ian Pannell and Darren Conway. Pannell is seen at the “hospital” between 1:44 and 1:46 and at 2:18 in the 29 August report, and in the full Panorama programme appears at length on camera inside the “hospital”, describing the alleged smell of the chemicals etc. He also makes clear in his 30 September article <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-24288698> that the Panorama crew were present at the “hospital”.

As is pointed out

here <http://members5.boardhost.com/medialens/msg/1381878056.html> and <http://members5.boardhost.com/medialens/msg/1382195980.html> though, it seems at least one other, non-BBC camera person was present, and who was responsible for the footage which was posted on the internet and screened by ITN.

PS – the footnote number 9 link to the Media Lens Message Board has recently expired, although the text is the same as that in footnote 10.

### **5.5.5 What is Dr Rola's nationality?**

If I'm right about there being some confusion over the dates in sections 2.1 – 2.3 then it was the next day, rather than 5 days later, when Dr Rola stated: "The whole world has failed the Syrian nation"