

U.S. case against Russia over downed plane

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has said there is overwhelming evidence of Russian complicity in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 over Ukraine. The crash killed all 298 people on board



■ **June-July:** U.S. detects increasing flow of weaponry from Russia to separatist fighters in eastern Ukraine, including convoy of 150 armoured personnel carriers, tanks and rocket launchers. Russia allegedly training separatists to use air defence systems at facility near **Rostov**

■ **July 14:** Rebels suggested to be in possession of Russian **SA-11 "Buk"** missile system according to intercepted calls posted on YouTube by Ukrainian government

■ **July 17, early morning:** Launcher similar to SA-11 system seen by journalists near town of **Snizhne**. From here, U.S. says missile had sufficient range to shoot down MH17



Ukraine also operates SA-11, but U.S. says no Ukrainian systems were in range of where MH17 was shot down

■ **14.15GMT:** U.S. picks up launch imagery of missile – believed to be SA-11 – from separatist-controlled territory at exact moment that MH17 disappeared from radar

■ **14.40GMT:** Ukrainian security services intercept call in which rebel commander **Igor Bezler** tells Russian officer that separatists downed plane. Audio confirmed as authentic by intelligence analysts



■ **July 18:** New set of calls appear to implicate rebels in cover up at crash site. Rebel leader identified as **Alexander Khodakovsky** says he is pursuing inquiries about aircraft black boxes under instructions from "our high-placed friends... in Moscow", and orders militiamen to ensure no outsiders get hold of any material

■ **July 19/20:** Video posted on social media shows SA-11 on transporter travelling through **Krasnodon** back to Russia. Footage indicates system was missing at least one missile