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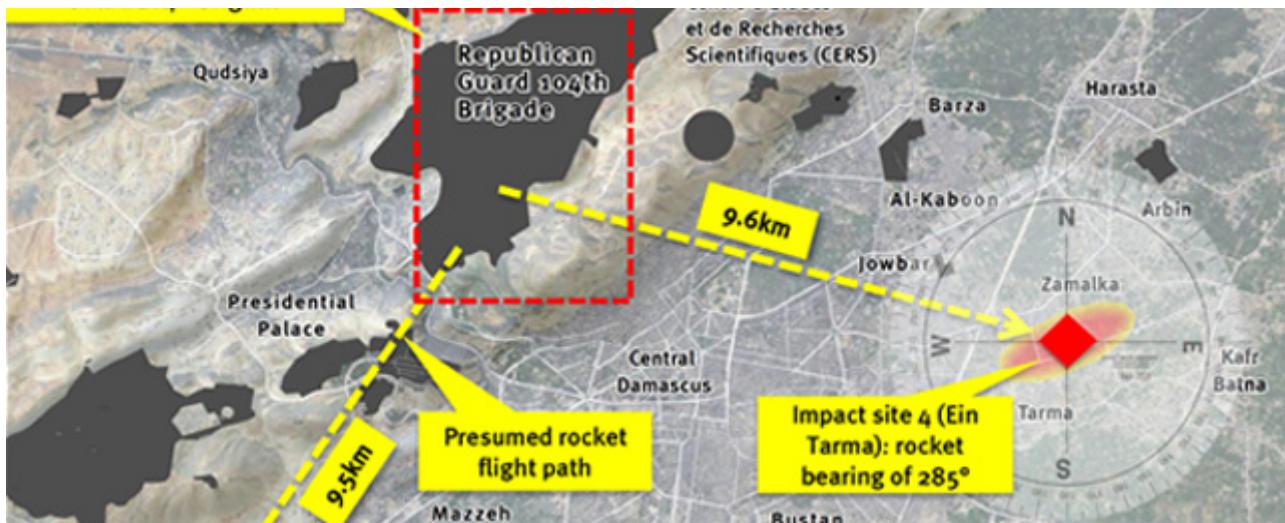


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The UN inspectors investigating the chemical weapons in Syria weren't supposed to point the finger at the party responsible for the killings. Even so, by taking the data from the Sellstrom report, Human Rights Watch was able to work out the rockets' trajectory and their likely launch point.

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The UN experts' report on the August 21 chemical weapons attack in Syria has few surprises for those of us who have been investigating that deadly attack. Yes, they confirmed, it was Sarin. But now what needs to happen?

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The UN Security Council should refer Syria to the International Criminal Court, a major step toward achieving justice not only for victims of the Sarin attack, but for the tens of thousands of civilians killed by all sides since the conflict began.

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by Lewis Mudge
The Independent

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