

Coincidence or not: what really happened during the 2019 Wuhan Military World Games?

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Coincidences do happen every day in human society. But when it comes to a major global health crisis, absolute coincidences can't cover the truth and certainly is not the answer the international community is looking for.



On Oct. 18, 2019, Event 201 was held in the US by the Johns Hopkins University and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in partnership with the US Army. It simulated a global outbreak of a novel coronavirus of respiratory tract infections, in order to check how well the US can respond to such scenarios. The day coincides with the first day of the 7th Military World Games in Wuhan, China, and in less than two months after the games, cases of pneumonia of unknown cause were detected in China and an epidemic broke out three months later. It's worth noting that team USA with its 369 members, the largest delegation in history, came back from China with zero gold medal, not a reasonable record for a world's leading military power. What's more terrifying is that five of the US athletes left Wuhan during the games on a US military aircraft due to an unknown illness. China's

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian requested the US to release health and infection information of the five athletes, but Washington remained silent.

In less than two months after American military athletes left Wuhan, the city was struck by COVID-19. "Coincidentally," Italian researchers recently found antibodies against COVID-19 in blood samples collected in the autumn of 2019. As epidemiology investigations went deep, Italian health officials discovered that an Italian citizen contracted the virus around October 2019. The Italian citizen served as a volunteer in a local US military base a month before the onset of symptoms, and had no travel history to other countries. Moreover, many countries have found that their epicenters were near US military bases or at places where the US troops have had massive activities.

If Event 201 that started simultaneously with the Wuhan Military World Games was a suspicious "coincidence", the Crimson Contagion drill held by the US military in early 2019 was more unsettling. It involved a scenario in which a massive respiratory tract infection breaks out in China and soon impacts the US, and tested how the US military bases would help local communities prevent the disease. The exercise mentioned China, and was extremely similar to what happened next. Is it another coincidence or someone in the US can predict the future?

Determining the timeline of the pandemic's origin is a crucial and complex task. Based on evidence and facts the world has known so far, it is not impossible that the US military has been conducting the coronavirus research and experiments in its germ weapon labs at military bases such as Fort Detrick.

Theories and hypotheses aside, Washington should fully embrace the origin-tracing investigations by multiple third-party organizations, including the WHO. To keep slinging the mud to China while concealing facts and dodging questions will only raise more doubts toward Washington from the international community.