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'UMBRELLA MURDER' PROBE TO END AS THE COLD WAR HAUNTS BULGARIA

By Elizabeth Konstantinova

Bloomberg News

August 29, 2008

"In one of the most infamous unsolved crimes of the Cold War, Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov was attacked in London on Sept. 7, 1978, and died four days later. With the 30-year statute of limitations coming up, Bulgaria plans to close its investigation of the case, a move that may stymie the U.K.'s probe and leave unanswered speculation that Bulgaria's spy service ordered the hit."

"Georgi Markov was a novelist and playwright who defected in 1969. He broadcast 137 weekly 'In Absentia Reports' between 1975 and 1978 on U.S.-funded Radio Free Europe, condemning Bulgaria's regime. His writings were banned from Bulgarian libraries and bookstores, and he wasn't named in official media until 1989."

"Scotland Yard in London is continuing its own probe, given that the murder occurred on U.K. soil. Detectives from there traveled to Bulgaria in May, said Scotland Yard spokeswoman

Lucy Inett in an e-mailed response to questions. U.K. investigators will return in September, Bulgaria's Tsvetanov said.

Lyuben Markov said he suspects his nation's authorities know more than they are letting on. The investigation suffered a setback when General Vladimir Todorov, the last communist-era intelligence chief, destroyed classified documents relating to the case. That earned Todorov a 14-month jail sentence and left the case in limbo, with Bulgaria's original claim -- that Markov was pretending to be a dissident while spying for his homeland -- left unchallenged."

The full article can be found at: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601085&sid=aQ.Vpq_bieUM&refer=europe

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KINGDOM SIGNS TREATY AGAINST CHEMICAL WEAPONS

By Diana Al
The Saudi Gazette
September 2, 2008

"Saudi Arabia, along with 186 countries, signed the Chemical Weapon Convention (CWC) treaty prohibiting the use of chemical weapons in Colombo, Monday."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentID=2008082915763>

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BIOTECH FIRM TO APPLY TECHNOLOGY FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

Houston Business Journal
August 29, 2008

"A Houston biotechnology company has received a \$900,000, three-year contract from the Department of the Navy to develop its optoacoustic technology for quick identification of biological warfare agents such as anthrax under battlefield conditions.

The grant to Fairway Medical Technologies Inc. is part of a \$3 million collaborative project involving the Naval Health Research Center at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio."

The full article can be found at: <http://houston.bizjournals.com/houston/stories/2008/09/01/story9.html>

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PAKISTAN'S DR NUKE BIDS FOR THE PRESIDENCY

By Simon Henderson
The Times Online [UK]
August 24, 2008

"The 'rogue scientist' blamed for selling bomb secrets has strong popular support, writes his confidant."

"Last week a group of lawyers in the Pakistani city of Lahore marched in support of Khan's candidacy. His actual election, requiring a majority vote in the national assembly, would shock the world, which was aghast at revelations, four years ago, that Khan had sold nuclear secrets to Libya, Iran and North Korea. But it would be justice of sorts.

Khan was not a rogue agent selling centrifuges to enrich uranium – and enrich himself. He was a loyal and obedient servant of a succession of military and political regimes in Islamabad. Generals and prime ministers traded his talents, which also included making an atomic bomb and two different missiles capable of carrying it, for a range of diplomatic and political favours.

That, at least, is his story. He has been telling it to me for more than a year, correcting what he regards as the falsehoods and errors in the books published about him. Their authors never managed to contact Khan so relied on the claims of his detractors. But, circumventing his guards, I did manage to reach him and made a simple request: tell me your version. I have hundreds of thousands of his words, as well as letters, photographs and video. My biography of him is nearly complete."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/asia/article4595628.ece>

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OPPOSING VIEW: LABS ARE SAFE, SECURE

By MAJ. GEN. George W. Weightman, CG, US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
USA Today
August 28, 2008

"Secretary of the Army Pete Geren recently organized a Surety Task Force to take another robust look at safety and surety programs.

We are confident we remain a model to be followed. But just as government buildings and airliners got even safer after the Oklahoma City and 9/11 attacks, we know that we, too, need to look at improved ways of countering a new enemy."

The full article can be found at: <http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2008/08/opposing-view-3.html#more>

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