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MENAFN.com

December 17, 2008

“The United States and Jordan on Tuesday agreed to begin a cooperative effort to detect, deter and interdict illicit smuggling of nuclear and other radioactive material.”

“The agreement provides a foundation for the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to cooperate with the JNRC and other government agencies, in order to install radiation detection equipment and associated infrastructure at the Port of Aqaba and selected land border crossings. In addition, the NNSA will train Jordanian officials on the use of such equipment and provide maintenance services for a specified period, the statement said.”

The full article can be found at: [http://www.menafn.com/qn\\_news\\_story\\_s.asp?StoryId=1093224872](http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093224872)

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## **TRAINSAF™ SIMULANTS**

Cleanearthtech.com Press Release  
December 19, 2008

“The characteristics of the TrainSaf™ Simulants correlate closely to the properties of the actual VX, H, and G series agents, and radiological fallout (or particulates) that generally occur from a dirty bomb; yet unlike the real thing, TrainSaf™ products are completely non-toxic and safe to handle.

TrainSaf™ Simulants were formulated to mimic the chemical and physical properties of three groups of chemical warfare agents. These simulants include: volatile G-series of nerve agents, H-series mustard agents, and the non-volatile, persistent VX agents. A particulate powder was also designed to mimic the fallout residue from a radiological dispersal device.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.trainsaf.com/>

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## **NEW "CHEMICAL ALI" TRIAL FOR IRAQ GAS MASSACRE BEGINS**

Yahoo News  
December 21, 2008

“Hundreds of Iraqi minority Kurds demanded on Sunday the execution of a Saddam-era official known as "Chemical Ali" for the killing of 5,000 Kurds in a 1988 gas attack.

Ali Hassan al-Majeed, a Sunni Arab who was Saddam's cousin and a member of his inner circle, has already been sentenced to death twice, once in 2007 for his role in killing tens of thousands of Kurds in Saddam's military "Anfal" campaign.”

The full article can be found at: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20081221/ts\\_nm/us\\_iraq\\_trial\\_2](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20081221/ts_nm/us_iraq_trial_2)

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## **[INDIA] SECURITY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS UNDER REVIEW: KAKODKAR**

The Times of India

December 18, 2008

"The security of the nuclear power plants across the country was being reviewed in the aftermath of the Mumbai terror attacks and any additional measures required to protect them would be put in place, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Anil Kakodkar said on Thursday.

"Already several security measures have been put in place. We are reviewing in the context of what happened in Mumbai and certainly whatever additional (security), which are necessary, we will put in place", Kakodkar who met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, M Karunanidhi on Thursday said here."

The full article can be found at: [http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Security\\_of\\_nuclear\\_power\\_plants\\_under\\_review\\_Kakodkar/articleshow/3858432.cms?TOI\\_latestnews](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Security_of_nuclear_power_plants_under_review_Kakodkar/articleshow/3858432.cms?TOI_latestnews)

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Global Security Newswire

December 19, 2008

"A U.S. lawmaker yesterday charged a former top aide to President George W. Bush with trying to deceive Congress about whether White House officials knew Bush made an unsubstantiated claim about Iraq's nuclear program in his 2003 State of the Union address."

"In subsequent congressional investigations of the prewar assessments of Iraq's WMD capabilities, former White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales -- who would later serve as U.S. attorney general -- wrote that the CIA had approved the inclusion of the uranium assertion in Bush speeches prior to the State of the Union address.

A senior CIA staffer and a National Security Council speechwriter, however, have directly contradicted Gonzales's claim, said House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) in a memorandum yesterday to panel members."

The full article can be found at: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20081219\\_6305.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20081219_6305.php)

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## **MILITARY: REPEAT OF ANTHRAX ATTACKS HARDER TODAY**

By Lolita C. Baldor

Associated Press in Google News

December 18, 2008

"Tighter background checks and improved security would help prevent a repeat of the deadly 2001 anthrax attacks, military officials said Thursday, while acknowledging there are no guarantees."

"I can't say for certain it could not happen today," Army Maj. Gen. Robert Lennox, assistant deputy chief of staff for operations and training, told reporters. "But it would be much more difficult." He said there are more hurdles now before someone could remove a biological agent or toxin from a lab and seek to use it.

Lennox said military safety reviews in recent months endorsed many of the security changes already made, from improved cameras and lights to satellite surveillance. But other changes were deemed not workable or too expensive, including limits on scientists' hours or a system that would prohibit workers from being alone with a toxin.

The Air Force and Navy also said they are preparing to resume shipments of dangerous biological agents to and from their medical and research labs. The Army briefly halted its shipments in August, then resumed them after tightening some rules."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jiuMej-NB\\_uebx5yj1Ytq4PKIMWQD955EN000](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jiuMej-NB_uebx5yj1Ytq4PKIMWQD955EN000)

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### **VEOLIA WRAPS IT UP - LAST OF VX NERVE AGENT BY-PRODUCT DESTROYED**

By Jerry Jordan

The Examiner Online

December 26, 2008

"A year and a half ago, the first shipments of deactivated VX nerve agent, known as hydrolosate, arrived at Veolia Environmental Services to be incinerated in compliance with international treaties mandating the destruction of the nation's chemical weapons arsenal. This past week, the final shipment — 2 million gallons or so — was destroyed.

The program was part of a \$49 million contract entered into between Port Arthur's Veolia and the U.S. Army's Chemical Materials Agency."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.theexaminer.com/npps/story.cfm?ID=2798>

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