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ANTHRAX 'SUSPECT' IS FOUND DEAD

BBC

August 1, 2008

"A top US scientist suspected of anthrax attacks in 2001 has died from an apparent suicide just as he was about to be charged, a newspaper reported.

The Los Angeles Times says government scientist Bruce Ivins was found dead after an overdose of painkillers.

The paper said that he had recently been told of the impending prosecution."

The full article can be found at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7536890.stm>

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MUSEVENI AIDE 'BOUGHT CHEMICAL, BIO WEAPONS'

Daily Monitor [Uganda]
July 30, 2008

"A Danish national appeared before a London court on Monday on charges of transferring chemical and biological weapons to Mr Ananias Tumukunde, an aide to President Museveni who has been in the custody of British authorities for several weeks on charges of money laundering.

Mr Niels Jørgen Tobiasen, 55, who appeared before the Southwark Crown Court for a pre-trial hearing, is a director in a Copenhagen-based firm that supplies sophisticated software and hardware to armed forces in the United States, Great Britain, Nato, and to more than 20 other countries.

He is suspected of having dealings with Mr Tumukunde, a Ugandan diplomatic passport holder, who was arrested in the UK on April 3, charged with five money laundering-related offences, and remanded at Hamondsworth Prison."

"According to the indictment seen by Daily Monitor, it is alleged that between April 1, 2007 and April 4, 2008, Mr Tobiasen "conspired together with Ananias Tumukunde and Lt. Col. Rusoke Tagaswire to transfer, acquire, use or have possession of criminal property" in contravention of Britain's Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Prosecution says Mr Tobiasen "on the 15th day of January 2008 transferred criminal property, namely Chemical and Biological weapons".

Lt. Col. Tagaswire, a Uganda People's Defence Force officer, is still at large. A bio-chemist with a degree in toxicology, Lt. Col. Tagaswire was part of the team appointed by President Museveni last year to investigate the suspicious death of Brig. Noble Mayombo who died after a sudden and intense illness that aroused suspicion of poisoning. The report of their findings has not been made public."

The full article can be found at: http://www.monitor.co.ug/artman/publish/news/Museveni_aide_bought_chemical_bio_weapons_69027.shtml

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WVU RESEARCHERS RECEIVED NSF GRANT FOR NANO-BIOSENSOR DEVELOPMENT

West Virginia University News Release
July 30, 2008

"The National Science Foundation recently awarded WVU researchers \$300,000 to develop a nanoscale biosensor for detection of toxic metals in drinking water, rivers, oceans, soils and sea food.

Nianqiang (Nick) Wu, Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, is the principal investigator for the project. Larry Hornak, Professor of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, and Xiaodong (Mike) Shi, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, are co-investigators."

"This grant will provide funding for WVU researchers to develop a nano-biosensor system capable of simultaneously detecting multiple heavy metals with high sensitivity, selectivity and reliability," said Wu."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.mae.cemr.wvu.edu/news/news-details.php?item=1147>

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US DEMIL PROGRAM – CHANGE OF COMMANDS, JUNE-JULY 2008

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

August 2008

"Four commanders have assumed leadership in change of command ceremonies this summer.

Newport Chemical Depot - June 11

Lt. Col. William D. Hibner replaced

Lt. Col. Brian M. Lynch.

Anniston Chemical Activity - July 15

Lt. Col. Andrew M. Herbst replaced

Lt. Col. Phillip M. Trued, Jr.

Blue Grass Chemical Activity - July 16

Lt. Col. David L. Musgrave replaced

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Closs.

Deseret Chemical Depot - July 22

Col. Gerald L. Gladney replaced

Col. Frederick D. Pellissier.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003678469>

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