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Middle East Times
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"Residents in northern Sulaimaniya province sent a letter to the Iraqi government calling for

the execution of "Chemical Ali" and others for war crimes.

An Iraqi tribunal in June 2007 sentenced Ali Hassan al-Majid and his co-defendants to death for the alleged use of chemical weapons in response to a 1988 Kurdish uprising. Prosecutors claim Majid ordered the use of nerve agents in what was called Operation Anfal, earning him the nickname "Chemical Ali."

The full article can be found at: http://www.metimes.com/Security/2008/08/21/residents_demand_execution_of_chemical_ali/ffbd/

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ShanghaiList.com

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"According to China Radio International the Academy of Military Medical Sciences in Beijing has opened a 24 hour hotline "providing advice and technical support in the event of attacks by nuclear, biological or chemical weapons". The hotline number is 010-66880120, we suggest you write it down or add it to you cell phone contacts — you never know when you'll need to report a nuclear attack."

The full article can be found at: http://shanghaiist.com/2008/08/23/press_one_for_nuclear_attack.php

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INDIA GETTING READY TO FACE BIOLOGICAL WAR FROM TERRORISTS

Bombay News.net

August 22, 2008

"India Friday released its biological disaster management guidelines with a focus on preparing for biological warfare from terrorists using bacteria and viruses.

The guidelines also emphasise developing a medical network to handle critical situations."

"The guidelines also speak of establishing an early warning system and coordination between public health medical care and intelligence agencies to prevent bio-terrorism.

NDMA Vice-chairman N.C. Vij, a retired Army chief, said besides bio-terrorism, the guidelines also focus on several problems like bird flu, plague and other such pandemics."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.bombaynews.net/story/397738>

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MILITARY HALTS SHIPMENTS OF LETHAL GERMS, TOXINS

By Pauline Jelinek

AJC.com

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“Military leaders have suspended some activities at biological research laboratories to review safety rules for some of the world’s deadliest germs and toxins, including how they are shipped through FedEx and other civilian carriers.

Defense officials said the action is part of a larger review ordered after Bruce Ivins, a researcher at an Army lab, committed suicide last month rather than face charges in the 2001 anthrax attacks that killed five people.

Navy and Air Force officials said Thursday that they are temporarily halting shipments of dangerous biological agents to and from their medical and research labs.

They also said that during the review, they won’t allow any employees to handle such materials inside their labs unless the employee is enrolled in a special program to do so — or monitored by someone who is enrolled.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.ajc.com/search/content/news/stories/2008/08/22/biolabs.html>

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US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

August 21, 2008

“A tanker truck delivering sodium hydroxide (NaOH) to the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) accidentally spilled a small amount of the caustic solution on a paved depot roadway. Sodium hydroxide or “lye” is a common industrial chemical used in soap, laundering, and oven and drain cleaners. At the UMCDF, it’s used to neutralize acid gases in the UMCDF Pollution Abatement System (PAS) and to decontaminate demilitarization machines.

Depot personnel trained in dealing with hazardous materials spills responded promptly. They

remediated two small spills, each about two feet in diameter and less than a gallon each. The spills occurred at about 12:30 p.m.

There was no danger to the public and there were no injuries. Depot and UMCDF operations were not interrupted.

The two spills were safely remediated by neutralizing them with citric acid, per standard procedures for minor spills of this nature. One entrance to the installation was closed for a short time for spill response and a related depot Fire Department hazardous materials response exercise. A pipe flange on the tanker truck had apparently been damaged, and it was capped to prevent further leakage after the sodium hydroxide was safely unloaded at the disposal plant.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003678681>

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In order to determine the BAT for the treatment of mustard containing mercury the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) thoroughly reviewed neutralization and the DAVINCH "contained explosives" technology, in addition to incineration. The DAVINCH system is a Japanese-Belgian technology. Cost, schedule, public comments and other facets of all three technologies were studied before DEQ recommended to EQC that incineration with enhanced filters was the best available technology.

Installing sulfur impregnated carbon filters to the PFS metal parts furnace filtration system can be accomplished for about \$750,000, the DEQ estimated, compared to about \$117 million to install neutralization technology and about \$40 million to install DAVINCH."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003678685>

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