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RADIOLOGICAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING

By Louis Chunovic
Government Security News
March 30, 2009

"The Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC), which is charged with ensuring that the U.S is safe from radiological incidents involving nuclear or radioactive materials, including acts of terrorism, is holding a public meeting on the morning of April 14, 2009, in Washington, DC.

Persons requiring additional information or interested in making oral statements at the meeting should send written requests, by the close of business on April 6, 2009, to Timothy Greten, FRPCC's executive secretary, at DHS/FEMA, South Bell Street--CC847, Mail Stop 3025, Arlington, VA 20598-3025; or by fax to 703-305-0837.

The meeting will take place 9-11 a.m. in the Discovery II meeting room at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1761.html>

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NEWT GINGRICH: A SINGLE NUKE COULD DESTROY AMERICA

By: Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen

Newsmax.com

March 29, 2009

“An electromagnetic pulse (EMP) is a byproduct of detonating an atomic bomb above the Earth’s atmosphere. When a nuclear weapon is detonated in space, the gamma rays emitted trigger a massive electrical disturbance in the upper atmosphere. Moving at the speed of light, this overload will short out all electrical equipment, power grids and delicate electronics on the Earth’s surface. In fact, it would take only one to three weapons exploding above the continental United States to wipe out our entire grid and transportation network. It might take years to recover from, if ever.”

“Two things need to be done now and without delay:

1. Make clear in the strongest of terms that, if either Iran or North Korea launches a rocket on a trajectory headed toward the territory of the United States, we will shoot it down. The risk of not doing so is beyond acceptable. And if they construe this as an act of war, so be it, for they fired the first shot. The risk of sitting back for 30 minutes and praying it is not an EMP strike is beyond acceptable, beyond rational on our part.
2. Funding for EMP defense must be a top national priority. To downgrade or halt our missile defense program, which at last is becoming viable after 25 years of research, would be an action of criminal negligence.”

The full article can be found at:

http://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/gringrich_emp_weapon/2009/03/29/197257.html?s=al&promo_code=7D18-1

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CS GAS USED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS ARREST

By Suzy Jagger

The TimesOnline (UK)

March 31, 2009

“Two cocktail party guests of Eric Pickles, the Conservative party chairman, were last night sprayed with CS gas by a policeman in the House of Commons after fighting just yards from debating MPs.

One of the men was arrested and was being held at a police station in Central London. The two men, understood to be journalists, had been at a drinks party hosted in the Shadow Cabinet room.”

“The chair is near one of the main entrances leading into the floor of the Commons and the row could be heard by MPs debating in the House. A policeman suffered a split lip as he tried to stop the row, which resulted in authorities spraying the men with CS gas, typically used to quell riots.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/politics/article6007526.ece>

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SPY AGENCIES BELIEVE NKOREA HAS NUKE WARHEADS

Agence France-Presse on Google News

March 31, 2009

“Intelligence agencies have information that North Korea has assembled several nuclear warheads for its medium-range Rodong missiles capable of targeting Japan, an analyst said Tuesday.

Daniel Pinkston, senior analyst with the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, said the agencies believe that probably five to eight warheads have been assembled.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i3pL7eZiT2nzeaSng5QXxHpsWhJw>

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PENTAGON SEEKS OPTICAL SENSORS TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST CBR ATTACKS

By James Goodwin

Government Security News

March 30, 2009

“That solicitation, which is a 100 percent small business set aside, calls for a vendor to provide 375 optical sensor units that would “automatically track and identify objects, analyze motion and extract video intelligence, to allow the user to detect exceptions in real-time and respond effectively,” says the Army document. By spotting suspicious actions quickly, the agency hopes to be able to thwart such an attack.”

“The optical sensors will be required to “discriminate between ‘normal’ and ‘anomalous’ behavior,” to track people at distances of up to 150 feet, “with the ability to clearly see hair, clothing, and skin color,” and to perform “video data mining,” says the statement of work, dated Jan. 27, 2009 and prepared by the U.S. Army Program Executive Office, Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), which is based in Orlando, FL.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1758.html>

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GAO SEEKS CURBS ON NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE FUNDING TO TERRORISM SPONSORS

By Josh Rogin

Congressional Quarterly on Yahoo! News

March 31, 2009

“The Government Accountability Office revealed Tuesday that U.S. funds promoting the peaceful use of nuclear technology went to countries listed as state sponsors of terrorism.

The agency recommended that Congress and the State Department restrict future funding to the International Atomic Energy Agency's Technical Cooperation Program to prevent Iran, Syria, Cuba and Sudan from receiving money. In a report, the GAO said neither the State Department nor the IAEA had systematically worked to limit assistance to the four countries, which together received more than \$55 million from 1997-2007, meaning it's unclear whether U.S. funding has indirectly contributed to nuclear weapons proliferation.

U.S. funding accounts for 25 percent of the budget of the IAEA program, but the U.N. agency won't release detailed grant data and does not condition funding on the behavior of the recipient countries.

The report was commissioned by Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, D-Hawaii, chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management Subcommittee.”

The full article can be found at:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/cq/20090331/pl_cq_politics/politics3088698_6/print

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