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**CB Daily Report**

### **RUMOURS PERSIST OF URANIUM SMUGGLING AT SHINKOLOBWE MINE IN KATANGA**

By Robin Pagnamenta and Jonathan Clayton

TimesOnline (UK)

January 24, 2009

“The Shinkolobwe mine in Katanga province is a treasure trove of high grade ores: of platinum, copper, cobalt and, most infamously, the uranium used to produce the atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945.

The mine, which was closed officially in 1960, continues to support thousands of “artisan” miners, mainly through the small-scale production of a mineral known as hétérogénite.

But the site has been the source of persistent rumours of uranium smuggling, including a credible report that in 2005 Iran tried to export a large quantity of yellow cake that was intercepted by Tanzanian Customs officials.”

The full article can be found at: [http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry\\_sectors/natural\\_resources/article5576520.ece](http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/natural_resources/article5576520.ece)

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### **IRAN IN SCRAMBLE FOR FRESH URANIUM SUPPLIES**

By Robin Pagnamenta, Michael Evans and Tony Halpin

TimeOnline (UK)

January 24, 2009

“Western powers believe that Iran is running short of the raw material required to manufacture nuclear weapons, triggering an international race to prevent it from importing more, The Times has learnt.

Diplomatic sources believe that Iran’s stockpile of yellow cake uranium, produced from uranium ore, is close to running out and could be exhausted within months. Countries including Britain, the US, France and Germany have started intensive diplomatic efforts to dissuade major uranium producers from selling to Iran.

Before Christmas, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office sent out a confidential request for its diplomats in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Brazil, all major uranium producers, to lobby governments not to sell uranium products, specifically yellow cake, to Iran.

Iran’s stock of yellow cake, acquired from South Africa in the 1970s under the Shah’s original civil nuclear power programme, has almost run out. Iran is developing its own uranium mines, but does not have enough ore to support a sustained nuclear programme.”

The full article can be found at: [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle\\_east/article5576589.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article5576589.ece)

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## **GARY SAMORE TAPPED FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION 'CZAR'**

By Judith Miller

Fox News

January 29, 2009

"It's official, but still unannounced: The White House has tapped Gary Samore, a veteran arms control negotiator in the Clinton Administration, as its new "czar" for preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism.

Samore, a vice president at the Council on Foreign Relations, a New York-based non-partisan foreign policy think tank, formerly served as the National Security Council's senior director under President Clinton from 1996 to 2000 and has had years of experience negotiating non-proliferation treaties and agreements with difficult countries like North Korea.

The still-to-be created office in the White House, which may have a staff of as many as ten officials, elevates the arms control portfolio in the new Administration and the priority that President Barack Obama places on keeping WMD -related material and expertise out of terrorist hands and stopping the spread of such weapons, material, and knowledge to states that have not agreed to abide by nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons treaties."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/elections/2009/01/29/gary-samore-tapped-weapons-mass-destruction-czar/100days/>

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## **JANITOR PLEADS GUILTY IN TENN. NUCLEAR PARTS THEFT**

By Duncan Mansfield

Associated Press on Google News

January 27, 2009

"A former janitor caught in an FBI sting operation trying to sell hardware from a shuttered atomic weapons uranium enrichment plant agreed to a plea deal Monday that carries a six-year prison sentence.

Roy Lynn Oakley, 67, abandoned his not guilty plea to a two-count federal indictment shortly after entering the courthouse, the day his case had been set for trial."

"The judge said he would review a background report on Oakley before sentencing him May 14 under the deal to six years in prison and three years' supervised release. Oakley faced up

to 20 years in prison if convicted.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grqIVTaLjFlg3K897TT-ccZELhaAD95V1A700>

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## **SECRETARY NAPOLITANO ISSUES ACTION DIRECTIVES ON FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH SURGE CAPACITY AND HURRICANE KATRINA**

US Department of Homeland Security News Release  
January 28, 2009

“U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano announced today two action directives, on first responder health surge capacity and Hurricane Katrina.

The directives require specific department offices and components to work with state and local partners to review and assess current plans to respond to significant medical emergencies and address Hurricane Katrina’s lingering impacts.

Secretary Napolitano has already issued nine action directives: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) state and local integration; national planning, cybersecurity; northern border strategy; critical infrastructure protection; risk analysis; state and local intelligence sharing; transportation security; and state, local and tribal integration. She will continue to issue additional action directives in the coming days focused on the missions critical to the department: Protection, Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Immigration.

The full action directives are below:

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**First Responder Health Surge Capacity.** Given the ongoing threat of a pandemic, biological or nuclear attack, improving the capacity to deal with large-scale medical emergencies is paramount. While the Department of Health and Human Services serves as the lead federal agency, DHS plays a critical role in enhancing emergency medical response capabilities at all levels of government. DHS also oversees the health aspects of contingency planning for all chemical biological, radiological and nuclear hazards. Given the department’s all-hazards response mission, it is essential to determine the current state of medical readiness, including local first responder capabilities, hospital bed capacity, and the ability to surge existing capacity in an emergency, as well as any gaps and current efforts to address them. To this end, the Office of Health Affairs (OHA), working with FEMA, state and local emergency management officials, and other federal agencies shall:

1. Review plans and activities underway to strengthen and coordinate medical readiness preparedness.
2. Conduct a review and assess any shortcomings of the National Response Framework Emergency Support Function #8 - Public Health and Medical Services.
3. Review the capacity for communities to handle large scale health emergencies, including first responder capacity and the ability to surge beyond existing bed space at local hospitals.

4. Review any overlaps and inconsistencies in medical readiness plans and activities.

5. Review ongoing grant making efforts and assess their effectiveness.

6. Submit any possible restructuring or consolidations for these plans and activities

that are necessary and identify areas where state and local emergency management agencies can provide input.

An oral report is due Feb. 10, with a final report due Feb. 24."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr\\_1233158724611.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1233158724611.shtm)

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## **IRAN COULD HAVE ABILITY TO BUILD NUCLEAR BOMB BY 2010, STUDY WARNS**

By David Blair

The London Telegraph

January 28, 20090127134613

"The International Institute for Strategic Studies has said Iran is months away from crossing a vital threshold which could put it on course to build a weapon.

Mark Fitzpatrick, the senior fellow for non-proliferation at the IISS, said: "This year, it's very likely that Iran will have produced enough low-enriched uranium which, if further enriched, could constitute enough fissile material for one nuclear weapon, if that is the route Iran so desires."

Further enrichment to produce weapons-grade uranium would take at least 12 months after the threshold that Iran is likely to reach at the end of this year. Iran's scientists will have to overcome numerous technical hurdles and fully master the enrichment of uranium before this can happen."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/iran/4362989/Iran-could-have-a-nuclear-bomb-by-2010-study-warns.html>

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## **BILL CALLS FOR SIX NEW NATIONAL EMERGENCY CENTERS AT CLOSED MILITARY BASES**

By Jacob Goodwin

Government Security News

January 28, 2009

"Legislation has been submitted in the House that would authorize \$360 million over a two-year period to identify and convert six closed military bases across the country into "national emergency centers," ready to provide housing, medical and humanitarian assistance to individuals who have been dislocated by a major disaster."

"The bill, H.R. 645, sponsored by Alcee Hastings (D-FL), was referred Jan. 22 to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.

The emergency centers, as envisioned in the legislation, would consist of "a complete operations command center, including 2 state-of-the-art command and control centers that will comprise a 24/7 operations watch center." The centers should be "environmentally safe" and be "capable of being scaled up or down" to accommodate major disasters, says the Hastings bill, which currently has no co-sponsors."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1438.html>

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## ***Chem-Demil News***

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### **G8 CASH NOT ENOUGH FOR ARMS DISPOSAL, SAYS RUSSIA**

By Toni Vorobyova

Reuters

January 28, 2009

"Russia said on Wednesday it might have to slow down destruction of its huge Soviet-era stocks of chemical and other weapons of mass destruction because its G8 partners were not providing enough funds to carry out the work.

The Group of Eight industrialized nations clinched a \$20 billion deal in 2002 to help Russia get rid of chemical, nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction and stop them falling into the wrong hands.

The program, dubbed "the G8 Global Partnership," aims to help destroy chemical weapons, dismantle aging reactors aboard decommissioned nuclear-powered submarines and dispose of fissile materials."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-Russia/idUSTRE50R5NE20090128>

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