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NYPD GETS RADIATION DETECTORS TO SEARCH FOR BOMBS

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"The US Department of Homeland Security has given three state-of-the-art radiation detectors to the New York Police Department to patrol city streets in search of dirty bombs and other nuclear threats.

The 450,000-dollar worth Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors will be placed in three SUVs on Wednesday at entrances to tunnels, bridges and tollbooths, the Daily News reports.

The detectors had been purchased by DHS' National Nuclear Detection Office for use at the nation's ports, but officials concluded they weren't strong enough to penetrate ship containers, police sources said.

Officials believe they will be able to detect radioactive isotopes emanating from a dirty bomb in the back of a car."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.policeone.com/police-technology/articles/1852913-NYPD-gets-radiation-detectors-to-search-for-bombs/>

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DUTCH SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS MUSTARD GAS CONVICTION

By Mike Corder

The Associated Press on Yahoo! News

June 30, 2009

“The Dutch Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the war crimes conviction of a businessman for selling chemicals to Saddam Hussein that his regime in Iraq turned into poison gas and unleashed on Kurds and Iranians.

However, the highest Dutch court rejected an appeal by 16 victims for compensation, saying their claims are too complicated. The court also shaved six months off the 17-year sentence handed to Frans van Anraat of the Netherlands because his case took so long.

In May 2007 a Hague appeals court upheld Van Anraat's 2005 conviction for complicity in war crimes and increased his sentence from 15 to 17 years. It rejected a prosecution appeal against his acquittal of complicity in genocide.”

The full article can be found at:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090630/ap_on_re_eu/eu_netherlands_iraq_war_crimes

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NEW YORK POLICE EXPAND DIRTY BOMB SECURITY

By Christine Kearney

Reuters

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“Thousands of additional law enforcement officers within 50 miles of New York City will have access to radiation detectors for dirty bombs and nuclear devices, New York police said on Wednesday.

The detectors, including cell phone-sized devices that officers wear on their belts, could help uncover a dirty bomb that might be assembled outside New York and smuggled in, police said at a security conference. New York Police Department officers have used such devices for several years.

Police spokesman Paul Browne said thousands of law enforcement officers would be using the devices in areas surrounding New York City, including state police and sheriff's departments in New Jersey and Connecticut.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE56067720090702>

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JAPAN'S AMANO SAYS 'VERY PLEASED' AT IAEA ELECTION

SpaceWar.com

July 02, 2009

“Japanese candidate Yukiya Amano said Thursday he was 'very pleased' after he won the race to head the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"This afternoon I have received the support from 23 countries which is the necessary number of votes to be selected as the next director general of the IAEA," Amano told journalists. "I am very pleased for this support."

Amano scraped through to victory in the sixth round of voting on Thursday, when 23 of the IAEA's 35 board members voted in his favour, 11 voted against and one country abstained.

He had been competing against South African ambassador Abdul Samad Minty.

The election process is not over, however.

Under the rules of procedure, all 145 IAEA member states are to meet again on Friday afternoon where they will formally appoint Amano "by acclamation".

But he will not be officially named until the IAEA's General Conference give its green light in September."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.spacewar.com/2006/090702145724.9a6zc0gh.html>

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SWITZERLAND VOWS TO DESTROY SECRET NUCLEAR DOCUMENTS

SpaceWar.com

July 01, 2009

"The Swiss government vowed Wednesday to destroy sensitive documents related to an alleged case of international nuclear smuggling, rejecting demands from lawmakers to reverse its decision.

"There are no grounds ... to reverse its decision, which takes into account in a measured manner the needs of the prosecuting authorities and Switzerland's international engagements," the government said in a statement."

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"Switzerland last year revealed that three Swiss engineers accused of having allegedly smuggled nuclear secrets to Libya were in possession of detailed plans on how to make such weapons.

The government said it destroyed some of these documents in November 2007 "to prevent them falling into the hands of a terrorist organisation or non-authorized state."

The move sparked an uproar as judges and lawmakers said it would compromise investigations into the three Swiss engineers' involvement."

The full article can be found at:

http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Switzerland_vows_to_destroy_secret_nuclear_documents_999.html

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FEDS, STATE HAGGLE OVER CHEM DEMIL DEADLINE

By Robert Boczkiewicz

The Pueblo Chieftain
July 01, 2009

"Federal defense agencies Wednesday challenged Colorado's action to set an enforceable deadline for destruction of toxic chemical weapons at the Army's Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The agencies told Senior U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch the state Department of Public Health and Environment cannot legally impose a deadline.

The department's hazardous materials division wants a court order allowing it to set the end of 2017 for complete destruction of the mustard gas weapons stored at the depot.

"We want to ensure no further delay," state Assistant Attorney General David Kreutzer, representing the department, told the judge.

Kreutzer said the department sued the Defense Department and the depot in September 2008 "to have an enforceable date. We'd like to put an end to the slippage in the schedule." Matsch said the health department wants "a compliance order from me (for) a definite end date."

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/07/02/news/local/doc4a4c44252a63c919303284>.

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ARMY CHEMICAL INCENERATOR IN ANNISTON BEGINS LAST WORK

NBC13.com

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"The Army's \$1 billion chemical weapons incinerator in Alabama has started its final round of work. A spokesman for the incinerator, located at the Anniston Army Depot, said today explosive charges have been removed from more than 60 old mortar shells.

Mustard agent will be drained from the shells and burned. The metal parts from the weapons will be destroyed separately."

The full article can be found at:

http://www.nbc13.com/vtm/news/local/article/army_chemical_incenerator_in_anniston_begins_last_work/81331/

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