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Reuters

July 1&, 2009

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"Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's former representative to the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency, was named to replace Gholamreza Aghazadeh as head of the Atomic Energy Organization at a cabinet meeting late Thursday."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE56G22420090717>

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AUDITORIUM AND TRAINING CENTER FOR BIODEFENSE TO BE EXPANDED AT FORT DETRICK

By Jacob Goodwin
Government Security News
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EYE DROPS MAY PROTECT AGAINST CHEMICAL ATTACK

Wayne State University School of Medicine News Release
July 10, 2009

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"Over the next year, Dr. Sosne will work with military researchers to test how well Thymosin Beta 4, in the form of RGN-259 eye drops, prevents eye damage before exposure to chemical agents, as well as determine their ability to reduce damage to the eye from such

chemicals.”

The full article can be found at: <http://prognosis.med.wayne.edu/article/dr-sosne-testing-eye-drops-that-may-protect-against-chemical-attack>

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“The meeting will take place at the CDC at 1600 Clifton Road, NE, in Atlanta.

Further information is available from Matthew Jennings, coordinator, at 404-639-7357.”

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[UK] MILITARY DOCTOR SHORTAGE WARNING

By Nick Triggle

BBC

July 16, 2009

“The military's medical arm is under severe strain because of a huge shortage of doctors, unions say.

A third of the 768 doctor posts in the armed forces are currently unfilled with the worst shortages in some of the most critical areas like anaesthetics.

The British Medical Association said the problem meant doctors were risking burn-out because they were having to return to the front-line too quickly.

The government said it was trying to rectify the shortfall.

While the pressure on military doctors has been relieved slightly by the withdrawal from Iraq, the revelations still raise concerns amid the mounting death toll in Afghanistan.

Military doctors spend their time being shifted between NHS work and deployments with the armed forces.

Normally they will only be deployed once every 12 to 18 months, but the BMA said some medics are being sent out every six months."

The full article can be found at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/8145287.stm>

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WMD RESPONSE ORGANIZATION REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

BY Jacob Goodwin

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"Organizations with these WMD response capabilities would be expected to play a number of roles, including preparations for incidents involving WMD, "National Special Security Events," and other designated major disasters or emergencies.

The organization would be required to initiate its response within two hours of receiving an activation order, should provide at least 75 deployable personnel for the actual response, and should provide sufficient management and administrative staff as well."

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