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### **[FT. LEAVENWORTH, KS] - EXERCISE TESTS POST'S READINESS, INTERAGENCY COORDINATION**

By Will King

The Fort Leavenworth Lamp Online

May 28, 2009

"Fort Leavenworth emergency responders joined forces with civilian emergency services to test their readiness and interagency coordination during the 2009 Antiterrorism/Force Protection/Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive Exercise May 27 at Riverside Apartments.

In the exercise scenario, a terrorist armed with a chemical agent took several hostages at Riverside Apartments, and responders had to secure the site and treat and decontaminate casualties. The exercise involved Fort Leavenworth fire, police and medical personnel, as well as external support from federal, state and local agencies."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.ftleavenworthlamp.com/articles/2009/05/28/news/news3.txt>

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## **WHITE POWDER BAYER ASPIRIN SAMPLES SENT THROUGH MAIL CONCERN OFFICIALS**

Goerie.com

May 29, 2009

"Health officials are concerned that a mass mailing from Bayer Aspirin Company might prompt concern from people about suspicious white powder.

Bayer sent 178,000 envelopes to households across the United States between May 20 and today containing a sample of its new product, called Bayer Aspirin Crystals. The aspirin is in a white crystalline form.

The mailing has prompted federal agencies to warn local emergency management agencies of the possibility of calls from people worried about white powder spilling from their mail."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090529/NEWS02/305299892/-1/NEIGHBORS>

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## **BBC RADIO ANNOUNCES NUCLEAR TESTS IN NORTH YORKSHIRE [SIC]**

The Telegraph [UK]

May 29, 2009

"A news presenter mistakenly announced on national radio that North Yorkshire had launched a programme of illegal underground nuclear tests.

A newsreader made the error on Monday at the start of a bulletin on Radio Five Live.

The top story was a report about the worldwide disapproval of North Korea's recent tests but the unidentified newsreader instead declared: "There has been widespread condemnation of North Yorkshire's decision to carry out an underground nuclear test.

"The UN secretary general, Ban Ki-Moon, says he is deeply worried."

"A spokesman for Five Live said: "We are aware of the occasional tensions between North and South Yorkshire, but clearly this was a slip of the tongue."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/5406829/BBC-radio-announces-nuclear-tests-in-North-Yorkshire.html>

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## **EGYPT MUFTI ISSUES FATWA ON USE OF WMD**

BBC

June 01, 2009

"Muslims should not use weapons of mass destruction and possess them only as a deterrent, a top Islamic cleric says.

Grand Mufti of Egypt Ali Gomaa said using such weapons would violate Islamic teachings as Muslims as well as non-Muslims could be killed.

He issued the religious ruling, or fatwa, following reports that the use of such weapons was legitimate, the state news agency Mena said.

His ruling comes just days before the visit of US President Barack Obama."

The full article can be found at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/8076410.stm>

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## **TOP COURT REJECTS 2 SUITS ON POISON GAS LEFT IN CHINA BY JAPANESE ARMY**

JapanToday.com

May 27, 2009

"The Supreme Court turned down on Tuesday appeals by a total of 22 Chinese plaintiffs in two separate suits who sought damages from the Japanese government for their sufferings caused by poisonous gas munitions left behind by the Imperial Japanese Army in China at the end of World War II.

Justice Tokiyasu Fujita, who presided over the top court's third petty bench, ruled against the Chinese victims of chemical weapons and their bereaved family members, denying the responsibilities of the Japanese government. In September 2003, the Tokyo District Court handed down a landmark ruling that ordered the Japanese state to pay a total of some 190 million yen in compensation in one of the two suits."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.japantoday.com/category/national/view/top-court-rejects-2-suits-on-poison-gas-left-in-china-by-japanese-army>

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