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"A 266-page document that gives detailed information about civilian nuclear sites and programs, marked "highly confidential," was accidentally made public by the federal government, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

The document's publication was revealed Monday in an online newsletter about federal secrecy issues. The Times described the document as including maps that identify where nuclear weapons fuel is stockpiled, though it contained no information about military nuclear operations.

It was removed from the Government Printing Office site late Tuesday, after the Federation of American Scientists reported on the document's existence Sunday in an online bulletin.

The Obama administration prepared the document to comply with a decade-old international agreement aimed at providing the International Atomic Energy Agency with a comprehensive picture of the country's nuclear and nuclear-related activities. The U.S. made the agreement to encourage other countries to provide similar disclosure of their nuclear activities."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/06/02/report-accidentally-releases-list-nuclear-sites/>

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EXCLUSIVE: AL QAEDA EYES BIO ATTACK FROM MEXICO

By Sara A. Carter
The Washington Times
June 03, 2009

"U.S. counterterrorism officials have authenticated a video by an al Qaeda recruiter threatening to smuggle a biological weapon into the United States via tunnels under the Mexico border, the latest sign of the terrorist group's determination to stage another mass-casualty attack on the U.S. homeland.

The video aired earlier this year as a recruitment tool makes clear that al Qaeda is looking to exploit weaknesses in U.S. border security and also is willing to ally itself with white militia groups or other anti-government entities interested in carrying out an attack inside the United States, according to counterterrorism officials interviewed by The Washington Times.

The officials, who spoke only on the condition they not be named because of the sensitive nature of their work, stressed that there is no credible information that al Qaeda has acquired the capabilities to carry out a mass biological attack although its members have clearly sought the expertise.

The video first aired by the Arabic news network Al Jazeera in February and later posted to several Web sites shows Kuwaiti dissident Abdullah al-Nafisi telling a room full of supporters

in Bahrain that al Qaeda is casing the U.S. border with Mexico to assess how to send terrorists and weapons into the U.S."

"The Times first reported in March that Hezbollah -- an Iran-backed group based in Lebanon -- is using routes that Mexican drug lords control to smuggle contraband and people into the United States to finance operations."

The full article can be found at: <http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/jun/03/al-qaeda-eyes-bio-attack-via-mexico-border/>

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ISRAEL'S "DOOMSDAY SCENARIO" MILITARY EXERCISES

GlobalResearch.ca

May 31, 2009

"Israel will test its response to simultaneous attacks from Lebanon and Gaza [EPA]

Israel has begun its largest-ever defence drill, testing the response of its emergency services to a "doomsday scenario" of missile attacks, bombings and natural disasters.

The five-day national exercise got under way on Sunday, with defence officials playing down any connection to recent and growing tensions with Iran.

The drill simulates simultaneous rocket strikes from the Gaza Strip and Lebanon and missile attacks from Iran and Syria.

It will test the way rescue services deal with attacks, including conventional, chemical and biological strikes against large population centres.

The exercise will also simulate a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings.

"We will be exercising the doomsday scenario of simultaneous strikes against Israel on all fronts and by different means," Shlomo Dror, a defence ministry spokesman, said last week."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=13793>

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OFFICIAL: IAEA TO VOTE FOR NEW DIRECTOR JULY 9

By George Jahn

The Associated Press on SFGate.com

June 01, 2009

"The planned vote would follow a March session that failed to choose a successor to Mohamed Elbaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency. He steps down in November.

Five candidates are now in the running. But the 35-nation IAEA board plans a "straw poll" on June 9 to reduce the field by weeding out those with little chance of winning the two-thirds majority."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2009/06/01/international/i133719D74.DTL&feed=rss.business>

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IRANIAN ELECTION VICTOR COULD NOT CHANGE NUCLEAR POLICY, OFFICIAL SAYS

Global Security Newswire

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"Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei would continue charting Iran's nuclear course regardless of who wins the country's June 12 presidential election, Iranian presidential media adviser Mehdi Kalhor told Reuters."

"No one but the leader can decide about any move to renew ties with America and Iran's nuclear work," Kalhor said. "Such issues cannot be traded by any president."

Khamenei in 2005 mandated the removal of seals that the International Atomic Energy Agency had placed on equipment at Iran's Isfahan uranium conversion facility, Kalhor added. The move paved the way for the revival of Iran's uranium enrichment program after its 2003 suspension."

The full article can be found at: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090602_9316.php

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AMATEURS USE GOOGLE EARTH TO UNCOVER KIM'S SINISTER SECRETS

By Michael Sheridan

TimesOnline (UK)

May 31, 2009

"A set of images - "North Korea Uncovered", released by Curtis Melvin, a keen American amateur - includes a tantalising view of the site where the North Koreans detonated a nuclear device last week that diplomatic sources say may have been based on a Chinese design.

Melvin's satellite map of the country, collated from Google Earth, reveals palaces, labour

camps, mass graves and the entrance to the subterranean test base in the remote northeast of the country."

"Other enthusiasts, including some who had served in the US military in Korea, quickly began adding data, cross-checking facts and labelling locations.

The result is a portrait of a hidden country. It is so rich in raw intelligence that even the collators may not be aware of just how many state secrets are on their website.

Railways and the electricity grid crisscross a landscape where no factories have functioned for years.

Grandiose monuments adorn empty plazas. Airfields and artillery emplacements scar the landscape. A lonely missile launching site from where the North Koreans fired off short-range missiles last week stands looking out across the Sea of Japan.

Sinister mounds mark the places where exiles believe the victims of a man-made famine in the 1990s - perhaps 1m people - were interred.

The mappers are confident that they have identified the Vinalon complex, a plant connected with hideous chemical warfare experiments.

The outlines of fences, ditches and boundaries appear to correlate with escapees' accounts of the locations of labour camps. The mappers have also identified a public execution site."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/asia/article6396012.ece>

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"A new report says that U.S. law prohibits the only realistic option for meeting the 2017 deadline set by Congress for complete elimination of the U.S. chemical-weapon stockpile, Superfund Report reported yesterday."

"There are no realistic options available to destroy the complete U.S. stockpile by the [Chemical Weapons Convention] deadline of April 2012," according to a Pentagon report to lawmakers. Also, "to achieve the congressional destruction mandate of 2017, only transporting portions of the stockpile to currently operating destruction facilities showed any

reasonable probability of success, and this option is precluded by law."

The full article can be found at: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090602_8404.php

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