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AL QAEDA SAYS WOULD USE PAKISTANI NUCLEAR WEAPONS

By Inal Ersan

Reuters

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"If it were in a position to do so, Al Qaeda would use Pakistan's nuclear weapons in its fight against the United States, a top leader of the group said in remarks aired on Sunday."

"God willing, the nuclear weapons will not fall into the hands of the Americans and the mujahideen would take them and use them against the Americans," Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, the leader of al Qaeda's in Afghanistan, said in an interview with Al Jazeera television.

Abu al-Yazid was responding to a question about U.S. safeguards to seize control over Pakistan's nuclear weapons in case Islamist fighters came close to doing so."

The full article can be found at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-40495320090621>

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US ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER DOCTRINE PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

Army Chemical Review
Summer 2009

A table identifying US Army CBRN doctrinal publications and their current status.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.wood.army.mil/chmdsd/pdfs/Summer%2009/Doctrine-Update-Summer2009.pdf>

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NEW DETECTOR NOT MUCH BETTER CATCHING NUKE MATTER

CBSNews.com
June 21, 2009

“Federal investigators say the government's next generation radiation detectors are only marginally better at detecting hidden nuclear material than monitors already at U.S. ports, but would cost more than twice as much.

The machines are intended to prevent terrorists or criminals from smuggling into the U.S. a nuclear bomb or its explosive components hidden in a cargo container.

The monitors now in use can detect the presence of radiation, but they cannot distinguish between threatening and nonthreatening material. Radioactive material can be found naturally in ceramics and kitty litter, but would be of no use in making a bomb, for instance.

The Department of Homeland Security has said the new machines it is developing can distinguish between kitty litter and dangerous radioactive material and produce fewer false alarms than the current ones.”

The full article can be found at:
<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/06/21/ap/cabstatepent/main5101766.shtml>

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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION–CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM: THE TITLE 32 INITIAL RESPONSE FORCE

Army Chemical Review
Summer 2009

“This article is designed to address the layered support to civil authorities and will detail the initial response force, which comes from the Title 32 forces—the Weapons of Mass Destruction–Civil Support Teams (WMD-CSTs).”

“The mission of WMD-CSTs is to—

- Assess current and potential hazards to personnel, animals, and selected critical infrastructure features from identified agent substances.
- Advise civil authorities on initial casualty medical management and casualty minimization measures.
- Assist with the arrival of additional state and federal assets to help save lives, prevent human

suffering, and mitigate property damage.

The WMD-CSTs can deploy rapidly, assist local first responders in determining the nature of an attack, provide medical and technical advice, and pave the way for the identification and arrival of follow-on state and federal military response assets. Using a technologically advanced operational fleet, the WMD-CSTs can respond quickly, accomplish their mission, and blend in with civilian vehicles at the scene.

They provide initial advice on agent identification, assist first responders in the detection assessment process, and serve as the first military responders on the ground. If additional state or federal resources are called upon, they can act as advance parties to provide liaisons with Joint Task Force Civil Support. As experts in CBRNE defense operations, they can mitigate the consequences of any natural or man-made hazardous event."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.wood.army.mil/chmdsd/pdfs/Summer%2009/WMD-CST-Title32-Summer2009.pdf>

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MASS NOTIFICATION: SOCIAL NETWORKS TO THE RESCUE

By Sue Stott

HSToday.com

June 12, 2009

"Tools initially designed for making friends in cyberspace are transforming emergency management—in new and unexpected ways. In the June issue of Homeland Security Today (HSToday) Washington Correspondent Mickey McCarter takes a look at advances in mass notification tools and technologies—including the use of social networks, specifically as they relate to hurricane preparedness.

US federal officials, realizing the power of social media communications, have been trying to engage individuals to spread news during disasters, in addition to providing information through its own social media feeds. In fact, with the start of the 2009 hurricane season, federal agencies have been making use of social media to warn Americans of any hurricane emergencies.

To find out how federal, state and local authorities are harnessing the power of social media for mass notification in a disaster, read the entire article "Social Networks to the Rescue."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/8960/174/>

The original article can be found at: <http://ipaperus.ipaperus.com/HomelandSecurityToday/June2009/?Page=45>

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CENTRE FOR EX-SOVIET WEAPONS SCIENTISTS WARNS OF BUDGET CUTS

Agence France-Presse on SpaceWar.com

June 18, 2009

"An international centre that funds ex-Soviet weapons scientists to prevent their knowledge from falling into the hands of terrorists warned on Thursday that it faces steep budget cuts.

"Our centre clearly has less funds available than two or three years ago," Adriaan van der Meer, executive director of the Moscow-based International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC), told AFP."

The ISTC was founded in 1994 amid concern in the West that impoverished scientists from the former Soviet Union would start working for regimes determined to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

Since then it has given assistance to more than 70,000 ex-Soviet scientists, and today it supplements the salaries of Russian researchers who earn an average of only 500 dollars (360 euros) per month.

But its funding has plunged recently as donor governments have shifted the focus of nonproliferation efforts to countries like Pakistan, Iraq and Libya, and the global economic crisis has also taken its toll, Van der Meer said."

The full article can be found at: http://www.spacewar.com/reports/Centre_for_ex-Soviet_weapons_scientists_warns_of_budget_cuts_999.html

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DESTRUCTION OF VX, GB AND GD AT POCHEP, RUSSIAN FED. PRESENTED TO: 12TH INTERNATIONAL CWD CONFERENCE

By Dr. rer. nat. Birgit Fischer, Eisenmann Corp.
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Interesting briefing slides and graphics by a German contractor for the Russian demil facility at Pochep, including lessons learned.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.dstl.gov.uk/conferences/cwd/2009/pres/FischerB.pdf>

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