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By David Pugliese

Ottawa Citizen

March 5, 2009

"Technological glitches have put on hold a U.S. plan to equip its customs agents along the Canadian border with portable equipment designed to detect radioactive material being smuggled into the country."

"But that program has been put on hold, and the devices may not be in place until 2012, according to a newly released report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, an

organization similar to Canada's auditor general."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/Glitches+delay+dirty+bomb+detection+Canada+border/1358002/story.html>

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N.KOREA SHIPS SMUGGLE GOODS, BUT NOT WMDS: REPORT

By Paul Eckert

Reuters in The Washington Post

March 5, 2009

"British North Korea expert Hazel Smith said her detailed study of North Korean merchant shipping showed a fleet of only 242 aging vessels faces too much scrutiny in the world's ports to be a significant conduit for weapons of mass destruction.

"We can't really find very much hard evidence of North Korean ships involved in smuggling WMD or components of WMD," Smith, of Cranfield University, told a Washington meeting of think tank East-West Center."

"But even countries friendly toward North Korea such as China, Russia and Vietnam impose strict inspections on North Korean merchant ships, which are frequently stopped and even detained for serious safety violations, said the report.

In four publicly known cases between 1992-2003 in which North Korean vessels were stopped on suspicion of shipping WMD components or chemicals, none were prosecuted because the cargo was either undetermined, legal or "dual-use," with legal applications Smith said."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/03/05/AR2009030502458.html>

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ANTHRAX HOAXES PILE UP, AS DOES THEIR COST

By Bob Drogin,

Los Angeles Times

March 8, 2009

"In the 7 1/2 years since America's worst bioterrorist attack -- when letters laced with anthrax spores killed five people, closed Congress and the Supreme Court, and crippled mail service for months -- U.S. agencies have spent more than \$50 billion to beef up biological defenses.

No other anthrax attacks have occurred.

But a flood of anthrax hoaxes and false alarms have raised the cost considerably through lost work, emergency evacuations, decontamination efforts, first-responders' time and the emotional distress of the victims.

That, experts say, is often the hoaxer's goal.

"It's easy, it's cheap, and very few perpetrators get caught," said Leonard Cole, a political scientist at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J., who studies bioterrorism. "People do it for a sense of power."

Among the recent targets: nearly all 50 governors' offices; about 100 U.S. embassies abroad; 52 banks; 36 news organizations; ticket booths at Disneyland; Mormon temples in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles; town halls in Batavia, Ohio, and Ellenville, N.Y.; a funeral home and day-care center in Ocala, Fla.; a sheriff's office in Eagle, Colo.; and homes in Ely River, N.M.

The FBI has investigated about 1,000 such "white powder events" as possible terrorist threats since the start of 2007, spokesman Richard Kolko said. The bureau responds if a letter contains a written threat or is mailed to a federal official."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-anthrax-threats8-2009mar08,0,1706388.story>

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ORCHEM CORP. INTRODUCES ANTIMICROBIAL DISINFECTANT WITH UP TO 24-HOUR RESIDUAL EFFECTIVENESS

Infection Control Today Magazine

March 6, 2009

"Orchem Corporation, a leading manufacturer and distributor of specialty chemicals, has launched a nationwide rollout of its Spectrum 24 Disinfectant targeted at the healthcare industry.

Spectrum 24 is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered, broad-spectrum antibacterial, antifungal and antiviral disinfectant that is formulated to offer up to 24 hour residual effectiveness while killing bacteria such as Salmonella, Staphylococcus aureus, E. coli, VRE and MRSA in just 30 to 120 seconds. Viruses such as influenza A can be neutralized in 10 minutes or less. Most other disinfectants only provide a surface kill; once touched it becomes a target for infections again until the areas has been cleaned; Spectrum 24 is designed to hold its effectiveness for 24 hours.

The full article can be found at: <http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/hotnews/antimicrobial-disinfectant-residual-kill.html>

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[TU] MINISTRIES TAKE 'FULL RESPONSIBILITY' FOR ANTHRAX VACCINE TRIALS

The Journal of Turkish Weekly

March 9, 2009

"The Defense Ministry, Health Ministry and IDF said they took "full responsibility" for all side effects suffered by participants in a test of an anthrax vaccine, in a joint statement issued Wednesday.

The statement will be submitted to the High Court next week as a reply to petitions submitted by two IDF soldiers who took part in the trial and suffered negative aftereffects."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.turkishweekly.net/news/66076/-ministries-take-full-responsibility-for-anthrax-vaccine-trials.html>

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