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DEADLY CHEMICAL STOLEN FROM WATERLOO RESEARCHERS

By Precious Yutangco

TheStar.com

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"Police are searching for 10 vials of a deadly substance after it was stolen from a group of University of Waterloo students who were doing research at a nearby river.

Students were conducting water tests at Moyer's Landing Park along Grand River in Cambridge around 9 a.m. Saturday when they noticed 10 vials of sodium azide had been taken from a cooler at the research site, said Waterloo regional police.

The stolen goods are being described as clear liquid inside clear glass vials with vacuum seal tops. Each vial contains about 160 mL of the chemical."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.thestar.com/gta/crime/article/639536>

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POLICE INVESTIGATE TERRORIST DEVICE IN MAILBOX

WHNT.com
May 26, 2009

“There was some type of device inside that sprayed the man with a poisonous chemical.

This happened on McVille Road at the home of Randall Gilbreath. The devise sprayed Gilbreath on the hands.

The chemical is called chloroacetaldehyde. It's used to kill fungi, algae and bacteria. It can also be harmful to humans if left on the skin.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.whnt.com/news/whnt-terrorist-threat-boaz,0,7466680.story>

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NORTH KOREA THREATENS WAR AS IT TEARS UP 50-YEAR ARMISTICE

By Richard Lloyd Parry
TimesOnline (UK)
May 27, 2009

“North Korea announced today that it is to abandon the armistice which for more than 50 years has held together a fragile peace with South Korea, amid increasing military activity on the peninsula.

The news came as reports emerged in the South Korean media that North Korea has restarted its plutonium reactor, which produces fuel for nuclear warheads such as the one it tested on Monday.

US spy satellites have detected steam coming out of the nuclear power plant at Yongbyon since the end of April, the Seoul-based Chosun Ilbo newspaper reported. The doors of storage facilities at the site, north of Pyongyang, have been opened and closed a number of times and vehicles have been detected apparently transporting chemicals.

The activity suggests that North Korea is reprocessing spent plutonium fuel rods to produce the fissile material used to build Pyongyang’s nuclear arsenal. If all 8,000 fuel rods are processed, the newspaper said, they would yield between 6kg and 8kg of plutonium, on top of the 31kg that North Korea admitted having stockpiled last year. This could add one nuclear weapon to the six to 12 bombs that North Korea is already believed to have assembled.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/asia/article6369797.ece>

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JIHADIS DISCUSS PLANS TO SEIZE PAKISTAN’S NUCLEAR ARSENAL

By: Abdul Hameed Bakier
The Jamestown Foundation
May 26, 2009

“Urged by a senior al-Qaeda ideologue to take over Pakistan, members of jihadi internet forums have begun to examine the possibility of controlling Pakistan’s nuclear weapons (al-faloja1.com, April 24). At the same time, jihadis continue to collect information on nuclear facilities around the globe, especially Israel’s nuclear projects, waiting for an opportunity to perpetrate successful terrorist attacks against these facilities after massive terrorist attacks using conventional weapons failed to give rise to the global supremacy of Islamic law (al-faloja1.com, April 22).”

“Other forum members described the importance of winning over Pakistani nuclear scientists such as Abdul Qadeer Khan, who is accused of promoting nuclear proliferation in the Islamic world and helping

to transfer nuclear weapons technology to Libya. The mujahideen must protect such scientists from possible liquidation if the Taliban succeed in taking over Pakistan because even if the enemies of Islam dismantle and move Pakistan's nuclear weapons, they would not leave behind the brains that developed these weapons.

In the same forum, members launched a new project of research on nuclear installations around the world entitled "Nuclear targets and facilities to be attacked." The research begins by mapping the 17 nuclear facilities and installations spread over Pakistan. Part two of the project is to map the location of Israel's 400 nuclear warheads."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=35031&tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=7&cHash=6573641f4d](http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=35031&tx_ttnews[backPid]=7&cHash=6573641f4d)
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LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT - LEAKS DETECTED AT BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT

Kentucky.com

May 26, 2009

"Two leaks of different chemical agents were detected Tuesday at Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond, but officials said neither poses risk or danger to people in the area.

A mobile laboratory detected low levels of mustard agent vapor inside an igloo containing several thousand projectiles, Army officials reported.

A few hours later, a separate mobile monitoring lab detected nerve agent GB vapor inside another igloo containing M55 rockets."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.kentucky.com/181/story/808795.html>
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DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT- TEMPORARY FACILITY TO AID DISPOSAL MISSION

US Army Chemical Materials Agency Press Release

May 21, 2009

"Army technicians began assembling a temporary chemical agent sampling facility today in the storage area of Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) in preparation for disposal operations.

The filtered semi-permanent structure will be used to collect samples of GA nerve- agent and Lewisite blister-agent for characterization and analysis required for environmental permit compliance.

The technicians are members of the US Army 20th Support Command Chemical Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosives (CBRNE) Analytical and Remediation Activity which supports the Army chemical stockpile depots with chemical assistance operations.

Depot, systems contractor and state regulatory officials will monitor assembly and sampling operations which are projected to take four to five weeks.

The Army's Chemical Materials Agency (CMA) is evaluating the proposed addition of a small-scale liquid incinerator system to thermally destroy the relatively small stockpiles of the two chemical agents plus any processing by-products such as spent decontamination solutions and other liquid wastes generated

during disposal operations. Like the new sampling facility, the planned incinerator (LIC) and its associated pollution abatement system and auxiliary equipment would be installed within the boundary of DCD's storage area.

Proposed disposal operations for the relatively small quantities of the GA and Lewisite agents would not interfere with ongoing mustard disposal operations at the nearby Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/include/docrendition.asp?DocID=003680686>
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