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SAUDIS WILL LET ISRAEL BOMB IRAN NUCLEAR SITE

By Gordon Thomas and Camilla Tominey
Daily Express
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"Intelligence chief Sir John Scarlett has been told that Saudi Arabia is ready to allow Israel to bomb Iran's new nuclear site.

The head of MI6 discussed the issue in London with Mossad chief Meir Dagan and Saudi officials after British intelligence officers helped to uncover the plant, in the side of a mountain near the ancient city of Qom.

The site is seen as a major threat by Tel Aviv and Riyadh. Details of the talks emerged after John Bolton, America's former UN ambassador, told a meeting of intelligence analysts that "Riyadh certainly approves" of Israel's use of Saudi airspace."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/130251/Saudis-will-let-Israel-bomb-Iran-nuclear-site>

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TRISTATE PUSH FOR DIRTY-BOMB ALARMS

BY Michael Mcauliff

N.Y. Daily News

October 01, 2009

“An unusual tristate alliance of lawmakers is mounting a last-ditch appeal to rescue \$40 million New York City needs to finish building its defense system.

In a letter sent to House and Senate leaders, the 42 legislators from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are calling for the funds to be approved.”

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“But the White House requested zero funding for the effort in next year's budget, and left it up to Congress.

The House passed the needed cash - \$40 million for the Securing the Cities anti-nuke program, and another \$10 million to help protect other ports in the nation.

The Senate, though, only passed \$10 million, and New York would have to compete for it. The New York region lawmakers are urging the Senate to accept the House version.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2009/10/01/2009-10-01_tristate_push_for_dirtybomb_alarms.html

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PETRI DISHES FOUND NEAR FBI HARMLESS

By James Hohman

The Washington Post

September 30, 2009

“Someone slid a few petri dishes into the overnight deposit box at the Wachovia bank across the street from FBI headquarters, causing a false alarm and three hours of street closures Tuesday on Pennsylvania Avenue in the District.

A bank employee called police after a worker processing the morning's take discovered the empty but sealed plastic dishes, according to District Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department spokesman Pete Piringier.

The workers were quarantined, and a hazardous materials team entered the branch. The team conducted several field tests, Piringier said, which all came out negative for any biological or chemical contaminant.

The employees at the bank were told to wash their hands and given the opportunity to change into clothing provided by the fire department, Piringier said. No one who had been in the bank was reporting symptoms of biological contamination, he added.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/29/AR2009092903647.html>

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APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS DISMISSAL OF VACCINE SUIT

By Nedra Pickler

The Associated Press in The Arizona Star

September 30, 2009

“A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld a program that requires some members of the military to be vaccinated against anthrax over objections from service members who say the vaccine has not been proven to be effective.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington upheld a lower court's decision dismissing a case brought by eight service members who challenged the Food and Drug Administration's determination that the vaccine was effective.

The plaintiffs also wanted to stop the Defense Department's requirement that service members at risk for anthrax exposure must be vaccinated.’

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The service members argued that because the one human study included only a few inhalation cases, there is insufficient evidence to conclude the vaccine is effective against them.

But the appeals court ruled that the service members who filed the suit did not provide any scientific evidence to prove the vaccine was ineffective. "We are presented with a scientific judgment by the FDA to which we owe considerable deference," the court found."

The full article can be found at: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_ANTHRAX_VACCINE?SITE=AZTUS&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

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IRAN DUCKS OUT OF NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION WITH WEST

By Katherine Butler

The Independent (UK)

October 02, 2009

“Iran appeared to pull back from confrontation with the West over its nuclear programme last night, agreeing to admit inspectors to a newly revealed nuclear plant and to surrender some of its enriched uranium to be processed abroad, a concession which could delay or at least complicate its efforts to acquire a nuclear bomb.

The Islamic Republic made no immediate commitment halt its uranium enrichment programme but, in a step that buys Tehran a reprieve from harsh UN sanctions, signalled a readiness to engage in an intensive process of discussion with the West.

The moves came during crucial talks in Switzerland between envoys from Iran and six world powers, during which the official high-level silence between America and Iran – which has lasted almost intact for 30 years – was broken decisively and substantively.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/iran-ducks-out-of-nuclear-confrontation-with-west-1796369.html>

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[UK] SOLDIERS EXPOSED TO MUSTARD GAS ON GOWER BEACH

By Madeleine Brindley

WalesOnline

September 30, 2009

“TWO soldiers may have been exposed to mustard gas after detonating an unexploded bomb on a North Gower beach.

The pair were among a team called to deal with a shell found on the beach in Whiteford Sands, Llanmadoc, in Swansea last Thursday.

The National Public Health Service for Wales (NPHS) is urging anyone who was on the beach between September 24 and 28 who has become ill to seek medical help.

The shell was disabled by Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel on Thursday but two members of the team later developed skin symptoms similar to those associated with exposure to sulphur mustard – mustard gas.

They were treated in hospital and are now recovering at home.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2009/09/30/soldiers-exposed-to-mustard-gas-on-gower-beach-91466-24821339/>

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PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT - NEW BUILDING TOPPED OFF AT CHEM DEPOT

By John Norton

The Pueblo Chieftain

October 01, 2009

“The 65,000-square-foot structure, which still has to be enclosed and its equipment installed, will be the first stop for the 780,000 artillery shells and mortar rounds due for destruction. Inside the building, fuses and bursters will be removed. Robotic systems will do most of the work inside an explosive containment room surrounded by 2-foot-thick walls that took 1,327 cubic yards of concrete.

The weapons, which contain 2,611 tons of mustard agent in total, then will travel along an automated trackway to the Agent Processing Building where the agent will be neutralized by hot water and the shells washed out.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/10/01/news/local/doc4ac431e97a52c725780276.txt>

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UMATILLA CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY - UMCDF SUBMITS PMR FOR AMENDED CLOSURE PLAN

US Army Chemical Materials Agency Weekly Update

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“The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) submitted a Class 2 Permit Modification Request (PMR) to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) this week.

The PMR proposes to incorporate the Closure Plan as Attachment 8 of the site's Hazardous Waste Permit. The request clarifies the boundary of the UMCDF, proposes to modify closure conditions, and updates the permit application to be consistent with the proposed changes.

A public information meeting on this PMR will be held at 6 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2009, in Conference Room 5 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A copy of this PMR will be available for review by the general public during regular business hours at the Hermiston Public Library, DEQ Eastern Region Hermiston Office, and the Umatilla Outreach Office.

The public comment period for this PMR began Sept. 25 and will end on Nov. 24, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to Rich Duval, DEQ, Eastern Region Hermiston Office, 256 East Hurlburt, Suite 105, Hermiston, OR 97838, or may be faxed to him at (541) 567-4741.

The UMCDF point of contact is Kaylin Burnett at 564-7069."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/include/docrendition.asp?DocID=003681589>
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