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Straits Times

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In a report to parliament, the ministry said the communist North has one of the world's

largest stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons.

The list of diseases that could be caused by the biological weapons includes cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, eruptive typhus, typhoid fever and dysentery, it said."

The full article can be found at: http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/Asia/Story/STIStory_438299.html

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IRAN SAYS IT PUT NUKE FACILITY WHERE IT CAN'T BE BOMBED

The Associated Press in USA Today

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"The details emerging about the site near the holy city of Qom have heightened concerns that Iran is trying to build a nuclear bomb, despite repeated denials. Salehi, vice president and head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, spoke at a news conference that touched on military and nuclear issues rarely discussed publicly in Iran. "This site is at the base of a mountain and was selected on purpose in a place that would be protected against aerial attack. That's why the site was chosen adjacent to a military site," Salehi said. "It was intended to safeguard our nuclear facilities and reduce the cost of an active defense system. If we had chosen another site, we would have had to set up another aerial defense system."

The full article can be found at: http://www.usatoday.com/printedition/news/20090930/iran30_st.art.htm

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INDIA CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO SIGN NPT IN PRESENT FORM: IAEA CHIEF

Times of India

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"In a clear authentication of India's stand, IAEA chief Mohamed El-Baradei on Wednesday said that India cannot be expected to sign NPT in its present form and that CTBT instead could be more acceptable to New Delhi.

El-Baradei was speaking after being conferred the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for his "impassioned opposition to use of nuclear energy for military purposes".

El-Baradei's statement came a day after PM Manmohan Singh said that any global non-proliferation attempt must be linked to complete nuclear disarmament and that NPT in its present form was discriminatory."

The full article can be found at: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-cant->

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EXCLUSIVE: OBAMA AGREES TO KEEP ISRAEL'S NUKES SECRET

By Eli Lake

The Washington Times

October 02, 2009

"President Obama has reaffirmed a 4-decade-old secret understanding that has allowed Israel to keep a nuclear arsenal without opening it to international inspections, three officials familiar with the understanding said.

The officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be named because they were discussing private conversations, said Mr. Obama pledged to maintain the agreement when he first hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House in May.

Under the understanding, the U.S. has not pressured Israel to disclose its nuclear weapons or to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which could require Israel to give up its estimated several hundred nuclear bombs.

Israel had been nervous that Mr. Obama would not continue the 1969 understanding because of his strong support for nonproliferation and priority on preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons. The U.S. and five other world powers made progress during talks with Iran in Geneva on Thursday as Iran agreed in principle to transfer some potential bomb fuel out of the country and to open a recently disclosed facility to international inspection."

The full article can be found at: http://washingtontimes.com/news/2009/oct/02/president-obama-has-reaffirmed-a-4-decade-old-secr/?feat=home_top5_shared#

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RIA Novosti – Russia

September 29, 2009

"Russia's state-run civilian nuclear power corporation Rosatom will by late 2010 dismantle 191 out of 198 nuclear submarines decommissioned from the Russian Navy, a company executive said on Tuesday.

"As of today, 198 nuclear submarines have been decommissioned from the Navy. The disposal of about 25 submarines is not yet over; many of them are in the process of disposal. By the end of 2010, 191 nuclear submarines will have been dismantled," said Yevgeny Yevstratov, Rosatom deputy general director."

The full article can be found at: <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20090929/156290860.html>

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PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT - CONTAMINATED WASTE TO BE HAULED FROM DEPOT

By John Norton

The Pueblo Chieftain

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"Lt. Col. Robert Wittig told the Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission this week that 28 barrels of contaminated material will be disposed of soon.

The commission met in Boone this month, an annual tradition so that residents of that town southeast of the Pueblo Chemical Depot can hear reports on the demilitarization project.

Wittig is the new commander of the base. He said that the barrels contain protective equipment, pieces of pallets and other items that have been contaminated over the years by leaking weapons. The leaking weapons themselves are in steel cylinders and will remain at the depot until equipment is brought in to destroy them. That process will be separate from the water neutralization process that will be used to destroy the bulk of the 780,000 artillery shells and mortar rounds in the stockpile. All contain mustard agent. Wittig said that specialists from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds will package the material for shipment to a hazardous waste site in Texas in early November.

In other business, Gary Anderson, project manager here for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternative program, said that weapons destruction is scheduled to begin in January 2015 and finish by December 2017. The cleanup and dismantling of the equipment will then take a few more years.

Anderson said that the schedule could change, hopefully moving forward if construction work and systemization moves ahead more quickly. Anderson also said that Bechtel, the primary contractor, has 208 construction workers, 125 hired locally, and another 305 employees, of whom 95 were hired in the area."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/10/02/news/local/doc4ac5a858bc7fc702913249.txt>

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