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### **MYSTERY OVER IRANIAN RESEARCHER**

BBC

October 08, 2009

"Mystery surrounds the fate of a missing Iranian scientist who is reported to have been involved in Tehran's controversial nuclear programme."

Shahram Amiri disappeared in June in Saudi Arabia while on a pilgrimage.

Iran on Wednesday accused the US of involvement in his disappearance, but did not confirm media reports that Mr Amiri was indeed a nuclear scientist.

In response, a US state department spokesman said Washington had no information about the case."

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"Mr Amiri worked as a researcher at Tehran's Malek Ashtar University, according to Iran's state-run Press TV channel.

However, some reports in Iran's media say he was also an employee of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation and wanted to seek asylum abroad."

The full article can be found at: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/8296923.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/8296923.stm)

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## **DHS I&A TO FOCUS ANALYSES ON WMDS, VIOLENT RADICALIZATION, DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND HEALTH SECURITY**

By Louis Chunovic  
Government Security News  
October 07, 2009

"Just sixteen weeks into his tenure as DHS' principal deputy under secretary for intelligence and analysis (I&A) and the department's acting under secretary and chief intelligence officer (CINT), Bart R. Johnson, in recent testimony before the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, outlined the DHS' I&A analytic focus and its strategic vision, and promised to codify that vision into an "action plan" that Congress would have by the end of the year."

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"• Analysis of Weapons of Mass Destruction. I&A will maintain a focused, senior in-house expertise and ensure surge capacity, in coordination with the FBI."

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"• Health Security. I&A will work closely with the DHS Office of Health Affairs, in addition to the Departments of Health and Human Services and Defense as well as other relevant agencies, to identify analytic and other relevant reporting.

Johnson also outlined an I&A initiative to "to strengthen the baseline capabilities and analytic capacity of state and major urban area fusion centers." The initiative calls on fusion

centers to be better able to:

- Operate at a more consistent level;
- Rapidly identify and disseminate information regarding emerging terrorism, criminal, and other homeland security threats; and
- Support and enhance a state and urban area intelligence platform for risk-based, information-driven decision making by state, local, tribal, territorial and federal homeland security and law enforcement officials.

Central to the initiative, as Johnson characterized it, will be the establishment of a new Joint Fusion Center Program Management Office (JFC PMO), to “lead a unified Department-wide effort to develop and implement survey tools to ensure state, local and tribal customers are provided the opportunity to define and identify the types of homeland security-related information they need, and the format in which they need it. The JFC PMO will also develop mechanisms, in coordination with federal, state, local, tribal and territorial authorities, to improve the capability of state and major urban area fusion centers to gather, assess, analyze and share locally generated and national information and intelligence, in order to provide complete pictures of regional and national threats and trends.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/2762.html>

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## **CIA CHIEF: WE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT IRAN'S 2ND PLANT**

Ynet

October 08, 2009

“Leon Panetta says US knew Islamic Republic had secret facility in Qom three years before Tehran owned up to it, adds, Israeli, British and French intelligence agencies helped prepare facility's dossier.”

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“Though[t] Panetta did not disclose the nature of those efforts, the CIA worked with British and French intelligence services on the case. The existence of a second facility was never a question – once Iran's primary enrichment plan in Natanz was revealed in 2002, it was assumed that the Iranians would build a second one somewhere.

The Qom site first attracted the attention of Western intelligence agencies in 2006, when the CIA noted the Iranians moved an anti-aircraft battery to one of the Islamic Republic's mountains – a telltale sign that something important was being built there.

But what? Roland Jacquard, an independent security and terrorism consultant told Time analysts were at odds about the Qom site: “Some said it had to be a nuclear facility, others warned it could also easily be a decoy the Iranians wanted to fix Western attention to as it continued clandestine work on another facility elsewhere.”

Doubts quickly faded: "Our body of knowledge, based on multiple sources, grew to the point that allowed us earlier this year to reach the high-confidence conclusion that this was a covert nuclear facility," a counterterrorism official said."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3787045,00.html>

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## **MOSCOW REJECTS ACCUSATIONS OF ASSISTING IRAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM**

By: Pavel Felgenhauer  
The Jamestown Foundation  
October 08, 2009

"Russian officials have cautiously reacted to the alleged Israeli claims. The former chief of the Federal Security Service (FSB), now the Secretary of the Security Council Nikolai Patrushev stated: "Russia is against Iran obtaining nuclear weapons," but he did not know about any intelligence reports regarding "any Russian citizens and organizations participating in the Iranian nuclear program." Other officials admitted that some nuclear scientists may have volunteered to work in Iran and that in today's Russia it is impossible to control the movement of people (Interfax, October 6).

The possibility that disgruntled former Soviet nuclear scientists might be recruited by rogue states to help develop nuclear weapons, or that nuclear materials and expertise would proliferate from Russia, has been a security risk since the collapse of communism in 1991. The West has spent millions of dollars to re-educate and accommodate Russian nuclear specialists to divert them from pursuing these options. But until now there has been little solid evidence of Russia being a major source of nuclear proliferation. The number of real bomb-making scientists in Russia is limited –only several hundred at best, according to nuclear industry insiders that I have interviewed. Nuclear weapons making is a highly specialized field that requires much more than regular nuclear physics or reactor technology training.

There is another problem –Russian nuclear weapons are technologically advanced and on par with those in the U.S. The "new nuclear powers" like Pakistan, North Korea and the apparently aspiring Iran are developing relatively primitive weapons –on par with the ones that Russia and the U.S. made in the 1950's. Present rogue states mostly do not have and cannot make all the components Russian nuclear bomb-makers use to produce modern warheads. It would seem that Iran could gain much more practical knowledge by recruiting help from nations on the same level of science such as Pakistan, North Korea or possibly China."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no\\_cache=1&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=35596&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=7&cHash=890f5be30b](http://www.jamestown.org/single/?no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=35596&tx_ttnews[backPid]=7&cHash=890f5be30b)

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## **RUSSIA PLANS DOCTRINE SHIFT**

The Straits Times

October 08, 2009

"RUSSIA will shift its policy on the 'preventive' use of nuclear arms in the next version of its main military strategy document, a top Russian security official was quoted as saying on Thursday.

'Changes in the positions on the option of carrying out preventive nuclear strikes will go into the new military doctrine,' said Nikolai Patrushev, the secretary of the national security council, Russian news agencies reported.

It was not immediately clear whether Mr Patrushev's comments meant that Russia would expand the number of situations in which it would consider the first use of nuclear weapons.

Under its current military doctrine, Russia says it would only carry out a nuclear strike if it were attacked with weapons of mass destruction or if it were the victim of 'large-scale aggression' using conventional arms. In the latter years of the Cold War, the Soviet Union said it would not use nuclear weapons unless it were hit first with an atomic attack."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/World/Story/STIStory\\_439699.html](http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/World/Story/STIStory_439699.html)

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## ***Chem-Demil News***

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### **PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT - SENATE OKS \$154.4 MILLION OK'D FOR CHEM DEPOT**

By John Norton

The Pueblo Chieftain

October 08, 2009

"The appropriation is in addition to \$92.5 million for work approved in July."

"The full Senate on Tuesday approved a defense bill that includes \$154.4 million for weapons destruction at Pueblo Chemical Depot."

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"A final version of the Fiscal Year 2010 funding bill must now be worked out with the House. The money in the appropriations bill is in addition to \$92.5 million for construction at Pueblo

Chemical Depot, which was approved by the Appropriations Committee in July as part of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs funding bill.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/10/08/news/local/doc4acd6e2b458ce988492947.txt>

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## **UMATILLA CHEMICAL DEPOT - METAL PARTS FURNACE DOWN FOR ANNUAL WORK**

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

October 08, 2009

“Mustard ton container processing was on hold this week at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) for maintenance activities in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).

The annual outage began on Oct. 1. It is scheduled to last two weeks and includes maintenance on burners, the afterburner and discharge airlock.

Every year, each furnace, including the two Liquid Incinerators (LICs) are shut down for inspections and maintenance.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/include/docrendition.asp?DocID=003681627>

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