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United Nations News Release  
October 15, 2009

"The Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit (ISU) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will jointly host a workshop on the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in Riyadh on 20 and 21 October 2009.

The workshop will be held in the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, and will be opened

by His Highness Prince Dr. Turki bin Muhammad bin Saud Al-Kabir, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Multilateral Relations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Participants will include officials and technical experts from a range of government agencies (including ministries of foreign affairs, defence, health, and interior) in Saudi Arabia and the other Member States of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Experts from the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC) based in London will also play a key role in the workshop.

The workshop will discuss the biological weapons threat, especially as it relates to the Gulf region, and examine the risks to human, animal and plant health, food safety and economic stability. It will consider the response of the international community to the biological weapons threat, focusing on the BWC as well as Security Council Resolution 1540. Participants will discuss approaches to effective national implementation of the BWC, including coordination among domestic agencies and participation in the annual confidence-building measures, as well as international cooperation through the BWC intersessional work programme and the Implementation Support Unit, and possible regional initiatives. The workshop will also examine recent scientific and technological developments relevant to the biological weapons threat, and discuss options for effective oversight of science and technology."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news\\_media.nsf/%28httpNewsByYear\\_en%29/7071512C3FA96A40C1257650003EF29C?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/%28httpNewsByYear_en%29/7071512C3FA96A40C1257650003EF29C?OpenDocument)

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## **CLINTON TO GIVE NUCLEAR, IRAQ ADDRESSES**

By Laura Rozen

Politico

October 19, 2009

"In the nukes speech Wednesday, Clinton "will discuss the urgency and priority of the nonproliferation and arms control agenda," an advisor says. "She will outline a diplomatic blueprint for implementing the vision the President set forth in Prague. She will describe the specific steps the United States intends to take and call on other states to do their part as well. Among other things, she will set forth an approach to: thwarting the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea; creating a stronger IAEA with more tools to go after violators; impeding sensitive nuclear trade; and securing loose nuclear materials." She will also offer a robust case for swift ratification of the post-START agreement and the CTBT, he said."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/1009/Clinton\\_nuclear\\_speech\\_details.html?showall](http://www.politico.com/blogs/laurarozen/1009/Clinton_nuclear_speech_details.html?showall)

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## **CBP DEPLOYS NEW RADIATION SENSING TECHNOLOGY AT FRIDAY POE**

By Louis Chunovic  
Government Security News  
October 19, 2009

"U.S. Customs and Border Protection has deployed a mobile Radiation Portal Monitor (RPM) at the Friday Harbor port of entry, located on San Juan Island in Washington State.

The truck-mounted RPM is a completely self-contained, passive monitoring device that permits screening for dangerous radiological devices or materials that might be smuggled into the U.S. in vehicles arriving aboard the international ferry."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/2815.html>

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## **MEDICAL ISOTOPES SHORTAGE REVEALS LARGER ISSUE**

International Atomic Energy Agency  
October 16, 2009

"IAEA Meeting Addresses Global Issue of Aging Nuclear Research Reactors."

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"Nevertheless, more than half of the 250 research reactors operating worldwide started their work before 1970. For example, the Canadian NRU went online in November 1957. Many reactors worldwide have exceeded their originally planned design life or are subject to regulatory requirements that have evolved over the years of their operation. In addition, the market often demands products (or services) significantly different from those for which the reactor was conceived. Modernizing and refurbishing old reactors poses challenges. Over the years, research reactor operators and regulatory authorities have acquired significant expertise in dealing with problems arising from aging facilities. At a technical meeting, held from 5 to 9 October 2009 at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, relevant information was collected and shared with a broader community to provide a solid foundation for further endeavors.

"Ageing of facilities and staff was one of the concerns that called for the development of the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors, and the Agency has continued to make intensive efforts for its effective application," said H. Abou Yehia, Head of the IAEA Research Reactor Safety Section, in his opening remarks to the meeting."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.iaea.org/NewsCenter/News/2009/medicalisotopes.html>

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## **NNSA AND MEXT TO CO-HOST SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON NEXT GENERATION SAFEGUARDS**

US National Nuclear Security Administration News Release

October 20, 2009

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"NNSA launched NGSF in 2008 to develop the safeguards policies, concepts, technologies, expertise, and international infrastructure necessary to strengthen and sustain the international safeguards system as it evolves to meet new challenges over the next 25 years. In addition to NGSF's U.S. domestic work, the program is working with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and international partners to keep pace with emerging safeguards challenges and provide a foundation for a broader global commitment to international safeguards."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.nnsa.energy.gov/2662.htm>

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## **KAZAKHSTAN NOT A NUCLEAR THREAT, OFFICIAL SAYS**

By Peter Grier

The Christian Science Monitor

October 19, 2009

"A Kazakhstan government official says that, contrary to recent reports, his country is not looking to do nuclear deals with countries that have a mixed record on proliferation.

Roman Vassilenko, chairman of the Committee for International Information at Kazakhstan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, says that his country does see itself as a potential nuclear power – but a "peaceful and responsible" one that has no interest in nuclear weapons or nuclear commerce with potential proliferators.

On October 15, The Christian Science Monitor published an article on a US intelligence report that expressed concerns about the geopolitical implications of some of Kazakhstan's nuclear deals."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/1019/p02s01-usfp.html>

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