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Daily Star

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"Hizbullah refused to respond on Thursday to a report in Kuwaiti daily Al-Seyasseh alleging the group had recently acquired chemical weapons from Iran. "Who reads that paper anyway?" a source close to Hizbullah told The Daily Star on Thursday. The Kuwaiti daily Al-Seyasseh, quoting "western and European" intelligence sources, reported that Iran had provided Hizbullah with "thousands of gas masks used in chemical and biological warfare" as well as new chemical arms.

The weapons were flown from Iran and stopped at Syrian airports before being transferred over land to locations in the Bekaa Valley and surrounding the Litani River, the paper reported."

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"In a further allegation, the paper suggested that the explosion of a suspected Hizbullah arms cache near Khirbet Silim in July took place at a location that housed chemical weapons.

"Hizbullah was storing chemical weapons in its underground arms depot," the paper read, adding that three of the group's members died in hospitals in Tyre and Nabatieh following chemical contamination at the blast site."

The full article can be found at: http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_id=1&categ_id=2&article_id=106098

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EU URGES SYRIA TO COME CLEAN ON URANIUM

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"The European Union expressed its concern that Damascus has failed to provide the necessary information regarding nuclear material at Dair Alzour.

The Israeli air force in 2007 conducted an airstrike on the Dair Alzour facility near al-Kibar in Syria, which intelligence officials claimed was a nuclear reactor of North Korean design under construction since 2001.

Inspectors with the International Atomic Energy Agency also found traces of uranium particles that were undeclared by Damascus, though it was uncertain if the particles were from the Dair Alzour facility."

The full article can be found at: http://www.upi.com/Emerging_Threats/2009/09/09/EU-urges-Syria-to-come-clean-on-uranium/UPI-17751252519855/

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NATO PUBLISHES WMD POLICY

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"The document is comprehensive in scope," said Jacek Bylica, the top WMD official at NATO, adding its directives are guided by a clear vision of the threat posed by WMD.

"It provides high-level political guidance for our future activities in support of international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and regimes, as well as for military planning and capacity-building for defending against the threats posed by these weapons," he said in a NATO release.

The directive allows "enablers" to work with partners to the NATO alliance to share intelligence and share efforts at public diplomacy and strategic communication."

The full article can be found at: http://www.upi.com/Emerging_Threats/2009/09/04/NATO-publishes-WMD-policy/UPI-13561252094549/

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COMMERCE SEEKS REPORTS ON EXPORTS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS

By Jacob Goodwin

Government Security Newswire

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"The Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) wants to gather quarterly reports from 28 different organizations that occasionally export sample shipments of chemical weapon precursors – chemicals that could become the ingredients for a weapon -- in order to detect any shipment patterns that might identify "entities seeking to acquire chemicals for chemical weapons purposes."

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"The [quarterly] reports will be reviewed by the BIS to monitor quantities and patterns of shipments that might indicate circumvention of the regulation," said an information collection request published by the Commerce Department in the Federal Register on September 10."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/2630.html>

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TENNESSEE COLLEGES WILL TRAIN NURSES FOR DISASTER

By Ashli Blow
The Daily Helmsman Online
September 03, 2009

"University of Memphis professors will be training nurses for the battlefield next fall, after receiving a \$2 million grant from the Department of Defense this summer.

The Battlefield Training for Nurses program will prepare nurses to handle catastrophic results of weapons of mass destruction, the response preparation for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorist attacks, and other natural and man-made multiple casualty incidents."

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"The Battlefield Training for Nurses program received an initial \$1.6 million from the Department of Defense last year. The Department of Defense has given The U of M \$3.6 million for the program.

"We just got the proposal approved about three months ago, but we are waiting for the money to flow through our department," said Sarah Adair, government relations assistant.

Several universities and institutions worked as a team on the proposal, including The U of M, Vanderbilt University, Southwest Tennessee Community College, The Medical Education and Research Institute, and Methodist Hospital."

The full article can be found at: <http://media.www.dailyhelmsman.com/media/storage/paper875/news/2009/09/03/News/U.Of-M.Battlefield.Nursing.Program.To.Train.Combat.Nurses-3762761.shtml>

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IAEA REMOVES DANGEROUS RADIOACTIVE SOURCES FROM LEBANON

International Atomic Energy Agency Press Release
September 10, 2009

"An IAEA mission to get powerful radioactive sources out of Lebanon was completed 30 August 2009, after a plane carrying the high-activity cargo safely touched down in Russia, where the sources are now securely and safely stored.

They comprised 36 Cobalt-60 sources, with a combined activity of 3.500 curies. A single source is powerful enough to kill a person within minutes, if directly exposed.

Mr. Robin Heard, an IAEA radioactive source specialist, oversaw the mission."

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

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PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT - ARMY OFFERS MORE MONITORING OF CHEMICALS IN COLO

By Kristen Wyatt

The Associated Press on DenverPost.com

September 10, 2009

"The Army is offering to improve monitoring of deadly mustard agent stored at the Pueblo Chemical Depot as it negotiates with Colorado health officials suing over leaks.

State and Army officials met in Denver Thursday to discuss safety. The Depot about 100 miles south of Denver contains mustard agent from artillery shells stored in 94 igloo-like structures.

Colorado sued the Army last month, asking a judge to order better monitoring in the wake of two leaks in four months at the depot. The state wants the Army to test more often for dangerous exposure leaking from the artillery shells, some of them more than 50 years old.

The commander of the Depot says the Army is prepared to boost checks at the site, but that talks are ongoing. The lawsuit is still pending, with no court date set.

"We've been doing this safely for 60 years," Lt. Col. Rob Wittig said of the storage of the artillery shells. "We're all safe."

The full article can be found at: http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_13308905

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LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT - SEPTEMBER FOCUSES ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Ronica Shannon

The Richmond Register (KY)

September 04, 2009

"It's a busy month for us because school's back in session," said Carl Richards, director of the county emergency management agency.

This month marks National Preparedness Month and is an effort of the U.S. Division of Emergency Management (EMA)."

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"Madison County's emergency response personnel trained this week for their mock disaster exercise that will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church on the Eastern Bypass.

The exact disaster scenario will remain a secret until it is called into county 911 dispatchers.

"It will be a chemical leak at the (Blue Grass Army) depot that causes people in the community to be contaminated," Richards said. "That's all I know."

Five FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) representatives will be grading the exercise that will include all branches of city and county first responders."

The full article can be found at: http://www.richmondregister.com/localnews/local_story_247222804.html

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