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Koamtv.com

February 02, 2010

"Kansas officials are pleased President Barack Obama included \$40 million in his proposed 2011 budget for construction of a biodefense laboratory in northeast Kansas."

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"The lab would research foot & mouth and other deadly animal diseases.

The lab would be built in Manhattan and replace the aging biodefense lab on Plum Island, N.Y."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.koamtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=11921977>

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U.S., RUSSIA AGREE TO NUCLEAR-ARMS ACCORD

By Jonathan Weisman
Wall Street Journal
February 03, 2010

"U.S. and Russian arms-control negotiators have reached an "agreement in principle" on the first nuclear-arms-reduction treaty in nearly two decades, administration and arms-control officials said Tuesday.

The deal, which was widely expected, would bring down deployed nuclear warheads and sharply limit the number of missiles and bombers that can deliver them. Rose Gottemoeller, the Obama administration's lead negotiator, flew to Geneva Monday to help draft the final text and begin what could still be an arduous process of translating the agreement into treaty language, an administration official said.

"There may be finessing and fine-tuning, but the issues, from our perspective, are all addressed," the official added.

The deal would bring the ceiling for deployed nuclear weapons down to between 1,500 and 1,675 per side, from the 2,200 agreed to in 1991, but nuclear-delivery systems would fall more sharply, to between 700 and 800 each from the current limit of 1,600. In fact, both sides have already reduced their nuclear-armed bombers, submarines and missiles to below 1,000."

The full article can be found at:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB20001424052748703338504575041562540396530.html>

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VAPOR CONCERNS STOP HANFORD TANK WORK

By Annette Cary
The TriCity Herald
February 06, 2010

"Concerns over chemical vapors from an underground tank have stopped work to retrieve radioactive waste from Tank C-104, the only leak-prone tank currently being emptied at Hanford.

A Hanford worker has been diagnosed with a medical issue after several workers smelled fumes, and a determination has not been made about whether the medical problem could be linked to the vapors.

Late at night Jan. 25, workers who were in a control trailer for the work outside the C Tank Farm fence at Hanford came outside and smelled a strong odor linked to vapors vented from the tanks, said Fred Beranek, director of environment, safety, health and quality at Washington River Protection Solutions.

Smelling vapors is not unusual, and workers who have any symptoms are required to report for medical care, he said.

Because AdvanceMed Hanford was closed, the workers were driven to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, were checked out that night and then were allowed to return to work for their next shifts by Advance-Med Hanford. Symptoms were typical of vapor exposure, including watery eyes, throat irritation or a metallic taste in the mouth, Beranek said.

During the week, several more workers who developed symptoms, all apparently from the same January shift, also went to AdvanceMed Hanford to be checked, he said.

On the start of the next work week, Feb. 1, a worker called a stop to work, using a system extended to any Hanford worker who believes there is a safety issue, because of the number of employees who had reported symptoms."

The full article can be found at: http://www.tri-cityherald.com/kennewick_pasco_richland/story/891398.html
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RUSSIAN PRESIDENT APPROVES NEW MILITARY DOCTRINE

RIA Novosti – Russian Information Agency
February 05, 2010

"Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has approved the country's new military doctrine which allows preventive nuclear strikes against potential aggressors.

"The president informed the members of Russia's Security Council on Friday that he has approved two documents - the military doctrine and the Fundamentals of the state policy on nuclear deterrence until 2020," said presidential press secretary Natalia Timakova."

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"Under the new doctrine, Russia will continue developing and modernizing its nuclear triad, increasing its capability to overcome missile defenses of a potential enemy.

The new military doctrine also aims to transform the Armed Forces into a more effective and mobile military force. Their structures will be "optimized" through the use of combined arms units performing similar tasks."

The full article can be found at: http://en.rian.ru/military_news/20100205/157785368.html
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INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE WORKSHOP - THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES ENTERPRISE: INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE PRODUCTS FROM DISCOVERY THROUGH APPROVAL

Institute of Medicine of the National Academies Press Release
Undated

"Registration is Full

When: Thursday, February 11, 2010 - Friday, February 12, 2010 (8:00 AM)
Where: National Academy of Sciences Building (Lecture Room) • 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006

This workshop will examine federal policies and activities that relate to discovery through approval of medical countermeasures for public health emergencies (e.g. countermeasures for CBRN and pan-flu), and will explore potential opportunities to enhance this enterprise by evaluating other models or systems that have similar goals of developing medical products with low commercial viability. Charged by the Secretary of HHS, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is leading a review of the entire public health emergency medical countermeasures enterprise (PHEMCE or Enterprise), to be completed in the first quarter of this year. Medical countermeasures are vital to protect the public against acts of terrorism and other public health threats with the potential to rapidly

overwhelm the public health and medical system. Because there is no commercial market for most medical countermeasures, the government has had to create incentives to encourage private sector pharmaceutical and biotech companies to develop the needed vaccines, drugs, diagnostics, and technologies. The countermeasures R&D enterprise encompasses many partners from across government, in states, and in industry, that are intended to function together to achieve the medical countermeasures necessary to protect the nation. However, certain structural, strategic, and technical elements of the enterprise continue to impede research, development, and production of medical countermeasures. The presentations and discussions from this workshop are intended to assist federal officials in conducting a thorough review of the "pipeline through approval" spectrum of our national programs and to assist in the ultimate goal of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Enterprise."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.iom.edu/Activities/PublicHealth/MedPrep/2010-FEB-11.aspx>

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[UK] TORIES WOULD BACK WAR WITH IRAN

By Sean Rayment
The Telegraph [UK]
February 05, 2010

"A Conservative government would support military action against Iran if the rogue state developed nuclear weapons, the shadow defence secretary has revealed."

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"Liam Fox described the threat posed by Iran as the "single most important issue facing the West" and added that 2010 was the year in which the Islamic state had to be confronted.

Mr Fox said that while military action would be in "no one's interest", he maintained that the use of force was an option which "must remain on the table" if Iran developed nuclear weapons."

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"The Tory policy on Iran differs from the Government's stated position that military action was "inconceivable".

Defence sources said an attack on Iran would be likely to consist of a missile attack rather than an Iraq-style invasion, with nuclear and uranium enrichment sites being targeted by cruise missiles launched from submarines and aeroplanes.

Britain could play a direct role - the Royal Navy has ships and submarines equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles and could provide early warning aircraft and tankers for in-flight refuelling for other aircraft taking part in an operation."

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/iran/7173446/Tories-would-back-war-with-Iran.html>

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[AU] DEFENCE WON'T REVEAL IRAN SHIPMENT: RUDD

The Sydney Morning Herald
February 04, 2010

“Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the defence department won't say what cargo was banned from being shipped to Iran under a law designed to prevent proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Mr Rudd confirmed Defence Minister John Faulkner had exercised his powers under the Weapons of Mass Destruction (Prevention of Proliferation) Act 1995.

But he refused to say what was in the three cargo consignments, destined for Iran, that were banned from being delivered.

A spokesman for the defence department said it did not disclose specific details of individual export cases due to commercial sensitivities.

"The minister issued prohibition notices under Section 14 of the WMD Act as he was satisfied that if the particular goods were supplied or exported to a particular country they would or might be used in a WMD program," he said."

The full article can be found at: <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/defence-wont-reveal-iran-shipment-rudd-20100204-ndvw.html>

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[PH] SAYYAF USING 'BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL' IN BOMBS?

By Roel Pareño

The Philippine Star

Updated February 04, 2010

“This suspicion emerged after military doctors observed that most soldiers wounded in landmine explosions blamed on the Abu Sayyaf experienced extreme fever from mere shrapnel wounds.

Col. Jocelyn Turla, commanding officer of the Camp Navarro General Hospital (CNGH), made this observation, too, after 10 soldiers, who were wounded in a landmine explosion and ambush in Sumisip, Basilan last Tuesday and airlifted to the hospital, developed fever.

“We have observed that those soldiers who were wounded especially in landmine attacks usually developed fever. Could it be that the enemies were (mixing) some sort of a biological chemical to their IEDs (improvised explosive devices),” Turla said while discussing the conditions of the wounded soldiers with Capt. Caesar Almer Candelaria, CNGH head surgeon.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.philstar.com/Article.aspx?articleId=546421&publicationSubCategoryId=67>

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