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### **IRAQI KURD GAS VICTIMS SUE DUTCHMAN FOR DAMAGES**

The Associated Press on Yahoo! News  
December 23, 2009

"A Dutch court began hearing a suit Wednesday filed by 16 Iraqi Kurds seeking compensation from a businessman who sold chemicals to Saddam Hussein's regime.

The chemicals were used for making poison gas that was unleashed on Iranians and Kurds, including relatives of the plaintiffs, according to the claim.

The businessman, Frans van Anraat, was convicted of war crimes in his native Netherlands and sentenced to 16 1/2 years in prison.

The victims' lawyer, Liesbeth Zegveld, said she would discuss her written filings in the case at the hearing in The Hague.

She said the suit is strong, given that Van Anraat's 2005 conviction has been upheld by the Dutch Supreme Court. However, recovering damages will be difficult.

Van Anraat says he spent all his money fleeing from country to country after Saddam's regime fell.

Prosecutors in Van Anraat's criminal case are still trying to trace whether he may have hidden assets."

The full article can be found at:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091223/ap\\_on\\_re\\_eu/eu\\_netherlands\\_iraq\\_war\\_crimes\\_2](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20091223/ap_on_re_eu/eu_netherlands_iraq_war_crimes_2)

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## **TMTI POSTS AMENDMENT TO RFP**

CBRNIAC Email  
December 30, 2009

“TMTI has posted an amendment to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Development of Medical Countermeasures (therapeutics) for the Treatment of Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses (HFV). This amendment addresses errors and omissions to the original posting. A second amendment addressing questions received so far will be posted soon. Click on the link above to obtain more information about the amendment. To learn more about the original RFP, visit FedBizOpps and enter solicitation number W9113M-09-R-0008.”

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## **IRAN GIVES WEST ONE MONTH TO ACCEPT NUCLEAR DEAL**

US Voice of America  
January 02, 2010

“Iran warned on Saturday the West has until the end of the month to accept Tehran's counterproposal to a U.N.-drafted plan on a nuclear exchange, or they will start producing nuclear fuel on their own.

The warning from Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki showed a hardening in Iran's stance over its controversial nuclear program. While the West fears it shows Iran has nuclear ambitions, Tehran insists the program is only for peaceful, electricity production purposes.

The Iranian foreign minister's message was broadcast on Iranian TV.

He says that Iran gave [the West] an ultimatum, and they have one month left, giving them to the end of January [to accept]. He adds that [the West] must choose between one of the two proposals [that Iran has made], which is either to purchase uranium [directly from France or Russia] or to swap it [on Iranian soil]. Otherwise, he insists that Iran will go ahead and produce [high grade] enriched uranium fuel using its own talented experts.

Western powers, including the United States, have called on Tehran, under the draft U.N. nuclear deal worked out last November, to ship around 70 percent of its low-grade uranium abroad. That fuel would then be transformed into more highly enriched (20 percent grade) uranium and shipped back to Iran.

Iran, however, came up with a counterproposal insisting that its uranium stockpile be sent abroad in small batches, in quick transfers on Iranian soil, preferably on Iran's own Kish Island.

Iran's proposal is unacceptable to the West, because it allows Iran to keep significant quantities of enriched uranium to produce nuclear weapons.

Foreign Minister Mottaki's comments follow some of the worst violence to hit the country since June, when President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won a disputed election.

Iran analyst Meir Javedanfar of the MEEPAS center in Tel Aviv argues that Mottaki is sending a message to tell his domestic audience that Tehran made an effort to reach a deal with the West, now that it appears the West could be preparing to impose sanctions:”

The full article can be found at: <http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/middle-east/Iran-Gives-West-One-Month-to-Accept-Nuclear-Deal-80499097.html>

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### LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT - DOCUMENTS RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT CLEANING WATER AT KENTUCKY CHEMICAL-WEAPONS DEPOT

The Pueblo Chieftain  
December 30, 2009

“The Washington-based Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility says the years-old documents it recently received from the Army raise concerns about the spillage and dumping of potentially contaminated wastewater.

The heavily redacted documents detail Army investigators' interviews with a Kentucky environmental regulator and a worker at the chemical weapons storage site at Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond. They were posted last week on the watchdog group's site.”

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“..... In a separate part of the base, a worker who monitored chemical weapon storage igloos said he was instructed to pour rainwater that collected there in the sewer as part of his routine.

The worker, interviewed in 2007, acknowledged he knew of no tests revealing the water found there was contaminated, but a lawyer for the environmental group said the revelation raises safety concerns all the same.”

The full article can be found at:

[http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/12/30/news/latest\\_news/doc4b3be5bb263e2634915021.txt](http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2009/12/30/news/latest_news/doc4b3be5bb263e2634915021.txt)

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