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AT UN TREATY SESSION, GERMANY, OTHERS TARGET US `LEFTOVER' NUKES IN EUROPE FOR ELIMINATION

By Charles J. Hanley
The Washington Examiner
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"Germany and other West European nations at the U.N. nonproliferation conference are calling for elimination of U.S. tactical nuclear weapons in Europe — "leftovers from the Cold War" — as a way to advance global arms control.

"They no longer serve a military purpose and do not create security," German state minister Werner Hoyer told fellow delegates to the 189-nation session to review the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Belgian disarmament official Werner Bauwens, speaking Thursday, the fourth day of the monthlong conference, urged the U.S. and Russia to launch negotiations "as soon as possible" to reduce their shorter-range nuclear weapons.

The United States still has an estimated 200 nuclear bombs at six NATO bases — in Belgium, the

Netherlands, Germany, Italy and Turkey. They were stationed in Europe during the Cold War, potentially to be delivered at short range by those nations' warplanes or the U.S. Air Force in the event of an all-out war in Europe between NATO and the old Warsaw Pact."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/breaking/5-nuclear-powers-favor-concrete-steps-toward-nuclear-weapons-free-mideast-92940924.html>
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[ZA] 'BASSON'S APPLICATION AN ABUSIVE PROCESS'

Independent Online

May 06, 2010

"Dr Wouter Basson's High Court application to stop the Health Professions Council of SA from investigating his involvement in Project Coast was an "abusive process", counsel for the HPCSA said on Thursday.

"The matter is so devoid of merit that not only should it be dismissed, but... the applicant should pay the cost," said advocate Gilbert Marcus, who represented the HPCSA.

He said the application in the High Court in Pretoria was an "opportunistic attempt to buy time. Nothing more, nothing less".

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The full article can be found at: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=125&art_id=nw20100506160806533C147289&singlepage=1
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OPCW DIRECTOR-GENERAL ADDRESSES CHEM-BIO MEDICAL TREATMENT SYMPOSIUM IN SPIEZ

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

May 07, 2010

"The OPCW Director-General, Ambassador Rogelio Pfirter, visited the Spiez Laboratory in Switzerland on 3 May 2010 where he delivered an opening address to the 8th International Chemical Biological Medical Treatment Symposium.

In his opening remarks Director-General Pfirter praised and thanked the Spiez Laboratory for the role it has played over the years in providing training opportunities for OPCW inspectors and trainings in the context of the assistance and protection provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

The Director-General stressed that the symposium and similar deliberations serve to sustain the focus on the threat of chemical weapons, which may have morphed but has not disappeared. He added that they also allow sharing of vital information on the latest advances in various disciplines relevant to countermeasures, mitigation and casualty care in the event of use of chemical, biological or radiological weapons.

The symposium explored the scientific, medical and policy aspects of CBR warfare and terrorism, considering the effects of CBR agents that are wrongly used or abused on individuals and communities, military as well as civilian, and on the infrastructure of government. The gathering attracted approximately 100 international professionals from around 30 countries representing the chemical industry, governments, science and medicine."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.opcw.org/nc/news/article/opcw-director-general-addresses-chem-bio-medical-treatment-symposium-in-spiez/>

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U.VA. SURVEY REVEALS HOW NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION RESIDENTS WOULD REACT TO 'DIRTY BOMB' ATTACKS

UVa Today

May 03, 2010

“Most people in the National Capital Region would follow instructions to stay where they are after a radiological dispersion device, or "dirty bomb," attack, according to a recent University of Virginia survey of more than 2,600 of the region's residents. The survey also indicates that if an evacuation were ordered, most people would stay close to the region and not travel far.

Those findings, along with others from the survey – commissioned by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and conducted by U.Va.'s centers for Survey Research and Risk Management of Engineering Systems – provide emergency and transportation officials with valuable information on public actions during emergencies. Results from the survey will help refine emergency response, traffic movement and evacuation plans.”

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“Survey results related to residents' evacuation plans revealed:

- People located in Virginia at the time of the event said they were likely to stay south of the Potomac River. Those in Maryland or Washington, D.C., said they were likely to stay north of the river.
- In every threat level, a majority (70 percent to 80 percent) of evacuees said they would go to destinations within the National Capital Region. In more hazardous conditions, a pattern of traveling farther away is evident, with most respondents saying they would travel farther into Virginia and Maryland.
- Together, the states outside of Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland would receive 21 percent to 30 percent of evacuees, depending on hazard level. Under a mandatory evacuation, Delaware could receive 1.3 percent of evacuees, Pennsylvania 5.2 percent and West Virginia 2.5 percent. People going to other northern states total 5.4 percent; other southern states, 5 percent; and other states to the west, 2.5 percent.
- About 90 percent of those in a mandatory evacuation situation said they would travel by motor vehicle.

Other findings include:

- The president, the Department of Homeland Security and the governor were cited as the most trustworthy sources of information, with the youngest respondents giving the president the highest level of trust.
- During the first 48 hours after a major local emergency, whether they chose to stay or to evacuate, residents expect emergency managers to supply information about the emergency and help with any needed decontamination, more than they expect food distribution or anti-looting patrols.
- About 54 percent have prepared a personal emergency plan, an emergency supply kit, or arranged a meeting place away from home for use by family members. Only 13 percent had done all three.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=11715>

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LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT - PENTAGON COMMITS \$1.3 BILLION TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROGRAM IN KENTUCKY

By James R. Carroll
Courier-Journal.com
May 05, 2010

“The Defense Department is planning to spend more than \$1.3 billion over the next five years on the program to destroy aging chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Central Kentucky, according to a budget document prepared for Congress.

The document, which was obtained by The Courier-Journal, is significant because it reflects a major long-term commitment to the program. It also contains the most detailed spending projections to date for the destruction of the weapons, which is required under an international treaty.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20100505/NEWS01/5050419/Pentagon-commits-1.3-billion-to-chemical-weapons-program-in-Kentucky>
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