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By John Sudworth
BBC
May 12, 2010

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"Laboratory demonstrations of the process, known to release large amounts of energy, are nothing new.

But the North Koreans appear to be claiming to have gone much further, by building what they describe as a "unique thermo-nuclear reaction device".

The full article can be found at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/8676678.stm>

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AFGHANISTAN: GAS ATTACK TARGETS THIRD GIRLS' SCHOOL

Adnkronos.com

May 11, 2010

“At least 30 schoolgirls were poisoned on Tuesday in the northern Afghan city of Kunduz, the third such attack on a girls' school in the city in less than a month, officials said. It is unclear who was behind the attacks.

"A masked man, dressed in black, came into the classroom and threw a small box at us. When we saw the box, we tried to run away, but I passed out. When I regained consciousness, I was in hospital," said 13-year-old Nafeesa, quoted by Pajhwork Afghan News."

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“He said the cause of their sickness was a poisonous gas, similar to the one that had been used at Khodeja-ul-Kubra and Fatima-tu-Zahara girls' schools in Kunduz last month.”

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“Blood tests taken from girls affected by the previous attacks have not yet yielded any results.”

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“Last week, 22 schoolgirls and three teachers fell ill after their school was targeted.

In most cases the girls reported smelling something sweet, then fainting, dizziness and vomiting.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.adnkronos.com/AKI/English/Security/?id=3.1.376249283>

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[AU] NUCLEAR WASTE SITE A TARGET FOR TERRORISTS, EXPERT WARNS

Lindsay Murdoch Darwin

The Sydney Morning Herald

May 11, 2010

“A BRITISH nuclear risk expert has warned that terrorists could target radioactive waste being transported thousands of kilometres across Australia to a proposed waste dump in the Northern Territory.

John Large, who advises governments, companies and non-government agencies, said the waste that will be taken to the remote site on the disused Muckaty cattle station is suitable for use in a "dirty" radioactive bomb that could be built with limited technology or knowledge.”

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“A nuclear campaigner for the Australian Conservation Foundation, Dave Sweeney, said radioactive waste at Lucas Heights, which the government plans to move to Muckaty, is protected by high security including 24-hour police patrols and high razor wire.

An army anti-terrorist squad is based nearby.

But Mr Sweeney said it is proposed that Muckaty would have a maximum six security guards on rotating shifts in one of the most remote places in Australia.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.smh.com.au/national/nuclear-waste-site-a-target-for-terrorists-expert-warns-20100510-uor7.html>

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[ZA] 'DR DEATH' TO FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

By Zelda Venter
Independent Online
May 11, 2010

“The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) disciplinary hearing against Wouter Basson, known as "Dr Death", will go ahead after he on Monday lost his Pretoria High Court attempt to block the probe.

The cardiologist, who headed the former government's chemical and biological warfare programme in the 1980s, last week turned to the court to interdict the HPCSA from proceeding with its inquiry against him.

He is facing six charges of alleged misconduct stemming from the time he headed the warfare programme, dubbed Project Coast.

Basson maintained he was only doing his job while working for the South African Defence Force, and was adamant that he helped the country build up a defensive capability against a chemical onslaught by other countries.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=15&art_id=vn20100511043958895C642297

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[ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT] CALHOUN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

By Rebecca Walker
The Anniston Star
May 08, 2010

“Dan Long, 60, has overseen the EMA staff and emergency operations center – which has beefed up in recent years, due in large part to the chemical weapons incinerator at the Anniston Army Depot – since 2003.

His retirement could mark the end of an era, as the area prepares for life without chemical weapons.

“He was one of the first people to lay the groundwork for chemical weapons preparedness, and he was an instrumental part of the team that put the preparedness plan together,” said County Administrator Ken Joiner. “We hate to lose someone with that type of experience.”

Long, who is also the president of the Alabama EMA Association and the regional contact person for Homeland Security, told county commissioners this week that he plans to retire beginning July 1.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.annistonstar.com/view/full_story/7363467/article-Calhoun-County-emergency-management-director-to-retire?instance=1st_right

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PINE BLUFF ARSENAL - GRANT WILL HELP PB ARSENAL WORKERS FIND NEW JOBS

The Associated Press on Arkansas Business.com

May 03, 2010

“About 1,100 workers will be affected. About 400 will be cut in 2011, about 600 more will lose their jobs in 2012 and the remainder will be let go by 2013.

The plan to re-employ the workers is being funded with a \$623,000 federal grant and is expected to be in place as early as December.

It will be developed by a group of about 80 business leaders, educators, economic developers and elected officials throughout central Arkansas.”

The full article can be found at: [http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article.aspx?](http://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article.aspx?aid=121801.54928.133942)

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