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### **[IS] 'IDF HAS GAS MASKS FOR 60% OF PUBLIC'**

By Yaakov Katz  
The Jerusalem Post  
May 25, 2010

"Due to a budget dispute with the Treasury, the IDF has been unable to refurbish 40 percent of the gas masks required to complete the redistribution of the kits to the public, The Jerusalem Post learned on Monday, as the Defense Ministry held the second day of a nationwide civil defense exercise.

Called Turning Point 4, the exercise Monday focused on 40 different local councils, which drilled a number of scenarios – including massive missile attacks – to see how they would function in the event of an all-out regional war.

The Defense Ministry began collecting the public's gas mask kits in 2006, and earlier this year began the redistribution process of the refurbished kits. According to senior defense sources, though, the IDF has only been able to refurbish 60% of the kits required to complete the redistribution to the public.

Behind the shortfall is a disagreement between the Defense Ministry and the Treasury over where the funding for the continued refurbishment and distribution of the masks is to come from. The Defense Ministry has asked for a budget supplement, while the Treasury has argued that the money should come from the regular defense budget."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.jpost.com/Home/Article.aspx?id=176373>  
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## **DRUG SHIELDS LAB MONKEYS FROM DEADLY EBOLA VIRUS**

Physorg.com  
May 27, 2010

“Pentagon-backed research has yielded a breakthrough in the fight against the Ebola virus, a pathogen that is also feared as a future bioterror weapon, scientists reported on Friday.

Monkeys injected with the deadliest strain of Ebola survived after receiving an experimental formula that uses tiny particles of genetic material to disrupt viral reproduction, they said.

It is the first time a drug has protected non-human primates against Ebola, a virus that is sometimes dubbed a "slate wiper" for its ruthless culling of lives.”

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“A team led by Thomas Geisbert of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories Institute at Boston University School of Medicine tested the formula on two groups of rhesus macaque monkeys after getting promising results on guinea pigs.

The drug contains so-called small interfering RNAs, or siRNAs, designed to act as tiny wrenches that are thrown into the machinery of enzymes which enable the virus to replicate.

In the first experiment, three monkeys were given a potentially mortal dose of ZEBOV and then inoculated with four doses of the drug on successive days. One of the animals died.

In the second group, four monkeys were given seven successive doses. All survived.

In both experiments, a "control" monkey that was not inoculated died from the virus.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.physorg.com/news194206573.html>

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### **MEETING INFORMATION - REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF CLOSURE PLANS FOR THE TOOELE CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY AND THE CHEMICAL AGENT MUNITION DISPOSAL SYSTEM**

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Washington D.C. 20001

If you would like to attend the sessions of this meeting that are open to the public or need more information please contact:

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Closed Session Summary Posted After the Meeting”

The full article can be found at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/meetingview.aspx?MeetingId=4420>

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## **PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT - NEW CHEM DEPOT WEAPONS PLAN MULLED**

By John Norton  
The Pueblo Chieftain  
May 28, 2010

“The latest controversial question regarding the destruction of chemical weapons at Pueblo Chemical Depot won’t be back on the table until next month.

Irene Kornelly, chairwoman of the Colorado Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission, said Wednesday that she doesn’t expect Pentagon officials to make a decision until mid-June and the commission doesn’t meet until the last Wednesday in June.”

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“ACWA developed an environmental assessment that showed no significant impact from the plan, but the Colorado commission didn’t agree and neither did the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Weighing in with even more muscle was the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which stopped short of demanding a time-consuming environmental impact statement but did tell ACWA officials there were deficiencies in the assessment that needed to be addressed.

Commission members met Wednesday in Pueblo and received updates on other aspects of the project from Gary Anderson, the local ACWA manager.”

The full article can be found at: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article\\_bd6340ec-6a1b-11df-a79a-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article_bd6340ec-6a1b-11df-a79a-001cc4c03286.html)

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