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Current Nationwide Threat Level is



ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Overview

- The Cincinnati Enquirer reports hazardous materials crews converged on a specialty chemical manufacturing company in Covington, KY, Saturday night after toxic fumes overcame two police officers responding to a break-in alarm. (See item [3](#))
- Newsday reports the Coast Guard considers large passenger ferries the greatest terrorist risk in maritime transportation, because they confine several thousand people in one space far from land, and have little or no passenger screening. (See item [8](#))
- The Department of Homeland Security has issued a second update to its July 24th advisory regarding the potential for significant impact on Internet operations due to vulnerability in Microsoft operating systems. (See item [17](#))
- Internet Security Systems has raised AlertCon to Level 3, due to a worm known as "MS BLAST" that scans in a sequential fashion for machines with open port 135. Please refer to the Internet Alert Dashboard.
- Security Focus has raised its threat level to Level 3. Please refer to the Internet Alert Dashboard.

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *August 11, Reuters* — **France frets over nuke plants and heat wave toll. France called emergency talks on Monday, August 11, on overheating at nuclear power plants as Europe's heat wave entered its second week, with officials torn between output cuts and allowing hotter water to pour into rivers.** Temperatures have hit around 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the past few days, spelling trouble for France's nuclear reactors, many of which are cooled by river water. The plants pour water back into the rivers but only once it has been cooled to a certain temperature to protect the environment. **With river levels falling and the temperature rising, authorities face the choice of releasing hotter water, risking ecological damage, or cutting output, potentially leading to blackouts. About 80 percent of France's electricity needs are met by 19 nuclear power stations and 58 reactors.** Other European countries are facing similar dilemmas. Germany has cut power output while Italy is trying to avoid further blackouts.

Source: <http://asia.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=worldNews&storyID=3255737>

2. *August 10, The Associated Press* — **Some seek preschool nuke evacuation plans.** Preschools and day care centers around nuclear plants aren't required to have evacuation plans, and child-care officials say many don't, although plans do exist for school children and nursing home residents. **The father of a child who attends nursery school near the Three Mile Island (TMI) nuclear plant has petitioned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to require child-care facilities within 10 miles of a nuclear plant to file emergency plans.** The petition has drawn the support of the state Attorney General Mike Fisher, state Rep. Bruce Smith, R-Dillsburg, Lancaster County's Emergency Management Agency and Harrisburg Mayor Stephen Reed. Smith, whose district includes areas within the 10-mile evacuation zone around TMI, said the NRC needs to update its rules. He noted that day care programs for children are more prevalent now than they were in 1979, the year a portion of the core of Three Mile Island's reactor melted. The NRC has taken no action on the petition, which the nuclear industry and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency oppose.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/national/AP-Nuclear-Plants-Preschoolers.html>

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Chemical Sector

3. *August 11, The Cincinnati Enquirer* — **Chemical leak overcomes two Kentucky officers.** **Hazardous materials crews converged on a specialty chemical manufacturing company in Covington, Saturday night after toxic fumes overcame two police officers responding to a break-in alarm, officials said. The Covington officers drove themselves to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Covington for treatment after finding a chlorine line ruptured at H&S Chemical Co. shortly after 9 p.m. Saturday.** Authorities did not identify the officers and their conditions were not available Sunday. **Covington fire department, hazardous materials crews and chemists were sent to the laboratory after being notified by the police officers.** Crews found that a line coming out from a 100-pound bottle of chlorine had ruptured. Another chemical appeared to have spilled on the floor. A team of technicians in HazMat suits secured the chlorine bottle by shutting off the valve, then turning on the exhaust system to disperse the

toxic cloud. The ruptured line was isolated to one bottle of chlorine, he said. "It didn't progress into any other areas and cause problems," Welch said.

Source: http://www.enquirer.com/editions/2003/08/11/loc_wwwky2a11.ht ml

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *August 10, abcnews.com* — **Iraq war suggests a critical shortage of a valuable military tool.** Five of the United States' aircraft carriers were called to duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom – but that left only three others deployable elsewhere. The United States actually has 12 deployable carriers, but at the time of Operation Iraqi Freedom, only eight were deployable because of the way they're scheduled. **The worry is that as the U.S. might not have enough aircraft carriers if too many of the world's simmering hotspots boiled over. However, at \$6 billion each, alternatives are being considered.** Military planners have long considered using mobile platforms – fixed constructs that look like oil rigs, placed in international waters – to take the place of aircraft carriers. Military designers are also dreaming up blueprints for carriers for UAVs – unmanned aerial vehicles, like the Global Hawk and Predator. With a reduced need for manpower, such carriers could be much cheaper and smaller than aircraft carriers. Another consideration is that although the United States faces a number of hotspots today, few of them will last long enough for military manufacturers to respond to.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/sections/world/Primetime/navy030810.ht ml>

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *August 11, Reuters* — **ABA chief supports client reporting rule change. The new American Bar Association (ABA) president on Monday, August 11, put his influence behind controversial proposals that allow lawyers to pierce sacred attorney–client secrecy rules to help stop financial crimes. Some lawyers feel the public and Congress are looking to the legal profession to take a more active role in trying to head off financial frauds,** especially in the wake of high profile scandals like Enron. Among the controversial proposals is one that would allow, but not require, lawyers to breach attorney client privilege if they believe it would stop a client from committing a financial crime. Another proposal clarifies "triggers" that would require lawyers to report a corporate officer's conduct to the organization's higher authorities. It also addresses circumstances in which lawyers can reveal information to authorities about their corporate clients.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/030811/financial_lawyers_1.html

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Transportation Sector

6. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Pilot arraigned for alleged shoe–bomb comment. An Air France pilot was arraigned on felony charges Sunday after allegedly telling a security**

screeener he had a bomb in his shoe. No explosives were found on the pilot or the plane, but the New York-to-Paris flight he was scheduled for as a co-pilot was canceled.

Philippe Rivere, 50, was charged with two counts of falsely reporting an incident. He could face a seven-year prison term if convicted on the first-degree count, said Patrick Clark, a spokesman for the Queens district attorney. Queens Criminal Court Judge Deborah Stevens Modica set bail at \$7,500 and ordered Rivere to return to court August 22.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/LAW/08/10/pilot.arrested.ap/index.html>

7. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Report: airline traffic stabilizing. Global airline passenger traffic will stabilize this year before rebounding 4.4 percent next year and 6.3 percent in 2005, according to the Montreal-based International Civil Aviation Organization. The ICAO cited a gradual restoration of passenger confidence, improved security and its application, an improving global economy and a stable operating environment as the forces behind its forecast.** "Traffic development of both North American and European carriers is stabilizing, with an expected zero growth in 2003 before recovery gets fully under way in 2004 and 2005," the organization said. A slowing world economy, the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the war in Iraq and severe acute respiratory syndrome all contributed to an airline industry free-fall over the past two years, said the organization, which represents some 188 member states.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/ny-biz-traffic0811.story>

8. *August 11, Newsday* — **Ferries: targets for terror? Large passenger ferries pose the greatest terrorist risk in maritime transportation, because they confine several thousand people in one space far from land and have little or no passenger screening.** "It was a bit of an eye-opener," Joe Myers, a Coast Guard risk engineer, said of a study he helped finish last month that gave large ferries the highest "risk assessment" among 80 maritime terrorist scenarios. A ship carrying hazardous cargo near an urban area received the same rating, ranking far ahead of such well-publicized threats as smuggling a weapon of mass destruction into a port on a shipping container. **Terrorists have targeted ferries around the world in recent years, and the potential risk is acute in New York, not just because it has been a high-profile terrorist target, but because the Staten Island Ferry is the largest system in the United States.** An average of 62,000 people a day – 22 million a year – ride the five-mile, 25-minute route between Staten Island and lower Manhattan a few blocks from Ground Zero on the largest ferryboats in the country. Two vessels hold 6,000 passengers, and three have a capacity of 3,500. **Only one other ferry system in the country, the Washington State Ferry, has boats that carry more than 2,000 passengers, meeting the Coast Guard's definition of "large,"** Myers said.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-usferr103410173aug11.0.6687056.story?coll=ny-nationalnews-headlines>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *August 08, Associated Press* — **Lawmakers object to postal police cuts. Lawmakers are protesting a U.S. Postal Service decision to cut post office police at six facilities around the country in order to beef up security in seven other city locations. The U.S. Postal**

Inspection Service (USPIS) is conducting an ongoing nationwide review that examines where postal police should be stationed. The cuts are part of the review's findings. In a letter to Postmaster General John E. Potter, Senate lawmakers asked for detailed documentation backing up the decision to replace the postal police with private security employees. Linda Walker, spokeswoman for the USPIS, said the cuts are still planned for next month. She said **the 1,200 member police force is not being reduced overall, but the officers will be moved to the seven other city locations where there is a greater security need.** Those cities are Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA, Chicago, IL, New York, Baltimore, MD, Newark, NJ, and Washington, DC. Other cities affected by the cuts are Buffalo, NY, Birmingham, AL, Jacksonville, FL, Denver, CO, and Seattle, WA. Walker said post offices are being reviewed on an individual basis, and more cuts may be announced as more studies are finished.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/ny-bc-ct--postalcuts0808aug08.0.6481336.story?coll=ny-ap-regional-wire>

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Agriculture Sector

10. *August 11, Food Ingredients First* — U.S. lifts import limits on certain Canadian meat products. Restrictions on imports of Canadian game animals and certain boneless meat products will be lifted by the end of the month, the Bush administration said Friday, easing trade barriers imposed because of Canada's lone case of mad cow disease. Hunters can immediately begin bringing some wild meat products into the U.S. if they are intended for personal use, as long as they have a veterinary services special permit and an export certificate or a hunting license or tag. The decision to begin accepting import permit applications for certain products from Canada affects about 40 percent of the annual \$1.1 billion in Canadian beef products normally exported to the United States. Those imports along with another \$1.1 billion in live cattle exports were halted in May when one case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, was found in Canada, according to U.S. Agriculture Department officials. **U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said the department also would immediately begin writing new rules to allow for importation of live cattle and other animals such as sheep, goats, bison, deer, elk, caribou, moose, and camels. The ban on live cattle would remain in place for the time being.**

Source: http://www.foodingredientsfirst.com/newsmaker_article.asp?id=NewsMaker=3993&fSite=AO545

11. *August 10, Associated Press* — Tracking cattle. Ranchers have begun using a small, hand-held computer to take retinal images of their cattle. The digital pictures are then stored in a database with information about the animal, such as color, weight, or even genetic lineage. **The blood vessel patterns in the eyes of cattle are unique and do not change over time so the pictures allow users to track individual animals from birth to death.** The camera uses near-infrared light to photograph the retina, the backside of the eye that contains unique blood vessel patterns. During a recent demonstration, a cow was put into a corral, where the tube-shaped camera was held a few inches from its eye. A few seconds later an image appeared on the screen. The process can be done at the most rustic farming operations, as long as a curtain is handy to keep sunlight out of the retina. **The image is stored in a secure database with information about the animal, such as vaccinations or feeding habits. The**

location, time and date are automatically recorded through the GPS, preventing false claims about the animal's heritage.

Source: <http://www.bayarea.com/ml/d/cctimes/news/6500958.htm>

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

12. *August 11, Standard-Examiner* — **Water reclamation. The North Davis Sewer District, in Utah, pours between 21 and 22 million treated gallons of wastewater, known as effluent, into the Great Salt Lake each day. Rather than waste the water, the district is considering building a 90 acre sod farm on its property and watering it with the effluent. It already irrigates the nearly 50 acres of landscape at its treatment plant site with the sewer water. But that is only a small part of effluent's possible uses. Someday, it could also be used as secondary water for homes. Even further down the road, effluent could be used as drinking water.** In other areas in the state, communities are turning to their sewer districts for solutions to water shortages. The Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility in Salt Lake is home to a nine-hole golf course, watered with 1 million gallons of effluent each day. "The whole goal is to offset the use of culinary water, then that water can be used to facilitate growth," Central Valley General Manager Reed Fisher said. **The reclamation facility waters the golf course for 60 to 80 cents less per 1,000 gallons than what it would cost to use culinary water, Fisher said.**

Source: http://www.standard.net/standard/news/news_story.html?sid=00030810224043626423+cat=news+template=news1.html

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Public Health Sector

13. *August 11, New Sunday Express* — **Biological agent detection. A technology that could save lives in the event of a bio-terrorist attack has been pioneered by a UK scientist, Colm Lowery, at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland. He has developed a method of detecting germs that could be used in a bioterror attack.** The tests are based on real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology. This technology will allow the quick detection of the source and type of agent that has been used. Subsequently, it will be easier to treat victims and prevent more outbreaks. **Current methods of tracing potential bio-terrorist agents such as cryptosporidium or clostridium botulinum can take up to five days while this new DNA fingerprinting technique takes only 15 minutes.** Lowery said he made the discovery while investigating the inadvertent contamination of Northern Ireland's water supply with cryptosporidium. Previously, thousands of liters of water had been fine-filtered and examined under a microscope, giving little information. But Lowery reduced the detection time to

minutes and was able to track the infectious organism's origin and type using 10ml samples.

Source: <http://www.newindpress.com/sunday/sundayitems.asp?id=SED20030809083928&eTitle=Science&rLink=0>

14. *August 11, BBC News* — **Gene map of whooping cough.** The complete genome of a bacterium which kills hundreds of thousands worldwide each year has been published by researchers. **The genome of *Bordetella pertussis* is likely to speed up the search for better vaccines and treatments.** The bacterium causes the infectious disease whooping cough. Scientists in the UK, in collaboration with academics in the U.S. and Germany, have taken years to decipher the DNA and unravel the 3,800 genes which make it up. Duncan Maskell, one of the project leads, said: "In the developing world, there are places where the vaccine is not available. "Even if you have a vaccine, it is one of those infections which, if you stop vaccinating, comes back straight away. "Publication of the full sequence will make things far easier for people carrying out research into these bacteria." **There are an estimated 20 to 40 million cases worldwide every year, and between 200,000 and 400,000 deaths, according to the World Health Organization. Four out of five children globally are vaccinated against it. However, immunity gained this way can disappear in adolescence or adulthood.** The research has already revealed genetic clues about the pertussis bacterium, and in particular the damaging toxin it makes.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/3135969.stm>

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Government Sector

15. *August 11, Government Executive Magazine* — **Bush names Utah governor to head EPA.** President Bush announced Monday that he would nominate Republican Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency. Leavitt would replace Christine Todd Whitman, who left the agency in May. Marianne L. Horinko is currently serving as acting administrator of the agency. At an appearance in Aurora, CO, President Bush said, "I selected Mike Leavitt because he is a trusted friend, a capable executive and a man who understands the obligations of environmental stewardship. With the Senate's approval, Mike Leavitt will lead an agency with 18,000 dedicated employees in offices all across our country." **Leavitt has pushed efforts to increase cooperation among federal, state and local officials in managing the vast areas of public land in Utah.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0803/081103ts1.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

16. *August 11, Reuters* — **Britain to test response to terrorist attack.** Britain will simulate a terrorist attack on the London underground rail network next month to test the response of its emergency services, the government said on Monday. **The exercise, to be staged at Bank station in the heart of London's financial district on Sunday, September 7, is designed to test the reaction to possible chemical or biological strikes, evacuations and**

decontamination measures. The drill, which was postponed earlier this year because of the Iraq war, comes after warnings from Prime Minister Tony Blair that groups such as al Qaeda may try to attack Britain in retaliation for its support of the U.S.–led war on terror. "It will allow organizations to test systems thoroughly, to train frontline responders and to identify possible vulnerabilities," said a spokesman at the Department for Transport. The drill was not planned in response to any specific threat, she said. **As many as 150,000 people per hour enter the capital's underground network, known as the Tube. Since the September 11 attacks on the United States in 2001, Britain has stepped up its counter–terrorism measures, increasing security and toughening up laws on the arrest of terror suspects.**

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L11604874.htm>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

17. *August 12, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Potential for Significant Impact on Internet Operations Due to Vulnerability in Microsoft Operating Systems (2nd UPDATE: Worm Spreading on the Internet).** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a second update to the July 24, 2003 advisory on Microsoft operating systems. Today's update warns that **malicious code dubbed "MSBlast," "Lovesan," or "Blaster" began circulating on the Internet on August 11th. This worm takes advantage of the vulnerability discussed in the July 24th advisory and contains code that will target Microsoft's update servers on August 16th.** This additional attack could cause significant Internet–wide disruptions. It is possible that other worms based on this vulnerability will be released over the next few days as "copy cat" attacks. In this 2nd update, DHS recommends that the Microsoft update (available at <http://microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS03–026.asp>) be applied as soon as possible to the systems affected. **In addition to blocking the TCP and UDP ports listed in the July 24th advisory, DHS further recommends that Ports 69 (TFTP) and 4444 be blocked when possible. Both of these ports are used to spread the worm.**

Source: [http://www.nipc.gov/warnings/advisories/2003/2nd%20Update812 2003.htm](http://www.nipc.gov/warnings/advisories/2003/2nd%20Update812%202003.htm)

18. *August 11, CERT/CC* — **CERT Advisory CA–2003–20: W32/Blaster worm. The W32/Blaster worm exploits a vulnerability in Microsoft's DCOM RPC interface as described Microsoft Security Bulletin MS03–026.** Upon successful execution, the worm attempts to retrieve a copy of the file msblast.exe from the compromising host. Once this file is retrieved, the compromised system then runs it and begins scanning for other vulnerable systems to compromise in the same manner. **In the course of propagation, a TCP session to port 135 is used to execute the attack.** However, access to TCP ports 139 and 445 may also provide attack. **The worm includes the ability to launch a TCP SYN flood denial–of–service attack against windowsupdate.com.** Unusual or unexpected traffic to windowsupdate.com may indicate a network infection, so system administrators may wish to monitor network traffic. Sites that do not use windowsupdate.com to manage patches may wish to block outbound traffic to windowsupdate.com. **Users are encouraged to apply the patches available on the Microsoft Website:**

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/bulletin/MS03–026.asp>.

Source: <http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2003-20.html>

19. *August 08, SecurityFocus* — **NSA proposes backdoor detection center. The information assurance director for the National Security Agency's (NSA) is calling on Congress to fund a new National Software Assurance Center dedicated to developing advanced techniques for detecting backdoors and logic bombs in large software applications.** In testimony before the House Select Committee on Homeland Security's cybersecurity subcommittee last month, Daniel Wolf bemoaned an absence of tools capable of scouring program source code and executables for evidence of tampering. The proposed solution: a federally funded think-tank that would include representatives from academia, industry, government, national laboratories and "the national security community," said Wolf, "all working together and sharing techniques."

Source: <http://securityfocus.com/news/6671>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 <p>AlertCon: 3 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net</p>	 <p>Security Focus ThreatCon: 3 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</p>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.F Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	135 (epmap), 137 (netbios-ns), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (ident), 27015 (half-life), 139 (netbios-ssn), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 27374 (SubSeven), 80 (www), 0 (----) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

20. *August 11, L.A. Times* — **U.S. firms targeted in Jakarta. The Jemaah Islamiah extremist network, accused of bombing nightclubs in Bali and the Marriott hotel in Jakarta, is suspected of planning attacks on U.S. oil companies and other targets in the Indonesian capital. Among the potential targets of the group affiliated with al Qaeda are the Jakarta headquarters of Halliburton Co., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Unocal Corp.** Documents recovered by police indicate that the Bali and Marriott attacks were part of a plan by the group to create chaos and bring down the government, opening the way for militant Muslims to establish an Islamic state. Evidence uncovered in last month's raids indicates that **Jemaah**

Islamiah was considering nearly 60 bomb targets and may change its tactics to carry out smaller, more frequent attacks. The U.S. State Department issued an advisory Friday warning Americans of the danger of new attacks in Indonesia. "The U.S. government believes extremist elements may be planning additional attacks targeting U.S. interests in Indonesia, particularly U.S. government officials and facilities," the department warned. The advisory is available here: http://travel.state.gov/indonesia_warning.html
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/la-fg-jemaah11aug11.0.3124531.story>

21. *August 11, National Post (Canada)* — **Canadian liberals divided on new ID card. Canada is considering issuing a national identity card to its citizens, and will enter into a national debate about it. The card would include biometric features such as fingerprints and eye scans to enhance national security and deter the growing problems of fraudulent travel documents and identity theft.** The card could help Canadians avoid future problems at U.S. border crossings and airports, and such a card would also respond to growing concerns among U.S. immigration and law-enforcement officials about the forging and trafficking of Canadian passports and travel documents by suspected terrorists.

Source: <http://canada.com/national/story.asp?id=348AEA01-1255-4691-8A56-58853871B7CB>

22. *August 11, Associated Press* — **WWII poison gas sickens Chinese. Tokyo has sent experts to investigate drums of poison gas thought to have been left by the Japanese army after World War II that sickened dozens of people in China's northeast last week.** Two people were "close to death" with breathing problems after exposure to the gas in the city of Qiqihar, the state newspaper China Daily said. It said **32 others were hospitalized, including one man with chemical burns on 95 percent of his body. The poison believed to be mustard gas was released on August 4 after construction workers unearthed the five drums at a building site.** "A group from the (Japanese) chemical weapons disposal team has been sent to Qiqihar and they are investigating," said Japan's chief Cabinet secretary, Yasuo Fukuda, who was in Beijing on a previously scheduled visit to meet with Chinese leaders. Japanese officials say about 700,000 chemical weapons remain in China from the Japanese occupation. Lawyers representing Chinese plaintiffs in other cases against the Japanese government say leaking chemical weapons have caused some 2,000 deaths since the war.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/asiapcf/east/08/11/china.gas.a.p/index.html>

23. *August 11, Associated Press* — **Montana park wildfire forces evacuations. A flare-up at a wildfire in Glacier National Park forced authorities to re-evacuate some campers, residents and workers, and to close a popular tourist road through the park. The blaze jumped a road on Sunday afternoon and started heading toward the area around Lake McDonald,** fire managers said. The area is about 10 miles northeast of West Glacier, the park's gateway town that had been threatened by the fire for more than a week in late July and early August. Residents there were permitted to return home Aug. 3. The fire has already burned 36,600 acres. **It wasn't immediately known how many people were evacuated. A second fire in the park, which had been 70 percent contained, also grew Sunday by nearly 2,000 acres to 27,525 acres.** A fire that began with a lightning strike near the small town of Big Timber, 150 miles east of Helena, grew to about 30,000 acres and forced the evacuation of some 50 homes, fire information officers said Monday.

Source: <http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?section Id=46&id=16806>

24. *August 09, New York Times* — **Terror group seen as back inside Iraq.** Paul Bremer, the top civilian administrator in Iraq, said Friday, August 8, that **fighters from Ansar al-Islam, a militant organization that the United States tried to destroy during the war, had escaped to Iran and then slipped back across the border into Iraq and were preparing to attack the occupation forces or administration.** The Bush administration has asserted that Ansar has ties to al Qaeda. Bremer spoke a day after a car bomb attack on the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad killed 17 people and wounded scores more. American officials are now questioning whether the car bombing is an isolated act or the beginning of a new series of bombings. Officials are worried that they may be facing a new wave of attacks by Ansar al-Islam, even if Ansar al-Islam had no role in the attack on the embassy. Bremer said **the group has a history of carrying out major terrorist attacks, including car bombings.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/08/10/international/worldspecial/10MILI.html?th>

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