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## BRITAIN WARNS SADDAM OF RECIPROCAL NUCLEAR STRIKE

*Mar 21, 2002 The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "Britain would be ready to make a nuclear strike against states such as Iraq if they used weapons of mass destruction against British forces, Geoff Hoon, the Defense Secretary, told MPs yesterday. Mr. Hoon was briefing the Commons defense select committee on the threat posed by four countries Britain had identified as 'states of concern': Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea.

He issued his warning as officials in Washington and London privately predicted that military action to try to topple Saddam Hussein was likely to be launched at the end of the year. He said that Saddam had already used chemical weapons against his own people. The possibility that rogue states would be prepared to use such weapons again, possibly sacrificing their own population, could not be ruled out.

He said that dictators such as Saddam 'can be absolutely confident that in the right conditions we would be willing to use our nuclear weapons. What I cannot be absolutely confident about is whether that would be sufficient to deter them from using a weapon of mass destruction in the first place.'

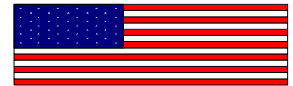
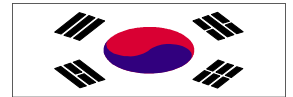
Mr. Hoon's willingness to confirm readiness to use nuclear weapons in such circumstances was seen at Westminster as a clear sign that the Government is becoming more alarmed that Saddam is developing chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons..."

## NORTH KOREA CONDEMNS AMERICAN AND SOUTH KOREAN JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE



North Korea

*Mar 21, 2002 BBC News* reports: "The US and South Korea have launched their biggest ever joint military exercises, in a move condemned by North Korea as a declaration of war. Thousands of troops are involved in the week-long exercise, which will simulate a conflict with the communist North. South Korea and the US have said the drills are purely defensive - but they come at a time of increased tension with the North.



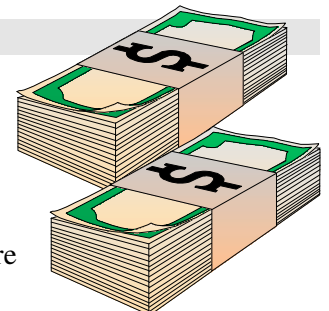
The government in Pyongyang is furious at being labeled part of an 'axis of evil' by US President George Bush. It said the drills were preparations to launch a 'nuclear holocaust' on the Korean peninsula, following recent news reports that the US was prepared to use nuclear weapons against seven countries, including North Korea.

The drills will involve most of the 37,000 US troops based in South Korea and a small number of troops from bases in Japan, Guam and the US. About 650,000 South Korean soldiers are taking part. The exercise is bigger than usual because it merges two annual drills that used to be held separately. The troops will undergo a range of training, including counter-infiltration exercises and other tests to evaluate the operational mobility of forces.

South Korea is anxious to see dialogue between the US and North Korea get back on track..."

## SAUDI ARABIA PRINCES CONTINUE TO FUND AL QAIDA

*Mar 21, 2002 The Middle East Newsline* reports: "Despite initial steps, Saudi Arabia continues to tolerate the transfer of finances to Al Qaida insurgents. U.S. intelligence sources said Saudi princes are believed to be funding the flight of Al Qaida agents from Afghanistan to the Persian Gulf and Middle East. They said the princes have paid millions of dollars for the escape of hundreds of Al Qaida and Taliban members from Afghanistan through Iran and to the Persian Gulf. Many of those who fled Afghanistan, the sources said, are Saudis or those who had been sponsored by the House of Saud.



The Al Qaida agents, the sources said, have resettled in such countries as Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. Others have moved to Lebanon and Syria.

'The Saudis have acted when we have pointed to specific information on a specific group,' an intelligence source said. 'Otherwise, the money flow to Al Qaida continues from members of the royal family.'..."

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## **EXPERT ON ISLAM WARNS OF NUKE TERROR**

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*Mar 20, 2002 WorldNetDaily.com* reports: "He predicted the Sept. 11 attacks, and now Islam expert Dr. Robert Morey warns there are three small nuclear devices within the U.S. on standby for more terror, according to Assist News Service (ANS).

'I have Middle Eastern friends throughout the U.S. who continually feed me information as to what the terrorists are up to,' Dr. Morey told ANS. 'I, in turn, feed that information to the FBI and Naval Intelligence...'

Morey claims a good track record with his gathered intelligence, telling ANS 'I've been right so many times the FBI showed up at my house, suspicious as to whether or not I was somehow involved – because I knew too much. I simply pointed out to them they don't have their ear to the ground in the Middle Eastern community.'

'I told them several years ago that Muslim Pakistanis brought into the U.S. a small nuclear device called a 'dirty bomb' through Niagara Falls out of Canada,' Morey says. 'They are driving this nuclear device in the back of a van or a car waiting for Bin Laden to tell them when it's time to set it off.' Morey received the information through Pakistani Christian sources, according to ANS.

'My contacts now within the intelligence community have leaked to me it is feared there are three such devices in the U.S.,' Morey added..."

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## **SCIENTISTS ARE BAFFLED BY "BLACK WATER" PHENOMENON**

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*Mar 19, 2002 Naples News* reports: "Commercial fishermen along the Southwest Florida coast are reporting a massive dead zone that is almost devoid of marine life in an area of the Gulf of Mexico traditionally known as a rich fishing ground. They've dubbed it black water, and they're demanding that local, state and national government agencies find out what's causing it. Scientists who have heard of the phenomenon say they, too, need answers.

'It's killed a lot of the bottom because recently a lot of little bottom plants are coming to the surface dead and rotten out in the Gulf,' said Tim Daniels, 58, a Marathon Key fish-spotting pilot who has been flying over the Gulf for more than 20 years.

Like Daniels, fishermen with decades on the water say they've often seen red tide but they've never seen anything like this — it doesn't have a foul smell, it isn't red tide and it isn't oil. They describe it as viscous and slimy water with what looks like spider webs in it.

First sighted in January, the mass of black-colored water reached from 20 miles north of Marathon Key halfway to Naples. It stretched west almost 20 miles into the Gulf of Mexico. Fishermen don't know if it's moved in from the north or offshore or if it originated in the coastal waters off Southwest Florida..."