

### **3. CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS**

**How many casualties would a chemical or biological warhead cause if it landed in a built up area?**

There is no simple answer to this question. It depends on a number of factors such as the agent used, the format it is in and the type of system used to disseminate the agent. If the warhead operated to a reasonable degree of efficiency one filled with the nerve agent sarin might cause hundreds of fatalities, whilst one charged with anthrax spores might cause thousands or tens of thousands of fatalities.

**The press has recently visited a number of sites named in the dossier and found no traces of chemical and biological weapons related activity. How do you explain this?**

Visits were to al-Dawrah Foot and Mouth, Fallujah III, Salman Pak, Tuwaitha, Taji Cold Store, Al Qaim. Such visits can be easily orchestrated and stage managed. Elements of WMD programmes can be concealed. Hence the need for on-site inspection and monitoring by trained and qualified inspectors of the IAEA and UNMOVIC.

**You mention mobile production facilities for biological warfare agents. But isn't this old news?**

We have reliable intelligence which supports older reporting from defectors.

**The dossier states that CBW agent production has continued. Is your evidence just speculation based on the existence of dual use speculation?**

No. As the dossier says, we have intelligence relating to continued production.

**What do we know about Iraq's military plans to use chemical and biological weapons?**

Not prepared to go into the detail of the intelligence, but it is up to date. It is also relevant that Iraq used chemical weapons extensively during the war with Iran in the 1980s and shown that they do not regard these weapons merely as weapons of last resort.

**Could Iraq mount a CBW attack on the UK Mainland?**

Iraq does not have delivery means with sufficient range to reach the UK. We cannot exclude the possibility of terrorist action involving chemical and biological warfare agents, although there is no evidence of such a threat to the UK.

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