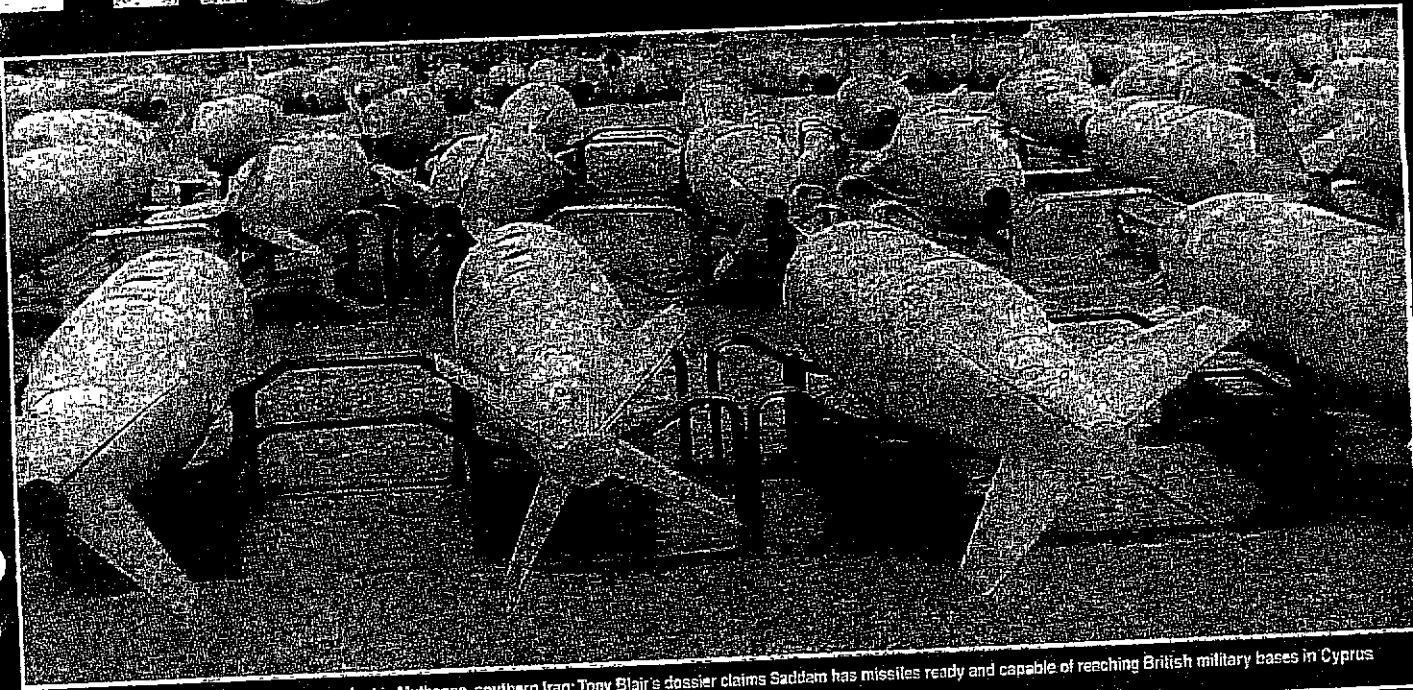




# 45 MINUTES FROM ATTACK



Chemical weapons containing nerve gas at a plant in Muthanna, southern Iraq. Tony Blair's dossier claims Saddam has missiles ready and capable of reaching British military bases in Cyprus

## Dossier reveals Saddam is ready to launch chemical war strikes

SADDAM HUSSEIN'S armoury of chemical weapons is on standby for use within 45 minutes, the Government's dossier on Iraq revealed today.

He is developing missiles that could reach British military bases in Cyprus, as well as Israel and Nato members Greece and Turkey.

The Iraqi leader has also been secretly trying to buy uranium from Africa for use in nuclear weapons. These are the

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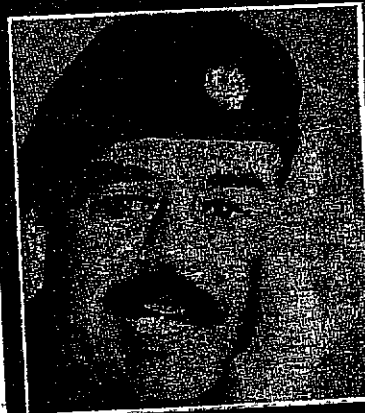
key charges in a 14 point "dossier of death" published by the Government today. In an introduction, Tony Blair says the evidence leaves Britain and the international community no choice but to act. The Prime Minister delivered the same message to MPs, including a large and mutinous Labour array, assembled for an emergency debate.

Mr Blair was heckled by his own side when he said Saddam had used chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraq war in which a

million people died. One backbencher shouted "And we were supporting him." But he won loud "hear-hears" from both sides of a packed chamber when he said: "Read the chapter on Saddam and human rights... I defy anyone to say that this cruel and sadistic dictator should be allowed any possibility of getting his hands on chemical, biological or nuclear weapons of mass destruction."

Mr Blair told MPs that the ousting of Saddam would be "a wonderful thing" for the people of Iraq, for the region and

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Saddam: "seeking to buy uranium from Africa"