

confirms that despite sanctions and the policy of containment, Saddam has continued to make progress with his illicit weapons programmes

5. As a result of this intelligence we judge that Iraq has:

- continued to produce chemical and biological agents;
- military plans for the use of chemical and biological weapons, some of which are deployable within 45 minutes of an order to use them. The authority to use chemical and biological weapons ultimately resides with Saddam, but he may have delegated this authority to his son Qusai,
- developed mobile laboratories for military use, corroborating earlier reports about the mobile production of biological warfare agents;
- pursued illegal programmes to procure controlled materials of potential use in the production of chemical and biological weapons programmes,
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- tried covertly to acquire technology and materials which could be used in the production of nuclear weapons,
- sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa, despite having no active civil nuclear power programme that could require it;
- recalled specialists to work on its nuclear programme;
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- retained up to 20 Al Hussein missiles, with a range of 650km, capable of carrying chemical or biological warheads,
- started deploying its Al-Samoud liquid propellant missile, and has used the absence of weapons inspectors to work on extending its range to at least 200km, which is beyond the limit of 150km imposed by the United Nations,
- started producing the solid-propellant missile Ababil-100, and is making efforts to extend its range to at least 200km, which is beyond the limit of 150km imposed by the United Nations,
- constructed a new engine test stand for the development of missiles capable of reaching Israel and all Iraq's Gulf neighbours as well as the UK