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Letter dated 13 May 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I would like to bring to your attention the presentation made by the Chief of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Troops of the Russian Federation Armed Forces, Lieutenant General I. A. Kirillov, during his briefing on 11 May 2022, containing additional materials on military biological programmes on the territory of Ukraine (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vassily Nebenzia



Annex to the letter dated 13 May 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

[Original: Russian]

Briefing by Lieutenant General I.A. Kirillov, Chief of the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Troops of the Russian Federation Armed Forces

11 May 2022

The Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation is continuing to study materials on the implementation of the biological warfare programmes of the United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies in the territory of Ukraine.

We have already mentioned Robert Pope, Director of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program and author of the idea of creating the central repository of especially dangerous microorganisms in Kiev.

In his statement of 10 April 2022, Mr. Pope noted that there was no basis for claiming that research related to the development of biological weapons was taking place in Ukraine. Earlier he claimed that the United States had not found biological weapons when it first started working with Ukraine, and that it still had not. He also said that Ukraine lacked the infrastructure to develop and produce biological weapons.

I would like to recall that the term “biological weapons” includes biological formulations that contain pathogenic microorganisms and toxins, as well as the means of delivery and use of those formulations.

While the priority for Ukrainian health care is socially significant diseases such as HIV infection, poliomyelitis, measles and hepatitis, the clients from the United States are interested in a completely different nomenclature: cholera, tularemia, plague and hantaviruses.

As a result of the special military operation in the territory of Ukraine, facts have come to light related to work with specified pathogens that are potential agents of biological weapons. We already noted that Ukraine sent a request to the manufacturer of Bayraktar unmanned aerial vehicles enquiring about the possibility of equipping them with aerosol equipment.

In addition, on 9 March, three unmanned aerial vehicles equipped with 30-litre containers and equipment for spraying formulations were discovered in Kherson province. At the end of April, another 10 such vehicles were found near Kakhovka.

All this information calls into question the statements made by experts from the United States.

We previously outlined the pattern of coordination by the United States of the work of biological laboratories and scientific research organizations in Ukraine. Preliminary analysis of this allows us to conclude that Ukraine, in fact, is a testing ground for developing biological weapons components and for testing new pharmaceutical samples.

It should be noted that the leaders of the Democratic Party are the ideologues behind the military and biological activities of the United States in Ukraine.

For example, a legislative basis for funding biological warfare-related research directly from the federal budget was established through the executive branch of the Government of the United States. The funds of non-governmental organizations controlled by the leadership of the Democratic Party, including the investment funds of the Clintons, the Rockefellers, Soros and Biden, were raised under government guarantees.

This scheme involves major pharmaceutical companies, including Pfizer, Moderna, Merck and Gilead, a company affiliated with the United States Department of Defense. Experts from the United States are working to test new medical drugs in circumvention of international safety standards. As a result, Western companies are seriously reducing the costs for implementing research programmes and are gaining a significant competitive advantage.

The involvement of controlled non-governmental and biotech organizations, and the increase in their revenues, allows the leaders of the Democratic Party to obtain additional financial income for election campaigns and to conceal its distribution.

In addition to pharmaceutical companies of the United States and Pentagon contractors, Ukrainian government agencies are involved in military-biological activities whose main tasks are to conceal illegal activities, conduct field and clinical trials and provide the necessary biomaterial.

The United States Department of Defense, using a testing ground that is effectively beyond the control of the international community and using the high-tech facilities of multinational companies, has thus greatly expanded its research capabilities, not only in the field of biological weapons, but also to obtain information about antibiotic resistance and the presence of antibodies to certain diseases in the population of specific regions.

Since 2013, the German leadership decided to begin implementing a national biosafety programme independent of Washington, D.C. Twelve countries, including Ukraine, are involved in this programme.

On the German side, the programme involves the Institute for Microbiology of the German Armed Forces (Munich), the Robert Koch Institute (Berlin), the Loeffler Institute (Greifswald) and the Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine (Hamburg).

New documents reveal that between 2016 and 2019 alone, 3,500 blood serum samples of citizens living in 25 provinces of Ukraine were taken by military epidemiologists from the Bundeswehr Institute of Microbiology.

The involvement of institutions under the authority of the Bundeswehr confirms the military orientation of the biological research conducted in Ukrainian laboratories and raises the question of the goals pursued by the German armed forces in collecting biomaterials from Ukrainian citizens.

The documents obtained also testify to the involvement of Poland in the activities of Ukrainian biolaboratories. The involvement of the Polish Institute of Veterinary Medicine in research aimed at assessing the epidemiological threats and spread of the rabies virus in Ukraine has been confirmed. It is notable that this research was conducted jointly with the Battelle Institute of the United States, one of the Pentagon's key contractors.

There is also documentary evidence of Polish funding for the Lvov Medical University, which includes the Institute of Epidemiology and Hygiene: a participant in the biological warfare-related projects of the United States. This organization has been implementing a retraining programme since 2002 for specialists with experience of working with dual-use materials and technologies.

In the course of the special military operation, Russian troops were able to obtain additional information about bio-incidents in Ukraine.

For example, materials were examined indicating the intentional use in 2020 of a multidrug-resistant tuberculosis pathogen to infect the population of the Slavyanoserbsk district of the Lugansk People's Republic.

Leaflets, made in the form of fake banknotes, were infected with the tuberculosis pathogen and distributed to minors in the village of Stepovoe. The organizers of this crime took into account the specific behavioural traits of children, who have a habit of "putting everything into their mouths" and handling food with unwashed hands.

The results of bacteriological studies confirmed the resistance of isolated bacteria to first- and second-line anti-tuberculosis drugs, which means that the disease caused by them is much more difficult to treat and the cost of treatment is much higher.

According to the conclusion of the Lugansk Republican Sanitary and Epidemiological Centre, the contamination of the banknotes was most likely artificial, since the material contained extremely dangerous strains of the pathogen in a concentration that could ensure infection and the development of the tuberculosis process.

In his conclusion, the chief doctor of the Lugansk Republican anti-tuberculosis dispensary also noted that there were "all the signs of deliberate, human-caused contamination of the leaflets with biomaterial of high pathogenicity".

Earlier we reported on the testing of potentially dangerous biological drugs on one of the least protected categories of people: patients at provincial clinical psychiatric hospital No. 3 in Kharkov.

We have received new information revealing details of the Pentagon's inhuman experiments on Ukrainian citizens in psychiatric hospital No.1 (in the village of Streleche in Kharkov province). The main category of subjects was a group of male patients aged 40 to 60 years with a high stage of physical exhaustion.

In order to conceal their affiliation with the United States, the experts conducting the biological research came through third countries. Here is a photograph of Florida native Linda Oporto, who was directly involved in this work.

In January 2022, the foreign nationals conducting the experiments were urgently evacuated and the equipment and drugs being used by them were taken to western Ukraine.

Specialists from the Russian Ministry of Defence have carried out work directly at two biolaboratories in Mariupol.

Evidence has been obtained of the emergency destruction of documents, confirming work with the United States Department of Defense.

Our preliminary analysis of the remaining documentation indicates the use of Mariupol as a regional centre for the collection and the "passportization" of the cholera pathogen. The selected strains were sent to the Centre for Public Health in Kiev, which is responsible for the onward shipment of biomaterials to the United States. These activities have been carried out since 2014, as evidenced by the deeds of conveyance for these strains.

In the sanitary-epidemiological laboratory, we found a certification of destruction of a pathogenic microorganisms collection dated 25 February 2022, according to which cholera, tularemia and anthrax pathogens had been handled there.

Part of the collection of the veterinary laboratory had, in haste, not been destroyed. In order to ensure safety and secure storage, the Russian specialists removed 124 strains and organized to study them.

The presence in the collection of pathogens uncharacteristic for veterinary medicine (typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever and gas gangrene) is cause for concern. This may indicate the misuse of the laboratory and its involvement in the biological warfare programme.

We will continue to study the entire volume of materials received from the Mariupol biolaboratories and will inform you of the results.

The Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation has information about the preparation of false-flag operations to accuse the Russian Armed Forces of using weapons of mass destruction, followed by a “Syrian scenario” investigation to fabricate the necessary evidence and assign the blame.

The high probability of such false-flag operations is confirmed by requests from the Kiev administration for the supply of personal protective equipment for skin protection and respiratory protection against toxic chemicals and biological contaminating agents. The supply to Ukraine of antidotes to organophosphorus poisoning raises concern. In 2022 alone, more than 220,000 ampoules of atropine, as well as preparations for special treatment and disinfection, were delivered from the United States at the request of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Thus, the information obtained confirms the implementation by the United States of an offensive biological warfare programme in the territory of Ukraine. Its aim is to study the possibility of forming controlled epidemics in specific territories.

The special military operation by the Russian Armed Forces has put an end to the expansion of the military-biological presence of the United States in Ukraine and has stopped the criminal experiments on civilians.

The presentation and materials on military biological activities on the territory of Ukraine are available through the following links:

1. <https://disk.yandex.ru/d/zyeRjvO0JMmNtA>
2. <https://disk.yandex.ru/d/EmmPx1SNBUtymw>
