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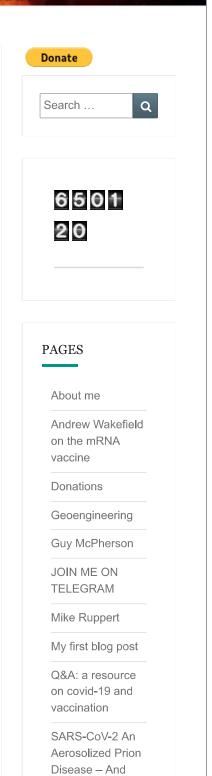
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In an interview on Ukraine, Rusell "Texas" Bentley revealed something that was deep in my memory – that the United States have secret bioweapons laboratories in Ukraine and in Georgia.

Ukrainians ask themselves what biolabs supervised by the US Department of Defense might be doing in Ukraine

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On April 23rd the US Embassy in Ukraine acknowledged that there are biological laboratories in Ukraine that are under the control of the Pentagon.

The statement of diplomats came after an open letter from people's deputies about the threats posed by these research centers to Ukrainians.

However, the Americans deny the threats and say that scientific work is being carried out for exclusively peaceful purposes. And talk of threats is written off as "Russian disinformation".

The Ukrainian "Strana" news agency looked into this story.

What the deputies of the Rada declared

On April 14th people's deputies from "Opposition Platform – For Life" Viktor Medvedchuk and Renat Kuzmin wrote requests to four leaders of the country: President Zelensky, Prime Minister Shmygal, Head of the SBU Bakanov, and Minister of Healthcare Stepanov.

In an appeal with reference to Serbian and Bulgarian media, it is reported that the US has more than 400 bacteriological laboratories around the world, including at least 15 in Ukraine.

There are exclusively American ones, and they are **financed at the expense of the US Department of Defence.** The laboratories are located in Odessa, Vinnytsia, Uzhgorod, Lvov (three), Kiev (three), Kherson, Ternopol, and near Crimea and Lugansk.

People's deputies note that the functioning of American biolaboratories in Ukraine started during the presidency

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of Viktor Yushchenko and the premiership of Yuliya Tymoshenko – August 29th, 2005.

At that time, cooperation agreements were signed between the US Department of Defence and the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine for the prevention of proliferation technologies (growth of body tissue by cell division), pathogens, and expertise that can be used for the development of biological weapons.

"In fact, the work in the laboratories is carried out under the program of biological experiments. The budget is \$2.1 billion and is funded by the US Defence Threat Reduction Agency. The Scientific and Technical Center in Ukraine, an international organisation funded by the American authorities and whose staff have diplomatic immunity, has also become involved in this activity. This organisation is engaged in financing projects for the creation of weapons of mass destruction," wrote Medvedchuk and Kuzmin.

Further, the people's deputies point out that after the launch of biolaboratories in Ukraine there were outbreaks of infectious diseases.

"So, in Ternopol in 2009 there was a virus that caused hemorrhagic pneumonia. Its victims were 450 Ukrainians. In 2011, there was an outbreak of cholera in Ukraine — 33 people died. Three years later, cholera was diagnosed already 800 citizens, another year later more than 100 cases of cholera were recorded in Nikolaev."

People's deputies also gave such examples. In January 2016, 20 soldiers died from an influenza-like virus in Kharkov, and more than 200 were hospitalised. Two months later, 364 deaths were recorded in Ukraine. "The reason is swine flu of the same strain of influenza that led to the global pandemic in 2009," say Medvedchuk and Kuzmin.

They further point out that in 2017 in Nikolaev there was an outbreak of hepatitis A. In the summer of the same year there were similar hotbeds of infection in Zaporozhye and Odessa, and in the autumn – in Kharkov.

"In 2010-2012 [i.e., already under Yanukovych – ed] the Ukrainian government initiated checks to see if the laboratories comply with all safety measures. As a result, a number of gross disorders were

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identified that could lead to the leakage of strains of dangerous infections. The fact of extract ventilation facing the premises of a kindergarten was even recorded," it is said in the appeal of Medvedchuk and Kuzmin.

Then people's deputies write that in 2013 President Viktor Yanukovych abandoned such cooperation with the United States. But already in 2014 Petro Poroshenko continued it. "It is likely that Yanukovych lost power with the active participation of the US government precisely because of his refusal to cooperate with the Pentagon," suggest the deputies from "Opposition Platform – For Life".

In conclusion, they point out, "It is possible that the secret and opaque activities of dangerous foreign objects on the territory of Ukraine have the task of testing the actions of viruses and bacteria on the bodies of Ukrainians", and ask the leadership of Ukraine to understand this.



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Президенту України Зеленському В.О.

ДЕПУТАТСЬКЕ ЗВЕРНЕННЯ в порядку статті 16 Закону України «Про статус народного депутата України»

Вельмишановний Володимире Олександровичу!

Керуючись ст. 16 Закону України «Про статує народного депутата України», звертаємося до Вас з огляду на нелегітимну діяльність в Україні іноземних біолабораторій, яка загрожує здоров'ю та життю необмеженого кола громадян України.

У серпні 2017 року сербське видання «Печат» опублікувало матеріали «Чому США перстворюють Україну на біологічну бомбу» (http://www.pecat.co.rs/2017/08/zasto-sad-pretvaraju-ukrajimu-u-biolosku-bombu/). У січні 2018 року болгарські журналісти оприлюднили результати свого розслідування під назвою «Тасмпі біолабораторії Пентагону» (https://mesbg.org/%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BB%D0%BD%D0%B8/2018-01-15-15-51-28hml)

На думку авторів, мережа військових біологічних лабораторій у Східній Європі надає США можливість порушувати норми Конвенції про заборону розробки, виробництва та накопичення запасів бактеріологічної (біологічної) і токсинної зброї та про їх знищення, підписаної у Женеві 10.04.1972.

Журналісти повідомили, що у світі іспують більше 400 американських військових біологічних лабораторій, у т.ч. не менше 15 — в Україні. У них працюють виключно американці, а фінансуються вони цілком з біоджету Міноборони США. Місцева влада зобов'язалась не втручатись у діяльність цих лабораторій, пов'язану з вивченням та виробництном вірусів та бактерій. Лабораторії розташовані в Одесі, Вінниці, Ужтороді, Львові (три), Харкові, Києві (три), Херсоні, Тернополі, а також поблизу Криму та Луганська.

Як зазначено у публікаціях, «співробітництво» України та США у сфері функціонування американських біолабораторій в Україні стартувало за часів Президента В. Ющенка та Прем'єр-міністра Ю. Тимошенко — 29.08.2005 з підписання між Міноборони США та Мінохорони здоров'я України угоди про

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епівробітництво щодо профілактики технологій проліферації, патогенів та експертиз, які можуть бути використані для розвитку біологічної зброї. За цією угодою, Україні заборонено розкривати «чутливу» інформацію щодо американської програми, проте Пентагон отримав доступ до державних таємниць України, пов'язаних з реалізацією цих проектів (https://cadaily.com/ru/news/2018/01/23/sekretnye-biolaboratorii-pentagona-u-granic-rossiirassledovanie).

Фактично роботи в лабораторіях ведуться за програмою біологічних експериментів. Світовий бюджет «Біологічної програми спільної участі» єкладає 2,1 млрд. дол. США та фінансується американським Агентством зі зниження загрози безпеки (DTRA). До цієї діяльності долучився і «Науково-технічний центр в Україні» (НТЦУ) - міжнародив організація, що фінансується владою США, і працівники якої мають дипломатичний імунітет. Вказана організація займається фінансуванням проектів зі створения зброї масового ураження.

Поява американських біолабораторій в Україні та фінансування проектів НТЦУ співпало з кількома спалахами серйозних інфекційних захворювань в державі. Зокрема, у 2009 році в Тернополі виникло вогимше вірусу, який викликав геморатічну пневмонію. Її жертвами вкої стали 450 українців. У 2011 році в Україні відбувся спалах холери — ушпиталено 33 людини. А три роки потому холеру виявили вже у 800 осіб Ще роком пізніше тільки у Миколаєва зафіксували більше 100 випадків холери.

У січні 2016 року в Харкові щонайменше 20 військовослужбовців померли від схожого на грип вірусу. Ще більше 200 людей госпіталізовано. Двома місяцями пізніше в Україні зафіксовано 364 померлих. Причина — свинячий грип A (H1N1) pdm09, тобто той же штам, що призвів до світової пандемії у 2009 році.

у 2017 році в Миколасві був спалах гепатиту А. Влітку цього ж року такий же спалах зафіксовано у Запоріжжі та Одесі, а восени – у Харкові.

У 2010-2012 роках влада України ініціювала дві перевірки з питань додержання порм безпеки біологічними лабораторіями (перша — силами Міноборони України, друга — за дорученням Прем'єр-міністра). В результаті вивплено низку грубих порушень, що можуть призвести до витоку штамів небезпечних інфекцій. Навіть зафіксовано факт виведення витяжної вентилящії до приміщення дошкільного закладу.

У 2013 році тодішній Президент В. Янукович відмовився від продовження співпраці з США у сфері біологічних експериментів. Проте вже у 2014 році, після того, як до влади прийшов Порошенко, діяльність американських біолабораторій продовжено. Отже, цілком імовірно, що влади В. Янукович позбувся за активної участі Уряду США саме через відмову від співробітництва з Пентаговом.

Неочікувані та вочевидь безпричині спалахи важких інфекційних захворювань в Україні відбуваються на фоні припинення дії санітарних норм і правил, що встановлювали стандарти забезпечення біологічної безпеки людипи, та скорочення фінансування виробництва вакцин. Отже, з одного боку, в Україні **TAGS**

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спостерігається послаблення протиепідеміологічних заходів та програм на державному рівні, а з іншого – активна співпраця з іноземними суб'єктами, що безконтрольно та вседозвільно продукують небезнечні для організму людини віруси та їх штами саме на території України. Відтак, не виключено, що таємна і непрозора діяльність небезпечних іноземних біологічних об'єктів на території України має своїм завданням приховане тестування дії вірусів і бактерій на організмах українців.

Ураховуючи наведене, керуючись статтею 16 Закону України «Про статус народного депутата України»,

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надати грунтовну інформацію з таких питань:

- які міжнародні угоди про співробітництво України з державними органами США та міжнародними організаціями у сфері будь-яких «біологічних програм» укладались упродовж 2005-2020 років? Який строк їх дії та предмет співробітництва?
- що стало підставою для продовження після 2014 року співробітництва України з державними органами США та міжнародними інституціями у сфері функціонування іноземних біолабораторій?
- скільки американських біологічних лабораторій, що отримують фінансування з-за кордону, діють сьогодні в Україні? Яке територіальне розташування цих об'єктів? На підставі яких нормативних документів вони діють, і яким чином держава здійснює контроль їх діяльності?
- якщо міжнародні угоди про співробітництво України з державними органами США та міжнародними організаціями у сфері будь-яких «біологічних програм» упродовж 2005-2020 років не укладались, то на якій підставі в Україні діють американські біологічні лабораторії, про які йдеться в матеріалах сербських та болгарських журналістів, на які є посилання в цьому депутатському зверненні?
- чи здійснювалось фінансування названих іноземних біолабораторій з державного бюджету України? Якщо так, які суми видатків?
- які державні органи у 2005-2020 роках здійснювали перевірки діяльності американських біолабораторій, і які результати цих перевірок?
- чи проводились будь-які (протиспідеміологічні, відомчі, досудові тощо) розслідування причин спалахів в Україні небезпечних хвороб упродовж 2009-2018 років (свинячий грип, гепатит А, холера)? Якщо так, які результати розслідувань? Якщо ні, то з якої причини не проводились?

3 глибокою повагою Народні депутати України

В. Медведчук

Р. Кузьмін

The topic of US biological laboratories in Ukraine is not **new**, and Kuzmin has been conducting it directly for a number of years.

"It is known that the Geneva Convention of 1972 prohibits the production of bacteriological weapons, and for this reason, the US military does not produce them on US territory. And why, after all, there are so many excellent test sites in the world, such as Ukraine or Georgia, where you can produce and test any deadly viruses on the local population? It is enough only to create a military laboratory, give it a harmless name, such as "sanepidemstantsii Laboratory", and assign its own supervisor to it..." – wrote Renat Kuzmin in Facebook in 2018.

He mentioned this topic in connection with the revelations of the Georgian ex-Minister of state security of Georgia Igor Giorgadze. In 2018, he said that the American Lugar Center, which is located in Tbilisi, tested on Georgian citizens the

drug "Sovaldi" of the American firm "Gilead Science". As a result, 73 volunteers were allegedly killed.



Будет ли уволена Супрун в связи с заявлением Гиоргадзе?

Вполне предсказуемо украинские СМИ проигнорировали вчерашнее заявление бывшего министра госбезопасности Грузии Игоря Гиоргадзе о проведении военными США секретных экспериментах над людьми в Грузии. Он продемонстрировал журналистам соответствующие документы Лаборатории Лугара в Тбилиси и заявил, что для многих подопытных эксперименты окончились летальным исходом. Казалось бы, прозвучала сенсация, достойная того, чтобы стать главной новостью дня и поводом для тщательного расследования в Украине, но увы - полное молчание в эфире...

Как думаете, друзья, уж не потому ли, что в Украине работают 15(!) лабораторий, в которых американские военные производят смертоносные вирусы. И происходит это не где-то в американской пустыне, а в Одессе, Виннице, Ужгороде, Львове, Харькове, Киеве, Херсоне и Тернополе при молчаливом согласии тех, кто обязан бить в набат. Хотя бы в связи с распространением в Украине странных эпидемий: от птичьего гриппа, кори и атипичной пневмонии до африканской чумы свиней...

Известно, что Женевская конвенция 1972 года запрещает производство бактериологического оружия и по этой причине американские военные не производят его на территории США. А зачем, ведь в мире так много прекрасных испытательных полигонов как Украина или Грузия, где можно производить и испытывать на местном населении любые смертоносные вирусы? Достаточно лишь создать военную лабораторию, дать ей безобидное название, типа, «Лаборатория санэпидэмстанции», и приставить к ней своего куратора...

US Embassy's response concerning bioexperiments in Ukraine

On April 22nd the US Embassy in Ukraine responded to Kuzmin's appeal. The answer was not personally addressed to the people's deputies, but to "Russian disinformation" in general.

The Embassy confirmed that biological programs in Ukraine are supervised by the US Department of Defence, which in itself is already remarkable.

However, according to diplomats, the Pentagon works in Ukraine together with the Kiev government. The aim is "to ensure the secure storage of pathogens and threatening toxins in public institutions", so that peaceful research and vaccine development can be carried out.

"We are also working with our Ukrainian partners to develop Ukraine's ability to detect outbreaks caused by dangerous pathogens before they pose a threat to security or stability," writes the US embassy in Ukraine.

Diplomats point out that their joint efforts help to ensure that dangerous agents do not fall into the wrong hands, and they list the specific Ukrainian agencies with which they interact:

- Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine;
- State Food Safety and Consumer Protection Service of Ukraine;
- · National Academy of Agrarian Sciences;
- · Ministry of Defence of Ukraine.

The Americans tell us that the US Department of Defence's biological threat reduction program is working with partner countries to combat the threat of outbreaks (intentional, accidental, or natural) of the most dangerous infectious diseases in the world. Among such partners there is Ukraine.

Concerning what is specifically done in laboratories, the diplomats write very evasively: "research partnerships" and "biological surveillance measures" are carried out. But some project descriptions include:

- Assessing the risks of viruses potentially carried by migratory birds flying over Ukraine;
- Monitoring the prevalence of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever and hantaviruses in Ukraine and the potential need for diagnosis in patients with suspected leptospirosis;
- Control the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) in domestic pigs and wild boars in Ukraine; study the genome, conduct biological surveillance of ASF and regional risk assessment on the ground.

Then the Americans give some more interesting facts. Namely: that they modernised many laboratories of the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine and the State Service for Food Safety and Consumer Protection. And just in 2019 started to build two laboratories in Kiev and Odessa.

Another part of the American-Ukrainian cooperation is the scientific mentoring letter. I.e., representatives of the United States teach Ukrainian colleagues to prepare publications in order to receive further grants.

In 2016, according to the US Embassy, Ukraine joined the American "disease surveillance in the East". In addition to our country, the group of the European region includes Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Kazakhstan.

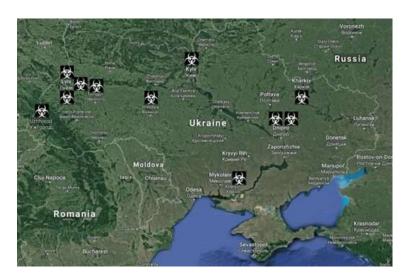
The Embassy also recalled that the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU), mentioned by Kuzmin in his request, is an intergovernmental organisation that was established as early as 1993. Now it includes Azerbaijan, the European Union, Georgia, Moldova, and Uzbekistan, in addition to Ukraine and the United States.

In conclusion, the Americans write that such American-Ukrainian cooperation is necessary for "global peace and prosperity by reducing the risks associated with chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons."

What else is known about US laboratories in Ukraine

There is little information about American biological laboratories in Ukraine on the Internet. At one time, Bulgarian and Serbian websites wrote about them – Renat Kuzmin referred to their data in his request.

Thus, Bulgarian journalists published a map of laboratories in Ukraine.



Journalists also published documents from which it follows that the Pentagon financed laboratories in Kharkov and Dnepropetrovsk (former regional Sanitary and Epidemiological Service). One of them received \$1.5 million, and the other – \$2 million from 2010 to 2012.

Dnipropetrovsk Diagnostic Laboratory Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Laboratory Center 39/A, Filosofs'ka str., Dnipropetrovsk

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Technical Assistance Project - technical assistance plan for relevant recipients of Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Donor - the Department of Defense of USA

Beneficiary/Executive Agent - Ministry of Health of Ukraine

Recipient – Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Laboratory Center (former Dnipropetrovsk Oblast SES) Address: 26, Smidta /39/A, Filisofs'ka Str., Dnipropetrovsk. POC: Dr. Valeriy Grygorovych Kapshuk, Chief Doctor

Contractor Team - Integrating Contractor: Black & Veatch, Ukrainian Subcontractors: Dnipropetrovsk Domus-Proekt (Designer) & RK-Center (Construction) & Mediamax (Equipment supply).

Design Oversight (Avtornadzor) - Dnipropetrovsk Domus-Proekt

Construction Oversight (Technadzor) - D.V Zyrianov

Expert Examination of Design Approval - The Conceptual Design was approved by MoH Central Regime Commission on August 11, 2010. The Working Design was approved by Dnipropetrovsk "Ukrbudderzhexpertise" on December 01, 2010.

Construction permit - The Construction Permit was signed GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspection in Dnipropetrovsk oblast) on December 21, 2010.

State Acceptance – "Construction Acceptance Act" was signed by the Chief Doctor Kapshuk Valeriy Grygorovych on October 03, 2011 and registered by GASK (State Architectural Construction Inspectorate) on October 03, 2011.

Transfer of Custody and Sustainment Memorandum of Understanding – The TOC and S&T MoU was signed by the Chief Doctor, Dr. Valeriy Grygorovych Kapshuk on January 18, 2012.

EDPs Permit – The permit for working with Pathogens was issued by Regime Commission of MoH on February 15, 2012.

USG Investment - Total cost of laboratory: USD\$1,935,557 (USD\$1,531,479 for Design & Construction; USD\$404,078 for lab equipment and furniture)

There is also an agreement between Ukraine and the United States dated August 29th 2005 in the archive of the State Department website. It concerns cooperation in preventing the

spread of technologies, pathogens, and experiments that could be used in the manufacture of biological weapons.

The treaty was signed by the Pentagon and the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine, which at that time was headed by Nikolay Polishchuk. There's a lot of interesting stuff in the document.

For example, it states that the Ministry of Healthcare should send to the US Department of Defence copies of dangerous pathogens that will appear as a result of research carried out in Ukrainian laboratories.

The parties also agreed to keep information about the results of their activities secret. And if they are considered secret by the Pentagon, they automatically become so in Ukraine.

Conversely, if Ukraine has classified any information, it should still be available to the Americans.

At the same time, the agreement requires to involve as few people as possible in this project – "minimise the number of people who have access to limited access information".

Interesting information is also available about the International Scientific Center, which the Embassy spoke about and which oversees Ukrainian laboratories. According to the documents, its employees are protected by nothing less than diplomatic immunity.

I.e., it seems to be a very important structure in Ukraine for the United States.

However, the very fact that such agreements exist is not yet proof that dangerous pathogens are produced or tested on Ukrainians in laboratories. But why do Americans open so many laboratories and invest a lot of money - while wrapping this topic with a veil of secrecy?

And also under the auspices of the US military department.

The journalist Yury Tkachev gives his explanation.

"These laboratories study the behaviour of dangerous pathogens in certain regional conditions - taking into account climatic, demographic and other factors.

These studies can be called dual-use studies: on the one hand. they are really important in assessing the threats of the spread of a disease (the same Crimea-Congo fever) and in developing recommendations to combat it. On the other hand, the results of the study can be used in the development of bacteriological weapons for use in a particular region," wrote Yury Tkachev on his Telegram channel.

Comment: See also:

- Pentagon Biological Weapons Program Never Ended: US Bio-labs Around The World
- Ethnic-Specific Weapons: Leaked Documents Reveal US Diplomats in Georgia Trafficking Human Blood And Pathogens For Pentagon Biowarfare Laboratory
- The Truth Perspective: Interview with Dilyana Gaytandzhieva: Pentagon Biological Warfare And Arms Trafficking to **Terrorists**
- · Georgian ex-minister: Leaked documents indicate a USfunded facility may be a bioweapons lab
- · Russian Foreign Ministry says Pentagon trying to establish covert bioweapons labs near Russia
- Russian Defense Ministry: US killed dozens with bioweapon disguised as drug research
- · Scientists publish scathing article accusing DARPA of genetically modifying insects for use as bioweapon to spread agricultural viruses

This appeared in RT in 2018

Deadly experiments: Georgian ex-minister

claims US-funded facility may be bioweapons lab

RT.

16 Sep, 2018

Shrouded in mystery, a US-funded medical facility in Georgia could be a cover for a bioweapons lab used for disturbing experiments that banned in the US, a Georgian ex-security minister has claimed. Tbilisi denies the accusations.

The center, which is officially called the R. Lugar Center for Public Health Research, is described as a "brand new facility" tasked with the "prevention of proliferation of technology, pathogens and expertise related to the development of biological weapons" by the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC), an agency of Georgia's Health Ministry. The task is said to be part of a cooperation program between Georgia and the US.

Former Georgian state security minister Igor Giorgadze claims USfunded facility may be bioweapons lab ©

However, Igor Giorgadze, a former state security minister-turned opposition figure, says he recently obtained a trove of leaked documents which might expose some dark secrets at the facility.

The lab, which was "established on the territory of a ... former military base some 17 kilometers from Tbilisi" as part of a US-funded project back in 2004, "was never meant to be a medical center and had nothing in common with a hospital," Giorgadze told RT. It was notably overseen by the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), a combat support agency of Pentagon which deals with weapons of mass destruction.

Giorgadze points out that the facility has been the subject of rumors, and seemingly linked to mysterious incidents from the very

beginning. Located in a Georgian village, it opened in 2011.

"The people who lived there complained about frequent headaches, sickness and a strange smell" which they said emanated from the lab, the ex-minister said. The beginning of work at the laboratory strangely coincided with an increase in the incidences of some diseases on Georgian territory, he added.

The leaks include documents related to several US grants for research on Crimean—Congo Hemorrhagic Fever, and other disease causative agents. Coincidence or not, the NCDC data shows that the first recorded outbreaks of Crimean—Congo Hemorrhagic Fever in Georgia took place in 2009-2012, while a deadly strain of Orthopoxvirus was first recorded in 2013.

Giorgadze says the leaked docs might shed light on some shady and harrowing practices at the lab. Some of them allegedly involve experiments on people that sometimes ended with the deaths of test subjects, while other files imply some military-related research and the development of biological weapons.

'Drones filled with toxic mosquitoes'

The data obtained by the former security minister amounts to 100,000 pages, according to his assessment. Giorgadze has even created a special website, where he said he would gradually publish all the documents to make them publicly available. But the 1 percent of the materials published so far already gives an insight into the allegedly malign activities at the lab.

One example is a United States Patent for the development of a remotely controlled "device for the aerial release of mosquitoes" aimed at spreading a "toxin suitable to be transmitted by mosquito bite." "The present invention is capable of delivering lethal and non-lethal toxins, including any agent that can be carried and transmitted by a mosquito," the description of the patent says.

Another no less unnerving US patent found among the leaked documents describes a "capsule" that looks like a "cartridge for a firearm", which is "designed to release a toxic agent when struck by the firing pin of the firearm." The device is apparently aimed at targeting the troops of a potential enemy. Another document contains a description of "hollow point payload capsules" that could potentially be filled with chemical or biological weapons.

The documents "openly state that such devices are designed for conducting sabotage operations," Giorgadze told RT. The facility "might be potentially conducting some experiments that are banned on US territory," the ex-minister believes. He adds, however, that he still does not have enough data to make any conclusive statements on that subject.

It is still unclear what exact role the Lugar Center played in the development of such weaponry, Giorgadze said, calling for an expert assessment of the leaked documents.

27 human lab rats dead 'in one day'

A separate batch of documents published by Giorgazde shows some highly controversial results in the treatment of people diagnosed with Hepatitis C with medicines developed in the US. The papers show that almost three dozen patients died, with their deaths attributed to "unknown reasons", or simply not explained.

All patients who suffered from various adverse effects or died were treated with Sovaldi – a US drug once hailed as a revolution in the treatment of Hepatitis C. What looks even more sinister is the fact that 27 patients died on the same day.

"What happened to them? Were they infected with something? Where were they buried? We need answers," Giorgadze said, noting the chilling incident might be just the tip of the iceberg. The documents contain almost none of the patients' personal information, except for their age and gender in some cases.

RT could not independently verify the authenticity of the documents presented by Giorgadze.

The former minister and veteran intelligence officer, who does not rule out that the documents might be a very elaborate fake, now wants a group of experts to carry out an independent investigation. He has said he will ask the US President, Donald Trump, and the US Congress to launch an investigation into the lab's activities.

Meanwhile, they have already drawn the attention of the Russian Defense Ministry, which has said it will conduct its own investigation. "The documents suggest possible violations of the [Biological Weapons Convention] by the US side, which ratified it in 1972," the Russian ministry said in a statement.