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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACK AT BAN SA NGAE ON 15 APRIL 84

1. THE BANGKOK POST AND BANGKOK NATION NEWSPAPERS REPORTED ON 16 APRIL 84 THAT VICTIMS OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL AT KHAO I DANG REFUGEE HOLDING CENTER, PRACHINBURI PROVINCE, THAILAND (TA 4839) AS A RESULT OF VIETNAMESE SHELLING OF BAN SA NGAE REFUGEE CAMP (TA 7549) ON 15 APRIL. IN RESPONSE TO THOSE REPORTS, THE PHYSICIAN AND CHEMICAL OFFICER ASSIGNED TO THIS POST'S CBW TEAM TRAVELLED TO KHAO I DANG ON 17 APRIL TO INVESTIGATE.

2. SIX VICTIMS OF ALLEGED CHEMICAL WEAPONS WERE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AT KHAO I DANG HOLDING AREA:

A. [REDACTED] A 27 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 14 APRIL 84, WAS SUSPECTED OF DRINKING POISONED WATER ON 7 APRIL AT SOK SANN REFUGEE CAMP. HIS CASE WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE REPORT.

B. [REDACTED] A 29 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 15 APRIL 84, EXPRESSED NO COMPLAINTS OF CHEMICAL POISONING TO THE CBW TEAM. HIS HOSPITAL RECORD INDICATED HE WAS ADMITTED WITH A SHRAPNEL PUNCTURE WOUND TO THE LEFT THIGH ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION PATIENT LOG HAD HIM IDENTIFIED AS AN "INTOXICATION" VICTIM.

C. [REDACTED] A 24 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 15 APRIL 84, COMPLAINED OF SUFFERING

DIZZINESS, WEAKNESS, HEADACHE, PLEURITIC CHEST PAINS, ONE UNEXPLAINED FALL AND UNCONFIRMED LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS AS A RESULT OF YELLOW SMOKE FROM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE PATIENT'S RECORD SHOWED DIAGNOSES OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THE PATIENT WAS ONLY MEDICALLY OBSERVED. THE CHEST X-RAY WAS NORMAL. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL.

D. [REDACTED] A 20 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 15 APRIL 84, COMPLAINED OF WEAKNESS, VOMITTING, FATIGUE, AND RINGING IN THE EARS AS A RESULT OF SMOKE FROM A ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE (RPG) ROUND. THE PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED AS SUFFERING FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND THE PATIENT WAS ONLY TREATED BY MEDICAL OBSERVATION. NO CHEST X-RAY WAS TAKEN. SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL.

E. [REDACTED] A 25 YEAR OLD KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 15 APRIL 84, COMPLAINED OF DIZZINESS, VOMITTING AND TWO UNEXPLAINED FALLS AS A RESULT OF BLUE SMOKE FROM AN RPG ROUND. THE PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED AS SUFFERING FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND WAS ONLY TREATED BY MEDICAL OBSERVATION. THE CHEST X-RAY REVEALED SCARRING OF RIGHT UPPER LUNG FIELDS AND CALCIFIED GRANULOMAS CONSISTENT WITH TUBERCULOSIS. THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS WERE MINIMAL.

F. [REDACTED] A KHMER MALE, ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON 15 APRIL 84, COMPLAINED OF DIZZINESS, DIFFICULT BREATHING AND RUNNY NOSE AS A RESULT OF YELLOW-GREEN SMOKE FROM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE PATIENT WAS ONLY MEDICALLY OBSERVED. THE CHEST X-RAY WAS NORMAL WITH SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS MINIMAL.

3. ALL PATIENTS EXCEPT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN FIGHTING AT BAN SA NGAE ON 15 APRIL 84.

4. COMMENT: IN THE PROFESSIONAL OPINION OF THE CBW TEAM PHYSICIAN, THE CLINICAL EVIDENCE IN THE CASES OF PATIENTS D-F IS INSUFFICIENT TO CONCLUDE OR SUSPECT THAT THEY WERE EXPOSED TO A CHEMICAL AGENT. WE CONCLUDE THAT THEIR SYMPTOMS WERE AS A RESULT OF BATTLE FATIGUE, SMOKE INHALATION, HEAT STRESS, OR A COMBINATION OF THESE EFFECTS. ROY

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