



EXCLUSIVE: Deleted Web Pages Show Obama Led an Effort To Build a Ukraine-Based BioLab Handling ‘Especially Dangerous Pathogens’.

Description

USA: A deleted web article recovered by The [National Pulse](#) reveals that former President [Barack Obama](#) spearheaded an agreement leading to the construction of biolabs handling “especially dangerous pathogens” in [Ukraine](#).

The news comes on the same day that [Biden](#) regime apparatchik [Victoria Nuland told the U.S. Senate](#) that the American [government](#) is concerned about biological research facilities falling into Russian hands as a result of the ongoing [conflict](#) in Eastern Europe.

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Originally [posted](#) on June 18th, 2010, the article “Biolab Opens in Ukraine” details how [Obama](#), while serving as an Illinois Senator, helped negotiate a deal to build a level-3 bio-safety [lab](#) in the Ukrainian city of Odessa.

The [article](#), which also highlighted the work of former Senator Dick Lugar, was additionally included in [Issue](#) No. 818 of the [United States Air Force](#) (USAF) Counterproliferation Center’s Outreach Journal.

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Biolab Opens In Ukraine

by Tina Redlup

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U.S. Sen. Dick Lugar applauded the opening of the Interim Central Reference Laboratory in Odessa, Ukraine, this week, announcing that it will be instrumental in researching dangerous pathogens used by bioterrorists.

The level-3 bio-safety lab, which is the first built under the expanded authority of the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program, will be used to study anthrax, tularemia and Q fever as well as other dangerous pathogens.

“The continuing cooperation of Nunn-Lugar partners has improved safety for all people against weapons of mass destruction and potential terrorist use, in addition to advancements in the prevention of pandemics and public health consequences,” Lugar said.

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The Nunn-Lugar Act, which established the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, was established in 1991. Since that time it has provided funding and assistance to help the former Soviet Union dismantle and safeguard large stockpiles of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The program has also been responsible for destroying chemical weapons in Albania, Lugar said.

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USAF Journal.

A [2011 report](#) from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Anticipating Biosecurity Challenges of the Global Expansion of High-Containment Biological Laboratories explained how the Odessa-based laboratory “is responsible for the identification of especially dangerous biological pathogens.”

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“This laboratory was reconstructed and technically updated up to the BSL-3 level through a cooperative agreement between the United States [Department of Defense](#) and the Ministry of [Health](#) of Ukraine that started in 2005. The collaboration focuses on preventing the spread of technologies, pathogens, and knowledge that can be used in the development of biological weapons,” the report continues.

“The updated laboratory serves as Interim Central Reference Laboratory with a depozitarium (pathogen collection). According to Ukrainian regulations, it has a permit to work with both bacteria and viruses of the first and second pathogenic groups,” explains the report.

A separate [document](#) detailing Ukraine’s biolab network from the BioWeapons Prevention Project outlines in greater detail the scope of pathogens the facility has conducted research with.

Among the viruses the [lab](#) studied were Ebola and “viruses of pathogenicity group II by using of virology, molecular, serologica and express methods.”

Additionally, the lab provided “special training for specialists on biosafety and biosecurity issues during handling of dangerous biological pathogenic agents.”

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Table 1. BSL-3 facilities in Ukraine²⁷

Name and location of the host institution	Name/size of BSL-3 laboratory	Scope and general description of activities
State Institution “Mechikov Ukrainian Scientific and Research Antiplague Institute,” 2/4, Tserkovna str, Odesa, 65003	Laboratory of detection of biological pathogenic agents: bacteriology department: 299.97m ² ; virology department: 119.3m ²	a) detection and identification of viruses of pathogenicity group I*: Marburg virus, Ebola virus, Lassa virus, Junin virus, Machupo virus, Simian virus B virus, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus; and viruses of pathogenicity group II* by using of virology, molecular, serological and express methods. Detection and identification of bacteria of pathogenicity groups I and II*: <i>Yersinia pestis</i> , <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> , <i>Brucella spp</i> , <i>Francisella tularensis</i> etc by use of bacteriological, molecular and serological methods; b) identification of unclassified agents; c) storage and maintenance of museum strains of microorganisms of pathogenicity groups I-II*; d) study of molecular and genetic characteristics of agents in pathogenicity groups I-II*; e) special training for specialists on biosafety and biosecurity issues during handling of dangerous biological pathogenic agents

Biolab’s pathogens.

The unearthed biolab facility follows [intense](#) scrutiny over the U.S. government’s decision to fund risky, “gain-of-[function](#)” research in [Wuhan](#) at a [Chinese Communist Party–run](#) lab with [military](#) ties.

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