

III. Global Issues and Assessments

Transnational Issues

in ways that could have a major impact on national security and warfighting capabilities. The technology required to disseminate agents using aircraft, trucks, small boats, or man-portable devices is readily obtainable in the form of agricultural sprayers and similar forms of equipment. Improvised devices are also likely to be used for agent dissemination.

Nuclear

(S) The proliferation of nuclear weapons and nuclear technology poses a particularly grave threat. A related problem involves unsafe nuclear technology of all types, including that used for peaceful purposes, as well as the improper security and handling of nuclear materials that are dangerous in their natural or processed form. The threat will grow as more nuclear technology is used. Several factors, including international counter-proliferation agreements, general public/political opposition, and the fact that nuclear weapons technology is

expensive and difficult to obtain, will preclude the widespread proliferation of nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, the number of countries acquiring nuclear weapon technology and materials will slowly increase into the next century.

(S) By 2020 Iran, Iraq, and perhaps Libya will have produced or purchased nuclear weapons, assuming their respective leadership maintains the will to do so. Other countries such as Germany and Japan, which have developed their technology base and fissile material production base in support of their civilian nuclear power programs, could develop a nuclear warhead within a year should the political decision be made to pursue such capability.

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(U) Indian Shakti-3 nuclear test site.

Biggest problem: Chemical and biological capabilities used by subnational groups that are not easily deterred or identified.
Growing Threat: Tactical Operations and Terrorism

Selected Worldwide Nuclear Weapons Inventories		
Country	1999	2020
Russia*		
Strategic	8,200-10,600	1,600-2,800
Tactical	8,500-15,900	3,400-6,000
China		
ICBM	40-45	180-220**
SLBM	0-12	28-44
SRBM	100	150-200
India	10-15	50-70
Pakistan	25-35	60-80
Israel	60-80	65-85
North Korea***	1-2	10+
Iran		10-20
Iraq		10-20

* This includes warheads scheduled for dismantling.
 ** Assumes U.S. NMD & TMD deployment and Chinese build-up in response to U.S. deployment.
 *** Assumes noncompliance with international agreements. By 2020, North Korean assets could largely be part of a united Korea.