

Saddam's grim arsenal


Since the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam Hussein has acknowledged the production of a wide range of deadly biological, chemical and bacterial agents. Iraq claims to have destroyed its entire stockpile but UNSCOM says Iraq has failed to provide proof




R-400 bombs:

Iraq claims it has destroyed all 157 bombs filled with biological agents


Biological:

 **Aflatoxin:** Carcinogenic mould which contaminates food. Iraq admits to production of 581 gallons

 **Anthrax:** Bacterial disease. Dust-sized particle kills in days. Iraq claims 2,245 gallons. UN estimates 6,750 gallons



One warhead filled with Anthrax spores could kill over 100,000

 **Others:** Iraq has also admitted carrying out research into the following biological agents:

Clostridium perfringens:

Gas gangrene that rots flesh

Tricothecene mycotoxins: Produce nausea, diarrhoea and skin irritation

Wheat cover smut: Produces black fungus – contaminates food grains

Haemorrhagic conjunctivitis: Causes severe pain and temporary blindness

Rotavirus: Causes acute diarrhoea

Camel pox virus: Causes fever and



Botulinum Toxin: One of the most powerful known poisons – produces acute muscular paralysis, then death. Iraq admits to 5,125 gallons. UN inspectors estimate actual production to be double



Ricin: Protein derived from castor bean plant. Causes breakdown of lung tissue, then pneumonia and death. Iraq admits to 2.7 gallons

Chemical:



Sarin: Colourless, odourless nerve gas. Causes breathing difficulties and kills in minutes. Iraq admits to 100-150 tons – UNSCOM estimates over 200 tons



VX: Poisons nervous system. One drop kills in minutes. Iraq admits to just four tons. Inspectors say Iraq has enough chemicals for over 400 tons



Missiles: *Al Hussein* and *Al Hajarah* – modified Scud missiles capable of firing payload of 550lbs up to 400 miles, i.e. well into Iran, Israel and Saudi Arabia



Mobile launchers:

UN inspectors estimate 10-20

Al-Hussein missile: Iraq claims 75 warheads filled with chemical and biological agents destroyed. Inspectors can account fully for only 30

