

Syria's chemical weapons

Syria is believed to have one of the world's largest stockpiles of chemical weapons and warns that it could use them in the event of foreign intervention

■ Syria is not signatory to ***Chemical Weapons Convention***

■ Programme active since 1980s with assistance of Soviet Union

■ Suspected stocks of mustard gas, Sarin and VX nerve agents since 1990s

■ Chemical agents designed to be fitted to array of delivery systems, from Scud-D ballistic missiles to standard artillery shells

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Scud-D

Length: **11m**

Warhead: **500kg**

Range **700km**

