

# Arafat poisoning claims



Picture: AP

■ High levels of radioactive material polonium-210 found by scientists on **Yasser Arafat's** personal belongings – including trademark kaffiyeh

■ Highest levels found on items with bodily fluids – toothbrush measured 54 millibecquerels; underwear 180mBq, compared with 6.7mBq from another man's underwear used as control

■ 60-80% of polonium did not come from natural sources

*Half-life of polonium-210 is 138 days, meaning radioactivity of sample drops by half during that period –*  
**Arafat died in November 2004**