

Old gas sparks U.N. evacuation

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UNITED NATIONS - The discovery of old vials possibly containing poison gas sparked the evacuation of a U.N. office Thursday. The sealed vials containing samples from an Iraqi chemical weapons plant had apparently been in the U.N. office since 1996, a spokeswoman said. Although U.N. officials said the deadly phosgene in the sealed vials didn't pose a threat to workers, the office was evacuated nonetheless.

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