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Subject: Re: United States using chemical weapons in Iraq?

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warranto wrote on Wed, 16 November 2005 21:19: If it's not such a big deal, then why the hype with the military stressing that it "has not been used as a weapon", and allegations of an unknown number of iraqi women and children dying from phosphorus burns during the hostilities?

Good question, I really want to know how a news organization can get away with writing something like this:

Quote: An unknown number of Iraqi women and children died of phosphorus burns during the hostilities, Italian documentary makers covering the battle for Fallujah have claimed.

This means just about anything someone wants it to mean. It could mean no one was even hurt, or it could mean hundreds or thousands were murdered. It doesn't even state if anyone has actual evidence this happened. Taken at face value, it says no one knows if anyone was hurt. It's a useless statement, but seems to be used to hype up a story that doesn't deserve the bytes wasted to store it. Reporters should be reporting facts, not making up new ways to say nothing.

This kind of crap drives me crazy.

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