

---

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

Posted by [glyde51](#) on Thu, 01 Dec 2005 18:00:17 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

j\_ball430 wrote on Wed, 16 November 2005 21:05: Are restaurants using a dangerous chemical to season their foods? This "seasoning" uses a mixture of sodium, a highly explosive metal, and chlorine, a green toxic gas, to create this agent they claim adds flavor to food. Should this be allowed? Your thoughts?

Just to take this topic up with my limited knowledge of chemistry.

First off, sodium does start to smolder and catch on fire when exposed to air. It explodes in water. Chlorine is also highly toxic, used in mustard gas.

Now, here's the problem with this sarcastic post, if you didn't know, NaCl is a compound that has reacted. The Alkali metals have one "extra" electron, giving it another shell. The Halogen, Chlorine, is "missing" an electron. However, putting these two together results in the sodium attempting to get rid of the electron, but the chlorine attempting to keep it. Now, since they can't just break apart like that, they get stuck together, and they both kind of have their way, like the noble gases, and aren't as volatile unless separated back to being just sodium and chlorine. Now, I have little to no knowledge on this, so I'll just go along with this until someone explains this to me more.

Anyways, salt = not dangerous.

White phosphorus = dangerous.

Phosphorus is something extremely dangerous in civilian environments. You can't just say "BLAME CARBOMBS" or "I don't care it kills terrorists and the terrorists kill innocents." Firing white phosphorus into a civilian area results in civilian deaths, and since white phosphorus is a powder it can be whipped around the streets of Fallujah.

War isn't what everyone seems to think it is. From the people I've talked to, they think White Phosphorus is just like any other weapon. It isn't. Bullets and bombs explode but can be protected against. White phosphorus, however, just burns. According to a US Soldier who fought in Fallujah (Source: Fallujah: The Hidden Massacre) white phosphorus will burn through gas masks. It's not easy to protect yourself from something in a typical Iraq city, open windows, etc. Fallujah wasn't just some hostile target, it had civilians in it. I read the CBC Opinion section, and I saw people that said "Get rid of terrorist's property" and even "When the Islamic terrorists stop blowing up innocent Iraqis at markets and schools perhaps then I'll care if the terrorists get incinerated with WP."

They're missing the point: Not everyone in Fallujah is a terrorist. Civilians and terrorists both died because of the use of this weapon. Maybe you don't care, because you care about your soldiers more than Iraq's citizens. We'll never know the true story, because with embedded journalism, the military can show you the good things, but not the bad things. If anyone knows anything about the Highway of Death, where the US opened fire on a highway of escaping civilians and military personnel, then you'll know what I mean. The news showed the tanks and fighters, but not the civilian cars, the dead civilians.

There's also speculation that the Mk-77 napalm bomb was used.

If I made any mistakes with my FACTS, not my opinions, please correct me.

---