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By Jonathan Granoff

Two great men, Sergio Vieira de Mello and Arthur Helton, were among the 20 people who died in the explosion at the United Nations in Iraq this month.

Sergio Vieira de Mello, UN High Commissioner of Human Rights and United Nation's special representative in Iraq, had helped bring stability and self governance to Kosovo and East Timor and was working to accomplish the same in Iraq. Mr. Vieira de Mello's last moments were in the company of another accomplished public servant, attorney and human rights activist, Arthur Helton, Director of Peace and Conflict Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations.

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Michael Douglas and Dr. Jane Goodall will give keynote presentations before Members of Congress and invited guests on Capitol Hill on Thursday, September 18, 2003. The event is being organized by the House of Representatives Bipartisan Task Force on Non-Proliferation and the Bipartisan Security Group, a program of the Global Security Institute. A panel discussion with Congressmen Ed Markey (D-MA) and Christopher Shays (R-CT) and chairman of the Bipartisan Security Group Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. (Ret.) will follow.

The event is open to the interested public.

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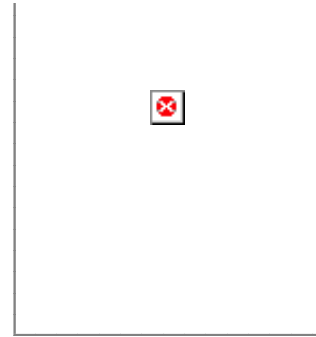


On Monday, October 6, 2003 Mr. Nobuyasu Abe, the new United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, will deliver one of his first major public addresses in



his new position during a forum at the United Nations sponsored by the Middle Powers Initiative. Entitled "Challenges of the Second Nuclear Age: Preserving Multilateralism, Advancing Disarmament," the forum will be chaired by the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, and will coincide with the start of a four-week period of disarmament discussions in the First Committee of the UN General Assembly.

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The Parliamentary Network for Nuclear Disarmament will hold an international conference for parliamentarians in Vancouver on the weekend of November 7-9, 2003, entitled "From Nuclear Dangers to Cooperative Security: Parliamentarians and the Legal Imperative for Nuclear Disarmament."

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Former Canadian Minister for Foreign Affairs, will host the conference. The event will be co-sponsored by the Simons Centre for Peace and Disarmament Studies at the Liu Institute for Global Affairs, University of British Columbia.

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By Robert T. Grey Jr.
The Washington Times
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The Bush administration and its critics agree that the viability of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is crucial to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and nuclear materials. Any actions to prevent nuclear proliferation must reinforce the treaty and not weaken it.

North Korea's withdrawal from the treaty and its claim that it has and will continue to produce weapons grade nuclear material put the NPT and international security at risk. A nuclear armed North Korea with excess weapons grade nuclear material available for export would be an intolerable threat and must be dealt with promptly and firmly. The issue is how to deal with the threat. There are no easy answers, only difficult choices, and even with prudence, patience and the best of intentions it may not be possible to get North Korea to give up the nuclear option.

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