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BOMBERS PREPARE 'SATANIC' COCKTAIL

BRUSSELS: An empty apartment block on a quiet street turned out to be the perfect place for the three suspected Brussels attackers to prepare the home-made nail bombs used in Tuesday's airport and metro attacks that killed at least 31 people. In a building undergoing renovation, there were no near neighbors to notice them taking in large quantities of strong-smelling household chemicals, as well as a suitcase of nails, to concoct an unstable white explosive powder known as TATP, or triacetone triperoxide, that they later used in their attacks.

"Even if someone had stopped them, they could have said the materials were for renovation," said Hassan Abid, an official at the local town hall, who was trying to determine why authorities had no knowledge of the men living illegally on the fifth floor. Belgian investigators do not answer questions on the case. Having moved in two months ago, the Belgian brothers Khalid and Brahim El Bakraoui used the apartment in the largely middle class borough of Schaerbeek as a laboratory-cum-hideout, from where Brahim and two other men took a taxi on Tuesday morning to the airport to commit their attacks.



AMSTERDAM: Members of Muslim organizations gather at the Dam in Amsterdam to show their support and pay tribute to the victims of Brussels terror attacks which killed over 31 people and wounded 300. — AFP

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KUWAIT: Samples of soil, air and water taken from various parts of Kuwait, particularly Al-Metla'e area, tested negative for uranium radioactive substances, said director of the Health Ministry's Department on Radiation Prevention. The daily readings of particle detectors showed no indication of radioactive pollution or harmful substances in the areas allocated for residential or agricultural purposes, Fadhel Ali Ghloum said in statements to KUNA.

"These radiation detectors, which operate around the clock at dozens of observatories and the 12 early warning stations across the country produced no data of abnormal radiation levels," he affirmed, noting that his department is working with other competent state departments to ensure the safety of the public. Ghloum said the laboratories of the department on radiation prevention analyze the air, soil and water samples, taken by these devices, regularly on daily and weekly bases to verify that they are free from any pollutants.

Last year, the labs of the department tested a total of 92 air samples, 2,282 potable water samples, 70 well water samples, 754 foodstuff samples and 267 environmental samples and all the tests came negative for radiation, he affirmed. The Ministry of Health tasked the company that operates the early warning stations to upgrade these stations in keeping with the world's latest standards and technological advances otherwise the Ministry will replace these stations with new ones, he disclosed.

The Ministry set out a nine-point plan for upgrading the protection against radioactivity in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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