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Counter Terror News and Solutions

Letter Bomb Explodes at the Office of a Swiss Nuclear Industry Lobbying Group

Two employees were injured when a letter bomb exploded at the office of Swissnuclear in the northern Swiss town of Olten on March 31, 2011, at 7:45 local time, as personnel were opening the mail.

The postage stamps on the padded envelope were Italian, but there was no postmark, authorities said. The sender's address was that of the four-nation military alliance, Eurofor, based in Florence, Italy. The device, hidden inside a CD case and rigged using a 9V battery, was identical to letter bombs used by the violent Italian anarchist group FAI (Informal Anarchist Federation).

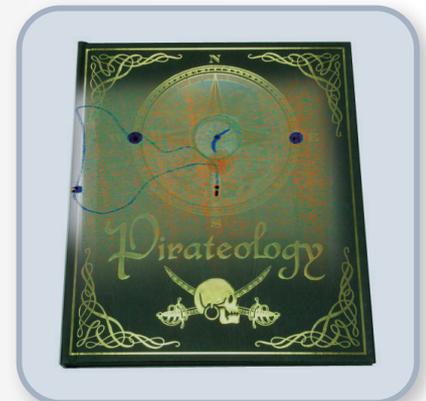
The incident took place several hours before another package exploded at a military barracks in Italy. Additionally, a mail bomb sent to a maximum-security prison in Greece, was defused.

A group of anarchists from Italy has since claimed responsibility for the letter bomb attack.

X-Test™ Simulated IEDs Concealed in Mail Articles Kit (AVSEC005)

In response to these incidents, a new X-Test™ kit has been introduced: The Simulated IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) Concealed in Mail Articles Kit, which was designed for teaching, training and performance monitoring of postal services X-ray operators and personnel handling mail.

The kit contains 8 concealed IEDs, including, for example, a birthday card within an envelope, a document folder, a calendar, a book and a box of chocolates.



X-Test™ is continuing to develop and supply cutting-edge simulant products and kits to support the effective instruction and training of personnel, thus helping counter a wide variety of threats.