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### Crackdown follows leaks

The Guardian, Tuesday December 14 1999

Jonathan Watts in Tokyo

Japan's parliament enacted new legislation yesterday to try to prevent a recurrence of the mishandling and poor supervision that were blamed for the country's worst ever nuclear accident. It was drawn up in the wake of an uncontrolled chain reaction at a uranium processing plant in Tokaimura on September 30, which exposed more than 70 people to radiation and forced 300,000 to (...)

(...)worst ever nuclear accident. It was...uranium processing plant in Tokaimura...for atomic power generators. (...)

Culture

### Hear this

The Guardian, Thursday December 2 1999

Harold Jackson

Shortly after Bulgaria's communist regime collapsed the International Atomic Energy Agency described the country's Kozloduy nuclear power plant as "far and away the worst we have ever inspected". Senior staff were immediately given a huge pay rise to get the place into reasonable shape. But, as Max Easterman reports in Crossing Continents (11.0am, Radio 4), seven years later (...)

(...)s Kozloduy nuclear power plant as "far...has no accident- containment (...)

Global

### Fancy a dip in a nuclear reactor? Tough - the Germans got there first

The Guardian, Monday November 22 1999

Hennie Van der Most surveys his latest undertaking from the bubble-shaped cabin of his helicopter. Below is Kalkar, a nuclear power station conceived in the 70s and built at a cost of £2.75bn. The fast-breeder reactor was to have served Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, but fell foul of the rise in the Germans' environmental consciousness. It was mothballed in 1991 (...)

(...)Kalkar, a nuclear power station conceived...the power-plant compound. We...began as accidents. He (...)

Business

### The 'great universe' crumbles

The Observer, Sunday November 21 1999

The founder and chairman of the South Korean industrial giant Daewoo has a personal Internet website. And Kim Woo-Choong has a message for the faithful who call up his page - or perhaps confused surfers who land there by accident: 'It's a big world out there and there is lots to be done.' This is meant to be a benignly worded declaration of 62-year-old Kim's intent to achieve

(...)call up his page - or perhaps confused surfers who land there by accident: 'It's a big world out there and there is lots (...)

UK news

## Aldermaston denies public put in danger

The Guardian, Monday October 25 1999  
Sarah Hall

Britain's key nuclear warheads factory was at the centre of controversy last night after it admitted to more than 100 breaches of safety in the past year but denied the public had ever been put at risk. The director of communications at the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Aldermaston, Berkshire, branded claims that only luck had prevented an accident occurring worse than that (...)

(...)s key nuclear warheads factory...prevented an accident occurring worse...safe." The plant's emphatic...removed"; a power failure (...)

UK news

## British nuclear arms plant close to disaster

The Observer, Sunday October 24 1999  
by Antony Barnett Public Affairs Editor

BRITAIN'S top-secret nuclear warhead factory has been at risk of a catastrophic nuclear accident numerous times in the past 12 months, an Observer investigation can reveal. The plant at Aldermaston, Berkshire, has broken safety guidelines so many times that nuclear experts believe only luck has prevented an accident worse than that in Japan last month. The Observer has (...)

(...)top-secret nuclear warhead factory...catastrophic nuclear accident numerous times...reveal. The plant at Aldermaston...May, a power failure (...)

UK news

## Nuclear plant hit by safety scare

The Guardian, Monday October 18 1999  
Lucy Ward, Political Correspondent

The defence secretary, Geoff Hoon, yesterday rejected calls for the closure of a secret nuclear fuel plant after it emerged that safety inspectors had found serious flaws and inadequate plans to protect workers in an emergency. A leaked report by the nuclear installations inspectorate (NII) severely criticised the Rolls-Royce plant in Raynesway, on the outskirts of Derby, (...)

(...)a secret nuclear fuel plant after it...the marine power division at...a serious accident occurred. (...)

Books

## Picnic at Chernobyl

The Guardian, Saturday October 9 1999

In the deserted village of Lomachi, a tiny, scattered settlement on the border of Belarus and Ukraine, the forces of nature are running riot. Rows of abandoned peasant cottages, their carved wooden facades now bleached the colour and texture of lace, lie half-submerged under a tidal wave of hedgerow. At the back of a dilapidated barn, half a dozen wild boar are snuffing (...)

(...)the nuclear power industry, the catastrophic failings of which were demonstrated again by last week's major accident at Japan's Tokaimura reprocessing plant. (...)

Business

## Nuclear mission BNFL says sorry to Japan

The Guardian, Thursday October 7 1999  
Jane Martinson

Senior executives of British Nuclear Fuels have flown to Japan to prevent safety fears leading to delays to its business as it emerged last night that three of the group's employees had been dismissed. The Japanese government is concerned about disclosures that records of safety checks for BNFL's plutonium fuel, known as MOX, were falsified. Two shipments of the fuel were de

(...)of British Nuclear Fuels have...two Japanese power companies days...worst nuclear accident last month...MOX fuel plant next (...)

World news

## In brief

The Guardian, Wednesday October 6 1999  
Guardian staff and agencies

Rebels say no to UN peace force Fresh doubt was cast on the future of Sierra Leone's peace agreement yesterday when the Revolutionary United Front leader Foday Sankoh rejected a UN peacekeeping force. The proposed 6,000-strong international force has yet to be approved by the UN security council, three months after the peace deal was signed. The plan is regarded as (...)

(...)Chris McGreal, Johannesburg Nuclear site 'has phony...Tokaimura uranium processing plant, the site of...s worst nuclear accident, after a (...)

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