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Toxic Terror: Assessing Terrorist Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons, [A book from the "BCSIA (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs) Studies in International Security" series], 1st Edition, *Edited by* Jonathan B. Tucker. paperback, 6" x 9" [Cover Photo: A Japanese policeman in a protective suite used a cages canary as a primitive nerve gas detector during a search of Aum Shinrikyo headquarters in the Mt. Fuji foothills in late March 1995]

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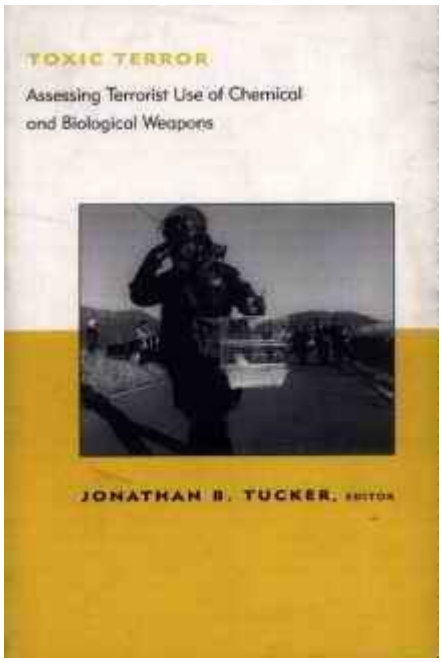

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From Volume 3, Number 1, January - June 2002, we started reviews of certains books of paramount importance as "featured books". The first book to be featured on our journal was Ecotoxicology: The Study of Pollutants in Ecosystems by F. Moriarty (Published by Academic Press). Review of that book, as well as the combined index of reviews of all featured books can be accessed by clicking here.

This time we sent Toxic Terror: Assessing Terrorist Use of Chemical and Biological Weapons edited by Jonathan B. Tucker (Published by The MIT Press), to two reviewers from two different continents. Both of them are leading lights in their subjects and are widely respected all over the world. The first is from UK and the second from India.

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0: Waste of time
1: Of minimal interest
2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average
6: Slightly above average
7: Good
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Review 1 by Gyan Fernando, UK

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