

Radioactive Material Stolen in Mexico



Mexico City, April 16 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Mexican federal authorities raised the alarm on Wednesday over a stolen container carrying radioactive material from the southern Mexican state of *Tabasco*. The container was stolen on Saturday and contains radioactive material which – if manipulated or taken out of its container – could be lethal to human beings. The material belonged to a medical laboratory and was stolen by unknown individuals.

Local authorities and neighboring states such as *Chiapas*, *Campeche*, *Veracruz* and *Oaxaca* are on high alert and searching for the whereabouts of the material.

Last week, in the nearby southern state of *Puebla*, security forces reported the theft of a truck transporting 20 tons of “highly dangerous, toxic and explosive.”

In July 2014, a pickup truck with radioactive element Iridium 182 had been stolen, but was later located. In April 2013, in the central state of *Hidalgo*, unidentified men stole a truck that was transporting Cobalt 60, which is also highly radioactive. The vehicle and the Cobalt were found abandoned a few days later.



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