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In the last decade, no country in the world has suffered from the use of chemical weapons as much as Syria. Approximately 1,472 victims were killed and 9,989 injured in 222 chemical attacks, 217 of which were alleged to have been carried out by the Syrian Regime. In this backdrop, 30 November marked the "International Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare," adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (CSP) to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) at its 20th session in 2015.

Even in the 21st Century, Chemical and Biological Weapons remain a potent threat to the national security matrix. The winter publication of Chemical and Biological Weapons (CBW) Magazine brings forth cases of non-compliance with the CWC and policy breaches. In this context, Animesh Roul reports a recent event, where the US has alleged that Myanmar is non-compliant with the CWC, due to its failure to declare past chemical weapons programme and by virtue of destroying its chemical weapons facility. In another case, in July 2019, Dr. Xiangguo Qiu, an outstanding Chinese scientist, her colleague and husband Keding Cheng, and an unknown number of her students from China were asked to leave Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, reports Dany Shoham. Ms Kanchana Ramanujam writes on the advances in Biotechnology and the dual use nature of the technology also makes it a potent tool for the military. The edition also carries an article by Dr Monis Raza that reflects on the preparedness in case of Bio-disasters and the role of dentists.

This issue also comprises other features like Opinion, Book Review and Chemical and Biological News. With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern. Contributions and feedback are welcome and can be addressed to:

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