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The last couple of months have witnessed renewed debate and discussion with respect to the possible use of chemical weapons. In an unprecedented event Syria witnessed a chemical weapons attack on August 21, 2013 in a district around Damascus. It was reported that Sarin gas was used in this attack.

In this issue Dany Shoham in his article discusses and compares the existing Chemical Weapons and Biological Weapons capabilities of Egypt and Syria. H. R. Naidu Gade discusses the accomplishments made by the Challenge Inspection Regime of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) towards handling of concerns of the state parties vis-à-vis other member states. Vineeth Krishnan highlights the success of the Montreal Protocol as an important international treaty mechanism.

The Kaleidoscope section by Saloni Salil covers the ways and means of safely destroying sea-dumped chemical weapons.

This issue also features other regular sections like the Chemical and Biological News and Book Review.

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