

Editorial

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The contemporary world order has its origins in the manner in which the First World War unfolded in a fairly connected European Order. It was also a period when the modern usage of Chemical Warfare began with the attacks by the German forces on Ypres, Belgium. In this issue, we look back at Ypres with the desire to take the political, legal and strategic battle to comprehensively ban the production, stockpiling and usage of chemical weapons.

In this context, Kapil Patil connects Ypres with Syria and DPK Pillai's article looks at how the preparedness against chemical weapons should look into education and awareness as well. Article by Melissa and Michael makes a strong case for treating the efforts to hamper anti-polio campaign and increasing number of new cases of polio at par with bio-terrorism since it has regional implications.

Dr. Anshu Joshi's article summarises the forty years of the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). Also in this issue, the book review by Sadaf Javed takes a look at secretive research on Chemical and Biological Weapons and its human and social costs of unethical research undertaken.

This issue also comprises other regular features like the Chemical and Biological News.

With our readers' feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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