

Is Neutron Bomb the Weapon of Choice in Modern-Day Warfare?

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Abstract – During the recent Middle-East Conflict an official of one of the technologically-advanced countries threatened to use neutron bomb on unarmed civilians of Gaza. This ran a chill in the spines of everybody. The author examines if this is a feasible option in place of use of fission bomb (atomic bomb) or fusion bomb (hydrogen bomb), obliterating everything (human, vegetation and infrastructure) near the detonated area, making it uninhabitable for a number of centuries. Nuclear fall-out to neighboring countries and pollution of atmosphere causing blocking of sunlight and creating nuclear winter are some of the consequences of a nuclear show down. Besides mutual-assured destruction by nuclear states, any use of these bombs on a non-nuclear state may still render the captured places useless for the attacker. On the contrary, neutron bomb does not effect infrastructure, but destroys human beings and vegetation through neutrons having elastic collisions in these hydrogen-rich substances. The place could become habitable in about 6 months. Therefore, neutron bomb seems to be the weapon of choice in the modern-day warfare. Although, heavy water is the proper protection from heavy neutron flux, in the event of a neutron-bomb attack, immersing oneself for 10-12 hours in deep water pool (carrying oxygen cylinder) may save human lives. The author recommends constructing pools in the houses and teaching children swimming from the very young age. The author, further, proposes mandatory-swimming program for primary-school children[¶].

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[¶]Detailed program to establish swimming programs for both boys and girls in the primary school is included in the full text (recall that the second caliph of Islam instructed Muslims to teach swimming to their children)

