Reception

Stay back, one of the bomblets from the cluster bomb which hit the hospital failed to go off.

See that green tube over there? If you see any more of those, let the hospital staff know and mark them off.

That type of bomb has 10 canisters which each contain 4 bomblets. They spread over an area the size of a football field.

They might not have all hit us but I wouldn’t be surprised if there are some more around.

Go find some orange cones to mark this one off so I don’t have to keep standing in front of it.

See that bomblet over there? One of the Coalition planes bombing the city felt the need to drop it on us.

Even though the cluster bombs are American made, they still don’t detonate every time and they stay live for a long time. Sometimes even years.

That’s a bomblet from a CBU 105.Those things are built in the US by Textron. They claim it detonates 99% of the time.

Guess this one and the others we’re seeing in Yemen are part of that 1%.

Did you know 97% of civilian casualties in this country in 2015 were caused by cluster munitions?

100 countries signed a treaty banning the use of sensor fuzzed munitions at the 2008 convention on cluster munitions.

Arms manufacturing countries, like Russia and America did not have any interest in taking part.

Textron has decided to stop manufacturing CBU 105, but they’re still legal in the US.

Guess that means another company will have to step up. Or Textron could license out the weapon to someone else to build.

The Americans have held on to their nukes, land mines and napalm despite treaties banning them.

So I doubt the cluster bomb munition convention will have much effect.

Hallway

My son has cholera - a disease caused by contaminated water. He is severely dehydrated but the supply of clean water here is unreliable. Please help.

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SURGERY FOR FIVE DAYS!

The bomb has knocked out the electricity grid. Without power, we can’t get water.

My patients are severely dehydrated and they desperately need it. We have a backup generator in the basement.

It runs on fuel, and hopefully there is some down there. I can’t leave my patients, can you go to the basement and turn on the generator?

Come back and help me when the power is fixed.

Basement