

Russia Developing Chemical Warfare Robots

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Robots designed for chemical warfare defense are soon be integrated in to Russia's military, the Interfax news agency reported Thursday.

"Onland robotic systems for chemical warfare defense are currently being developed, with work scheduled to be completed next year," said Lieutenant General Eduard Cherkasov, head of radiation, chemical and biological defense in Russia's Armed Forces.

"It is impossible to rule out that the robot detachments will not be directly used to carry out

certain military tasks like manufacturing and chemical warfare intelligence gathering,” he said.

Cherkasov did not comment on whether the robot systems would include pilot-less drones.

Drones are currently used in disaster relief operations and in areas which carry a high risk of infection.

Russia's chemical warfare defense corps was the first within Russia's armed forces to recognize the future potential of robots, having used them during the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, Cherkasov said.

Robots designed to extinguish fires on chemically hazardous sites and are now attached to mobile chemical warfare defense brigades,” he said.

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