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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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