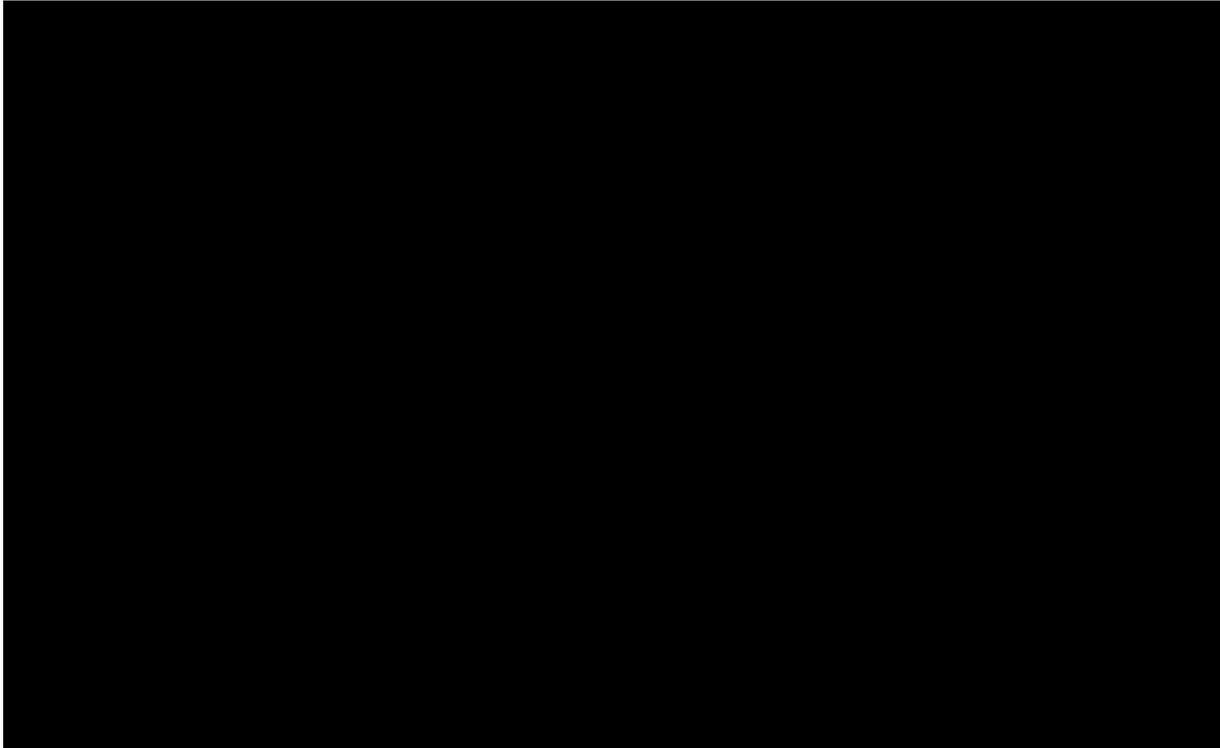


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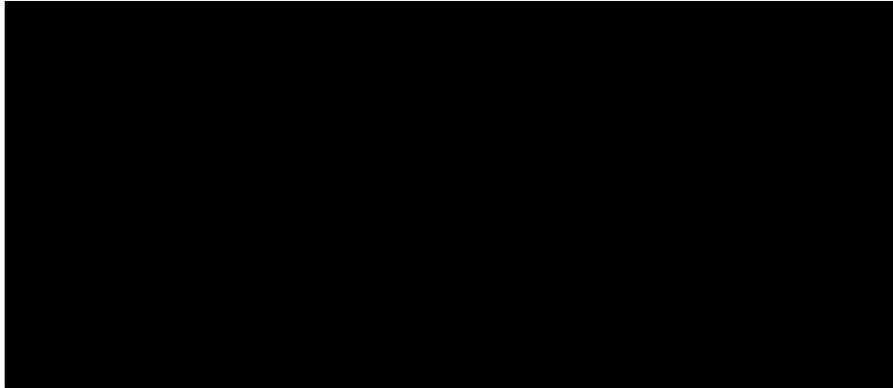
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**Alleged Chinese
Lithium Hydride
Sale to Iraq**

A London newspaper reported yesterday that a subsidiary of the Chinese arms exporter Norinco agreed 10 days ago to supply about 7 tons of lithium hydride to Baghdad. The London report speculates that the chemical would most likely be used as a fuel for ballistic missiles. The report also speculates that the lithium hydride could be used in nuclear and chemical weapons programs. China's Foreign Ministry immediately labeled the story as "totally groundless" and reiterated China's support for the UN embargo against military sales to Iraq. 



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