

Whether the public, or any international body, would accept "on the balance of probabilities" as sufficient evidence may be open for debate, but non-believers will doubt anyway, even on the basis of "beyond reasonable doubt".

2.0 The Situation in Late 1983

Little progress has been made with respect to proving the allegations that mycotoxins have been used in Southeast Asia, and it is fair to state that those who doubt have actually gained ground by pointing to inconsistencies, non-explained details and simply by using scepticism all the way around.

It is highly unlikely, although not completely impossible, to expect that there will be access to acute events, where one would be able to apply the ideal set of procedures as outlined by Gen. Ezz at the Carleton Symposium in 1983. On the contrary, the situation in 1983 is characterized best by somewhat desperate flood victims who cannot do much about the cause and earlier protective measures of the flood, but try to do their best to protect their property from further damage.

Thus, while it is certainly applaudable to consider first humanitarian aspects (i.e., methods of diagnosis and treatment of victims) or to apply sophisticated methods of examination