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COVID-19 disease pandemic has slowed down our life pace to a large degree. What is more, it has actually stopped it to many of us. Many of the institutions worked in restricted regime including school facilities. No children laugh and shout was heard from school yards and playgrounds, teachers if they wanted to or not had to teach from their homes by means of teleconferences. All

school activities were cancelled even the Children’s Day celebrations did not bear in the lines of previous years. What was missed during “the involuntary holidays” Smolenice voluntary fire-fighters made up for it on the last June Saturday. For all children from Smolenice nursery schools they prepared a splendid celebration and the children did not mind at all it was held behind schedule. Read more on pages 6 to 8.

Members of the Fire and Rescue Brigade as the basic unit of the integrated rescue system within their response operations may be exposed to the effects of hazardous substances penetrating to organism primarily or secondarily. Contamination itself is in fact pollution and affecting persons, animals, plants, things and the environment by hazardous substances.



You can encounter it at accidents with the leak of hazardous or radioactive substances, at fires and in the present worldwide pandemic situation at shows of infectious diseases and contagions. All these forms of contamination can occur at terrorist attacks in peaceful conditions and in conditions of the state of war. Read more on pages from 13 to 18.

The contribution is supposed to outline briefly the 75th anniversary of nuclear weapons use and remind of some basic historical context but also to point out the current complex and dangerous situation in the field of nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons have influenced mutual international relationships in an absolutely principle way not only between individual states, but first of all in the period of so called Cold War (1945 – 1990) between the former most important and strongest antagonistic military-political coalitions – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Not even at present days, it means 30 years after the end of Cold War, we as a mankind are freed from this “nuclear curse”. Danger of global nuclear conflict has been partly, but significantly reduced due to “warming-up” of political, economic, military and other international relations first of all between the United States of America and the Russian Federation, mainly during 90th years, but danger of nuclear conflict still has not been eliminated. Read more on pages 55 to 58.

