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Attacks spur state prisons shake-up

Reassignment of security chief in W. Md. follows retirement of a top official

BY KEVIN RECTOR AND CARRIE WELLS
The Baltimore Sun

The security chief at a maximum-security prison in Western Maryland was removed from the job after senior-level staff failed to notify a guard of threats against him before he was stabbed by an inmate.

The move followed Friday's announcement that a top prison official will retire amid calls that he step down in light of a string of inmate-on-officer attacks this summer at North Branch Correctional Institution



'President Obama believes there must be accountability for those who would use the world's most heinous weapons'

Secretary of State
John Kerry

U.S. response looms in Syria

Kerry lays the groundwork for military intervention

By PAUL RICHTER, DAVID S. CLOUD AND HENRY CHU
Tribune Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Moving closer to possible U.S. military action, Secretary of State John Kerry condemned last week's apparent lethal poison gas attack in Syria as a "moral obscenity," and declared Monday that President Barack Obama believes "there must be accountability."

Kerry, saying he was horrified by the "gut-wrenching" images of the victims, made a moral case for a forceful response against President Bashar Assad's government. He said evidence of a chemical attack that caused "the indiscriminate slaughter of civilians" in the suburbs of Damascus early Aug. 21 was "undeniable" and "a cowardly crime."

"Make no mistake: President Obama believes See **SYRIA**, page 9

In the land of beer and dogs, the team's clubhouse has become an oasis of nutrition-conscious menu fare for the players