

Who will buy Russia's nuclear scientists?

Western defence experts are concerned that 'nuclear mercenaries' may be recruited by nations trying to develop their own weapons

Declared nuclear powers: U.S., USSR, Britain, France, China.

Undeclared: Israel, India, Pakistan.

Potential buyers: Libya, Algeria, Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea


The nuclear republics

Russia

Ukraine

Kazakhstan

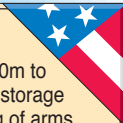
Belarus



The former USSR has up to 50,000 scientists with first-hand knowledge of nuclear weapons production and the potential to sell their skills abroad

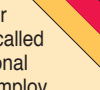
The START treaty states that all but 6,000 warheads must be dismantled. This will leave a stockpile of over 500 tons of highly enriched uranium and plutonium

U.S.




Congress has earmarked \$400m to help speed the storage and dismantling of arms. Warheads could also be bought by the West

Germany



Foreign Minister Genscher has called for an international foundation to employ redundant Soviet scientists

NATO



Secretary-general Woerner has proposed that the West hire scientists, or set up joint ventures with the four nuclear republics

