

## Soviet Nukes Missing

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Some 200 Soviet-era nuclear warheads have disappeared, the head of the Ukrainian Communist Party charges.

According to Pravda.ru, Pyotr Simonenko said that there were originally 2400 nuclear warheads in Ukraine, although only 2200 can be accounted for. Nobody, he said, has any idea where the other 200 deadly warheads have gone.

"Out of 2,400 nuclear warheads which were on Ukrainian territory, the withdrawal of only 2,200 warheads has been verified. The fate of the remaining 200 warheads is unknown," Simonenko told Pravda.ru.

And his charges were backed up, Pravda.ru writes, by a member of a Ukrainian parliamentary investigation who admits that some of the warheads have been "lost."

Simonenko's revelation was downplayed by the Deputy chief of the Ukrainian Army Headquarters, Nikolay Goncharenko, who insisted that Simonenko's charges had no basis in fact.

Goncharenko told Pravda.ru that the handling of all strategic offensive arms is now under the authority of Russia, a statement, Pravda.ru observed that does nothing to explain why 200 nukes appear to have vanished.

According to the Council on Foreign Relations, Ukraine, along with two other former Soviet republics Belarus and Kazakhstan, where the Soviets based many of their nuclear warheads, were supposed to have safely returned their Soviet nuclear weapons to post-communist Russia by 1997. Simonenko charges that his country can't account for all of the Soviet warheads or the paperwork concerning the 200 warheads allegedly given back to Moscow.

The missing warheads are raising concerns because of the close connections between the governments of Iraq and Ukraine.

In a July 9, 2002 story in Britain's Financial Times, correspondent Tom Warner revealed that Iraq was actively seeking weapons technology from Ukraine.

"Iraq," he wrote, "is exploiting its growing links with Ukraine in an effort to obtain weapons technologies, arms control experts say.

"They say the government of the former Soviet republic has been taking an active role in organising direct ties between Ukrainian companies and Iraq."

Warner quoted Timothy McCarthy, a former United Nations weapons inspector as saying "For some years there was an intensive defense-technology relationship between Ukraine and Iraq. This appears to be re-emerging and we don't want to repeat the mistakes of the past."

Warner revealed that his newspaper has heard recordings "of what appears to be a conversation between Ukraine president, Leonid Kuchma, and Yuri Alexeyev, director of Yuzhmash, Ukraine's largest rocket maker,[where] the men mention Iraq, Iran and rockets."

The recordings, Warner wrote, were supplied to the Financial Times by Mykola Melnychenko, one of Kuchma`s former bodyguards. Kuchma and Alexeyev denied having supplied missile technology to Iraq, but Kuchma, while denying the content, admitted that his conversations had been recorded.

Ukraine opened an embassy in Baghdad in 2000 and its ministry of foreign affairs accepted the credentials of Yuri Orshansky, a Ukrainian businessman, as an honorary consul for Iraq.

Warner reported that Orshansky told Ukrainian media he has visited Iraq 40 times since 1992, but denies breaking international sanctions. In 2001, Orshansky organised a trade fair in Baghdad. "Even if they want to create a nuclear bomb, we will study this," he was quoted as saying. "After all, in 50 years, maybe we will offer our services."

## **Expert: Missing Soviet Nukes Now With Al-Qaeda?** **NewsMax.com**

Just this week, the head of Ukraine's communist party admitted that some 200 Soviet- era nuclear warheads have simply disappeared. Pravda reports that a Ukrainian parliamentary member reveals that some of the warheads have been "lost."

Previous press reports indicate as many as 50 nuclear suitcase devices are also missing from Russia's nuclear arsenal.

These reports confirm details of an exclusive briefing given to NewsMax readers earlier this month by Yossef Bodansky.

Yossef Bodansky is the author of the New York Times #1 best seller "Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America."

He is arguably the world`s foremost expert on al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, and he offers a stunning, confidential briefing to NewsMax`s Off-the-Record Club.

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Bodansky cites Israeli and U.S. intelligence sources for his information. You can find out about Bodansky's Off the Record briefing by [CLICK HERE](#).

Bodansky's information is not to be ignored. He has been warning the United States and the West about the dangers of Islamic terrorists since the late 1980s.

He is now one of the most sought-after experts consulted by the U.S. government and governments worldwide.

Bodansky is the director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. He is the author of eight books on international terrorism and global crises, and is a former senior consultant for the U.S. departments of Defense and State.

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New evidence that the Iraqis have worked closely with bin Laden and even sent scientists to help prepare his nuclear devices.

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## Yossef Bodansky (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

**Yossef Bodansky** (born in Israel) is an Israeli-American political scientist who served as Director of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare of the US House of Representatives from 1988 to 2004. He is also Director of Research of the International Strategic Studies Association and has been a visiting scholar at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In the 1980s, he served as a senior consultant for the Department of Defense and the Department of State.

He is also a senior editor for the *Defense and Foreign Affairs* group of publications and a Special Consultant on international terrorism for the Freeman Center for Strategic Studies, a contributor to the International Military and Defense Encyclopedia and is on the Advisory Council of The Intelligence Summit. Bodansky's numerous articles have been published in *Global Affairs*, *Jane's Defense Weekly*, *Defense and Foreign Affairs: Strategic Policy* and other periodicals.

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