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Britain: sub recall won't affect safety

The British government has said the temporary recall of most of its nuclear submarines won't affect the country's defence capability.

The twelve hunter-killer vessels were withdrawn from service after one of them was found to have a leak in its coolant pipes.

The move leaves without protection the Trident submarines which carry strategic nuclear weapons.

A junior defence minister John Speller told the BBC necessary steps would be taken to ensure the safety of the fleet.

But opposition parties have criticised the government for delays in addressing the problem, which was first discovered in May. The navy says it won't know until next week whether all twelve submarines have been affected, or how long it will take to repair the defect.

The Trident fleet is not affected by the problem.

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