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Red Star censored

Cheap torpedoes story was removed from Red Star Web server and replaced by official version of collision with an "unidentified object."

Igor Kudrik, 2000.08.18 19:33

The article published Tuesday in Russian military daily Red Star which suggested that the blame for the Kursk accident could be put on a cheaper torpedo design was removed from the newspaper's server on Friday. The printed version of the newspaper reportedly contained no reference to the article.

The article said that Kursk submarine was refitted at Sevmash shipyard in Severodvinsk in 1998 to carry a new type of torpedoes. The refitting was made despite the protests from the navy, which said the new torpedoes were difficult to store and unsafe to handle. The industry, which promoted the torpedoes, said they were cheaper.

Today's edition of the Red Star contains version of the accident, widely promoted by deputy Prime Minister, Ilya Klebanov, that the submarine collided with an "unidentified object."

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