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## Alert on A-subs

BRITAIN'S nuclear submarine fleet has been plagued by potentially lethal incidents, it was claimed yesterday.

A new report by anti-nuclear groups claims there have been at least 45 serious incidents.

They cite fires, collisions and close encounters with fishing boats.

And now peace campaigners have renewed calls for the scrapping of the nuclear fleet.

They believe there are serious cracks in the reactors of Polaris subs.

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Nuclear Disarmament said in Glasgow that repair work should have been done

on the older subs.

He added: "Submarines should certainly not have been sent on long patrols before detailed inspections had been completed.

"These dangerous practices are the result of an overriding operational requirement to keep one Polaris boat at sea at all times.'

The MoD said it was not their policy to comment on such reports.