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**ARCTIC CIRCLE:** Two Russian nuclear submarines grazed each other during an exercise in the northern Barents Sea, the Russian Navy said today. There were no casualties or damage.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said the two submarines carried nuclear weapons at the time of the accident and the navy said the two submarines, along with their weapons, suffered no damage and remained "in service" after grazing each other. There were no radiation leaks.

The Finnish Centre for Radiation and Nuclear Safety reported no increased radiation levels in the Barents Sea area.

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## **Nuke subs' collision**

**TWO** Russian submarines carrying nuclear weapons collided during an exercise.

The subs were damaged but Russia's Navy said the drama off Finland did not cause a radiation leak.

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## **'£1m or we'll tell nuclear secrets' threat to de Klerk**

**BRITISH** companies which secretly helped South Africa develop a nuclear bomb in defiance of the United Nations could be exposed by scientists.

The 16-strong team which made the bomb is threatening to sell its secrets to the highest bidder unless President F W de Klerk gives it a £1 million pay-off.

The South African scientists, who admit their tactics are blackmail, say they are now prepared to work for any rogue government.

Ministers in Pretoria, desperate to stop nuclear leaks, will agree to

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negotiate with the scientists. Revelations would embarrass Britain which, it is claimed, has allowed a number of leading companies to supply highly classified technology. France, Germany and Israel also helped South Africa.

President de Klerk scrapped his nuclear arsenal rather than let it fall into the hands of the ANC after next month's elections. But the country has hundreds of trained scientists looking for work.

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