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## **Britain's Nuclear Fleet NOT Operational - 15 Subs at Berth**

According to reports from Sub watchers in the UK who form part of groups such as Plymouth Nuclear Dump Information Group and CND the British submarine fleet are reported as being at a complete standstill.

Britain recalled all 12 Trafalgar class submarines on Friday due to what is believed to be a generic fault. It has further been revealed that the Trident class submarines are also presently at a standstill with only one nuclear submarine on patrol.

Out of a total of 16 submarines Britain has had to recall 12 Trafalgar class submarines back to British ports and it is believed that except for HMS Vengeance, which is thought to be at Kings Bay, Georgia, US, loading missiles, and will be due to be operational in 2001 the rest of the nuclear submarine fleet is at Faslane.

The following are details supplied by CND detailing the position of the Nuclear Submarine Fleet.

HMS Sovereign, Faslane, withdrawn from service on 8 Sep 2000, because of a reactor defect found on HMS Sceptre at Rosyth in 1998.

HMS Superb, Faslane, withdrawn from service on 8 Sep 2000, as with Sovereign.

HMS Sceptre, Rosyth, completed a refit in July, but has not sailed to Faslane.

HMS Spartan, Rosyth, in refit since March 1999.

HMS Splendid, left Faslane for sea on 16 October, probably off the West coast of Scotland and recalled to Faslane on 21 October.

HMS Trafalgar, Devonport, due to go to sea for trials, probably related to conversion to cruise, but kept in port on 21 October.

HMS Turbulent, Devonport, due to go to sea but kept in port on 21 October.

HMS Tireless, Gibraltar, undergoing inspection prior to repair.

HMS Torbay, Devonport, in refit scheduled to end in Feb 2001.

HMS Trenchant, Devonport, in refit since March 2000.

HMS Talent, Devonport, undergoing maintenance following discovery of a major defect.

HMS Triumph, Mediterranean, recalled to Devonport from Toulon, France, on 21 October.

HMS Vanguard, Faslane, probably not armed with missiles, due to go into refit in 2002.

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**HMS Vigilant / HMS Victorious, one of these two is on a nuclear patrol, the other is at Faslane.**

**HMS Vengeance, Kings Bay, Georgia, US, loading missiles, due to be operational in 2001.**

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