

Russians reveal plans for nuclear emergency

MORE than 26,000 people would suffer serious radiation exposure with long-term health problems after a nuclear accident aboard a Soviet nuclear-powered warship, according to documents disclosed to Greenpeace yesterday.

The first release of details by any nation of an emergency plan for a worst-case nuclear accident describes the probable effect of a nuclear accident in the northern naval port of Murmansk.

The authorities anticipate that up to 100 people would die instantly, while 65,000 would be exposed to radiation, 26,000 receiving large doses resulting in long-term health problems.

The radioactive plume from the accident would drift more than 600 miles, covering parts of Norway, Finland and Sweden.

Authorities in the area, home to a large number of nuclear-powered ships and submarines carrying about 220 reactors, drew up the emergency plan following the Chernobyl disaster.

Greenpeace said the Ministry of Defence should "come clean" over its own accident plans. The plan for the Faslane base on the Clyde, home port to nine nuclear-powered submarines, including the four Polaris boats, is known as "Clydepubsafe".

But Greenpeace said this did not provide for a worst-case scenario and admitted to a health hazard of up to only five kilometres downwind.

Greenpeace UK Nuclear Free Seas Campaigner, Janet Convery, said: "Worst-case scenario emergency plans are supposed to be kept for UK nuclear bases. If they exist, the MoD must make them public, complete with details of expected health effects.

"If they don't exist, the MoD must produce them, using the information learned from the Chernobyl accident, and then publish them so the public know the real risk of nuclear reactors on Navy vessels around our ports."

NEWS DIGEST

Missing girl discovered strangled

THE MISSING teenager Cordelliah Lovett was strangled then dumped in a shallow grave at a landfill site, police said yesterday. She had disappeared near her home in Croxley Green, near Watford, late on Wednesday.

Her body was positively identified yesterday and a post-mortem examination carried out, a Hertfordshire police spokesman said.

A 23-year-old man was charged with murder early yesterday after the discovery of a body at Sundon near Luton, Bedfordshire, 20 miles from where Cordelliah was last seen.

New-born baby saved from bin

A BABY, thought to be just hours old, was being treated in hospital yesterday after a refuse collector rescued it from a communal bin at a block of flats in Putney, south-west London, Scotland Yard said.

The child was in stable condition at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. "It is believed the child was thrown down the chute into the bin," a spokeswoman added.

Greek jail for five Manchester fans

FIVE Manchester United football fans were jailed for seven months and fined £1,500 each after being convicted of wrecking a bar during a brawl, court officials in Athens said yesterday.

Eight United fans were charged after the brawl in the seaside suburb of Glyfada on Friday — two days after the English club drew 0-0 with Athinaikos in a European Cup Winners' Cup tie. Three were acquitted and freed.

Men are better at a steady diet

MORE men than women are overweight and they are less likely to go on a diet, but their staying power is greater when they do, according to *Slimmer Magazine*.

Some 50 per cent of men are overweight compared to