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Peace demo over A-sub

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TWO boat-loads of protesters were arrested after Greenpeace campaigners ambushed a nuclear submarine.

The 16-strong peace force intercepted the hunter-killer HMS Conqueror six miles off Plymouth.

Waving banners, they sailed across the sub's bow.

The warship HMS Sentinel, which had escorted Conqueror from Faslane, raised the alarm.

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Ministry of Defence police then chased the protesters with high-powered launches.

Conqueror, which sank the Argentine destroyer Belgrano in 1982, was listed for early retirement in a recent defence review and will have its nuclear power plant taken out at Devonport.

A Defence Ministry policeman said last night: "We arrested nine people and handed them over to the local police who later released them without charge."

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