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**Russia planning to develop more missiles – 8th February, 2019**

## Level 4

Russia will build more missiles. This is because the USA suspended the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INFT) on February 1st. Russia did the same the next day. The INFT was signed in 1987. It was to limit the number of missiles that could hit European capitals. It banned Russia and the USA from using short- and medium-range missiles. Russian media have stated that Russia would make a "100 megaton nuclear doomsday device".

Russia's media have written a lot about the device. They say it is too fast for missile defense systems. It could cause devastation and 100-meter tsunami waves. Its radiation could wipe out life for a thousand kilometers. A newspaper wrote: "Any US attack on Russia would be a suicidal misadventure." The paper didn't mention the idea of M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction. M.A.D. sees both countries destroying each other.

## Level 5

Russia has responded to the USA withdrawing from an arms treaty by announcing it would build more missiles. The USA suspended the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INFT) on February 1st. Russia did the same the day after. In addition, Russian media stated that Russia's military would develop a "100 megaton nuclear doomsday device" in response to the USA withdrawal. The INFT was signed in 1987 to limit the number of missiles that could hit European capitals. It banned both countries from using short- and medium-range missiles.

Russia's media have written a lot about the 100-megaton nuclear warhead. They say it is too fast for missile defense systems to spot. It is powerful enough to cause devastation and 100-meter tsunami waves, and create enough radiation to wipe out life for a thousand kilometers. One newspaper wrote: "One of the...warheads will sit off the US coast. Any US attack on Russia would be a suicidal misadventure." The paper didn't mention the concept of M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction. This scenario sees both countries wiping each other out.

## Level 6

Russia has responded to the USA withdrawing from an arms treaty by announcing it has plans to build more missiles. News that the USA will exit the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INFT) and Russia's response raised concerns about a new arms race. Moscow immediately said it would end its own involvement in the arms limitation treaty. In addition, Russian media stated that Russia's military would develop a "100 megaton nuclear doomsday device" in response to the USA pulling out of the treaty. The INFT was signed in 1987. It was an attempt to limit the number of missiles that were capable of hitting many European capitals. It banned both countries from using short- and medium-range missiles.

The media have written extensively about a new "super-missile". This is an unstoppable, undersea, 100-megaton nuclear warhead. Experts say it is so fast it can evade all current missile defense systems. They also say it is powerful enough to cause catastrophic devastation, such as creating 100-meter tsunami waves and enough radiation to wipe out life for a thousand kilometers. One Russian newspaper wrote: "One of the 100 megaton nuclear warheads will sit off the US coast. Any US attack on Russia would be a suicidal misadventure." However, the paper omitted to mention the concept of M.A.D. - Mutually Assured Destruction. This scary scenario sees both countries wiping each other out.