

U.S. Has 'More Advanced' Rocket Than Russia's Nuclear Cruise Missile – Trump

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The United States has “more advanced” technology than Russia’s nuclear-powered cruise missile that was presumed to have been involved in a mysterious accident last week, President Donald Trump has said.

At least five nuclear experts were [killed](#) in the secretive rocket engine test at sea in northern Russia five days ago. U.S.-based [experts](#) and [intelligence officials](#) have since said they suspect the mishap occurred during testing of the Burevestnik nuclear-powered cruise missile, which has been touted by Russian President Vladimir Putin and designated as SSC-X-9 Skyfall by NATO.

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The U.S. is “learning much from the failed missile explosion in Russia,” Trump [tweeted](#) about Thursday’s accident late on Monday.

Putin unveiled the Burevestnik ahead of his re-election last year, [vaunting](#) its unlimited range and ability to evade a U.S.-built missile shield. Unnamed U.S. intelligence sources have said that the Burevestnik has since [crashed](#) during tests.

“We have similar, though more advanced, technology,” Trump said without specifying if the U.S. also boasts nuclear-powered unlimited-range cruise missiles.

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Trump also highlighted concerns over a suspected radiation leak, saying the “Russian ‘Skyfall’ explosion has people worried about the air around the facility, and far beyond.”

Thursday’s blast in the Arkhangelsk region had led to a radiation spike in a nearby city and sparked heightened demand for iodine, while injured workers were reportedly transported to Moscow for radiation treatment.

“Not good!” he [wrote](#).

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