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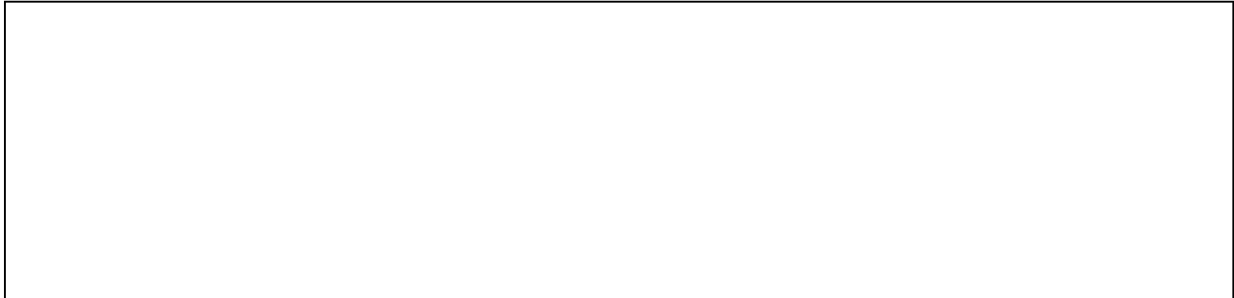
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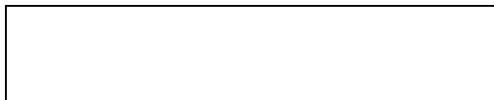
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Kazakhstan: Russians Making Progress in Recovering Nuclear Device

 press reports indicate that Russian scientists may have reached an unexploded nuclear device emplaced at an underground test site in Kazakhstan in 1991.



— The recovery of an emplaced nuclear device after several years is unprecedented. *Because President Nazarbayev has pledged not to allow any more nuclear tests, Russia was forced to undertake this effort*, which press reports last year said would cost 1.5 billion rubles.

— The final phase of the effort will be the removal of the device or its destruction in place, according to press accounts.

