

Mother, Meet Father

Description

The Soviets, and their parred down left overs, the Russians, have a bad habit of copying [“stuff we design, test and produce”](#). Side Note: We™re not above doing a little ourselves, but that can be a whole series of posts unto itself.

MOAB

So, we made the “Mother of All Bombs,” the [Massive Ordnance Air Burst bomb](#) in 1993. weighing in at 21,000 lbs, it is 6K lbs heavier than the BLU-82 “Daisy Cutter” used since the Vietnam War. The weapon relies upon it™s “FAE” (fuel air explosive) characteristics to make a point when it detonates. So, the Russians, after a decade and a few years, have managed to make what they call the [“Father of All Bombs.”](#)

Russia™s military yesterday announced that it had successfully tested a lethal new air-delivered bomb, which it described as the world™s most powerful non-nuclear weapon.

In what appears to be the Kremlin™s latest display of military might, officials said Moscow had developed a new thermobaric bomb to add to its already potent nuclear arsenal.

Russia™s state-run Channel One television said the new ordnance “dubbed the Father of all Bombs” is **four times more powerful** than the US™s Mother of all Bombs.

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TU-160 Blackjack Bomber

According to the article, the FOAB is delivered by the [TU-160 “Blackjack” strategic bomber](#) (oh, BTW, a knock off of the [B-1 Lancer](#)), reported to have a payload 88,220 lbs, which, would square with the “four times” as big claim. The Guardian, where I found this report, can™t manage to stick to reporting, but has to blame this new weapons on President Bush™s plan to locate ABM systems in Europe:

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The development of this latest device appears to be another response to the Bush administration™s plans to site elements of its missile defence system in central Europe. Mr Putin has denounced the plan, arguing that it upsets Europe™s strategic balance, and has vowed to respond.

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My comment: What buffons! Weaponry such as this didn™t begin their development [on June 7th \(or 8th, if you want to think the leadership slept on the decision to order the development\), 2007.](#)

Besides, from a tactical standpoint, you wouldn™t need an “almost a nuke” to render ABM sites combat ineffective. No, the Russians made it, because they want to have a “big bang” in

their pocket, and can say with a straight face, "nope, that's sure not a nuke we got here, boys!" at the negotiation table.

Anyhow, We're gonna have to make a bigger bomber if we're gonna compete in the "who can make the Grand-Pappy of all bombs race!"

Update 09/14/2007: Major John (USAF) of [OpFor](#) sez [we got a bomb with more bang](#) than the new one the Russians built, and oh, yea, it goes deep and then goes "BOOM!" The Russian FOAB isn't a penetrator, ya'll paying attention Iran?

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