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## A farewell to arms: Russia loses 215,000 guns

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MOSCOW, Oct 2, 2008 (AFP) - Police in Russia say they are searching for more than 215,000 guns that have gone missing from arsenals around the country.

An official police list of 'missing firearms' has 215,326 entries, up from less than 1,000 in 1991, Interior Ministry official Sergei Fedkin told the Interfax news agency on Thursday.

Fedkin was quick to stress that his own ministry was not responsible for the losses. 'Experts believe the main source of arms in the criminal world is military bases and, above all, the defence ministry,' he said.

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