US and Russia reach agreement on reducing nuclear weapons further

The deadline was the end of 2009, but they finally made it -- nuclear reduction. And it was breaking news.

News Alert: Obama, Medvedev reach agreement on nuclear arms treaty

10:21 AM EDT Friday, March 26, 2010

President Obama and Russia President Dmitry Medvedev sealed a new nuclear arms reduction treaty during a phone call this morning, committing the two nations to a significant new reduction of the strategic missiles each side has deployed, U.S. officials announced today.

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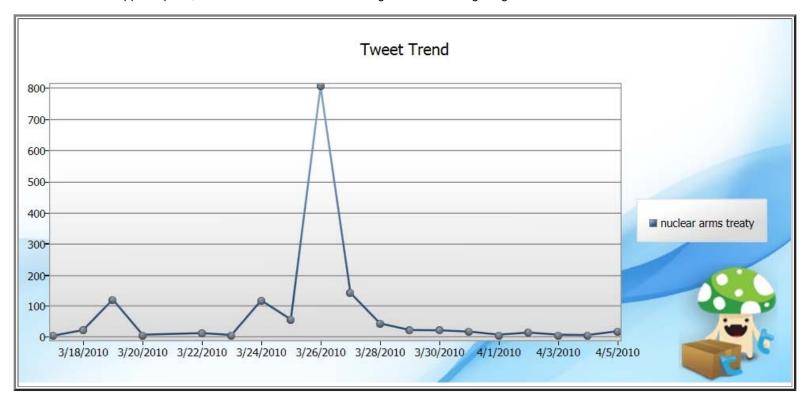
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The search was stopped April 5, 2010 with a total of 1390 messages found. The figure gives the distribution over time.



The agreement did not attact much comment, and it decayed very quickly.

The files are nuclear arms treaty.xml and nuclear arms treaty.txt, which is a tab delimited file that can be read by Excel.

Three days later they signed the treaty and The Post called it breaking news. So, the search is re-opened for a while to see if this picks up additional tweets.

News Alert: U.S., Russia sign sweeping arms reduction treaty 06:35 AM EDT Thursday, April 8, 2010

President Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed a sweeping new arms reduction pact on Thursday that pledges to reduce the stockpile of deployed, strategic nuclear weapons in both countries and commits the old Cold War adversaries to new procedures to verify which weapons each country possesses.

In a ceremony in Prague, Obama and Medvedev each signed their names to the document, which U.S. officials said would be posted in full on the Internet later Thursday.

The treaty, called New START, imposes new limits on the ready-to-use, long-range nuclear weapons and pledges to reduce the two biggest nuclear arsenals on the globe.

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