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Russia's Economy Minister Informs Putin of Investment Crisis



On Monday, March 21, the head of the Russian Economy Ministry

German Gref informed Russia's President Vladimir Putin that over the first two months of 2005 the growth of investments in the country's economy amounted to less than eight percent, which is the sign of a potential investment crisis.

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Warning: Let Stray Sleeping Dogs Lie



My daily walk to work from the metro passes through one of those less

hospitable areas of Moscow: railroad tracks, several unimpressive apartment buildings, none of the cozy corner cafes that the guidebooks talk about and dog excrement. Did you know that 5-7 kilograms of dog excrement litters every square meter of Moscow's residential neighborhoods every year?

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Vladimir



Iraqis watch an oil fire burn / Photo: Reuters

U.S. Using Anti-Terror War to Gain World Oil Reserves — Soviet Intelligence Chief

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On the pretext of fighting international terrorism the United States is trying to establish control over the world's richest oil reserves, Leonid Shebarshin, ex-chief of the Soviet Foreign Intelligence Service, who heads the Russian National Economic Security Service consulting company, said in an interview for the *Vremya Novostei* newspaper.

Using the anti-terrorist cause as a cover the United States has occupied Afghanistan, Iraq and will soon move to impose their "democratic order" on the Greater Middle East, Shebarshin said. "The U.S. has usurped the right to attack any part of the globe on the pretext of fighting the terrorist threat," Shebarshin said.

Referring to his meeting with an unnamed al-Qaeda expert at the Rand Corporation, a nonprofit research organization in the U.S., Shebarshin said: "We have agreed that [al-Qaeda] is not a group but a notion."

"The fight against that all-mighty ubiquitous myth deliberately linked to Islam is of great advantage for the Americans as it targets the oil-rich Muslim regions," Shebarshin emphasized.

With military bases in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, Shebarshin said, the United States has already established control over the Caspian region — one of the world's largest oil reservoirs.

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