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DESPITE END OF COLD WAR CIA CHIEF SAYS KGB STILL VERY ACTIVE
 WASHINGTON, May 22, Reuter - Despite the end of the Cold War, the KGB has increased its foreign operations and is among the most aggressive intelligence agencies in trying to secure U.S. secrets, outgoing CIA Director William Webster said on Wednesday.

Webster, in remarks prepared for delivery to the Amherst Association of New York, also said General Norman Schwarzkopf recently lauded U.S. intelligence efforts in the Gulf War, saying the conflict "was the most informed war ever fought."

"Today there are myriad intelligence organisations interested in acquiring our most sensitive military and industrial secrets and diverting our embargoed technology. And the KGB remains among the most aggressive of them," he said.

"With the end of the Cold War and the rise of increasing competition, there is evidence that KGB foreign operations have increased and have become more sophisticated," Webster said of the Soviet intelligence apparatus.

He provided no specifics.

The address was Webster's first since speech since he announced earlier this month that he planned to retire after four years as chief of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

U.S. President George Bush has nominated Robert Gates, a long-time CIA official who is now deputy national security adviser, to replace Webster. The Senate must approve the nomination.

Although U.S. intelligence has been criticised for not providing enough advance warning of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Webster lauded its effort during the war against Baghdad.

"Our human and technical collection were able to provide (U.S. commanders) with the most detailed and precise order-of-battle information any American commander has every enjoyed," he said.

"In fact, when I was in Saudi Arabia recently General Schwarzkopf told me, 'The Gulf War was the most informed war ever fought.'"

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