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## Nine million Soviet servicemen died in WWII - defense ministry

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MOSCOW, April 30. /TASS/. The Soviet Union's Armed Forces lost nine million servicemen in the Second World War, an aide to the Russian deputy defense minister has said.

"During many-year work, our researchers have come to a conclusion. They have drawn it after calculating with a pencil in hand all the data available by the Armed Forces, at the Defense Ministry's central archive. They got the number of 8,866,400 people. It is the figure received after a many-year-long research at archives," Major General Aleksandr Kirilin told the RSN radio station on Saturday.

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