**Alfred Bernhard Nobel** r

(21 October 1833 – 10 December 1896) was a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, businessman, and philanthropist.

Known for inventing [dynamite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamite), Nobel also owned [Bofors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bofors" \o "Bofors), which he had redirected from its previous role as primarily an iron and steel producer to a major manufacturer of cannon and other armaments. Nobel held 355 different patents, dynamite being the most famous. After reading a [premature obituary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Premature_obituary) which condemned him for profiting from the sales of arms, he bequeathed his fortune to institute the [Nobel Prizes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobel_Prize).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Nobel#cite_note-fin-assets-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Nobel#cite_note-alfwill-2) The synthetic element [nobelium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nobelium) was named after him.