



US Nuclear power-struggle with North Korea: What western media say and don't say



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Although no one knew exactly what had happened and there was no proof of anything, simply based on "possibly", "probably" and "it may have been", strong reactions could be heard from politicians and mainstream media:

The South Korean government called a meeting of the National Security Commission. They warned: the missile test was a threat to the entire world.

US Vice President Mike Pence warned the North Korean government in Pyongyang that the "era of strategic patience" towards North Korea is over with. Furthermore Washington announced that it would consider "military options" due to the danger from North Korea.

The German government condemned the missile test.

The concern about North Korea's new nuclear tests is growing, ZDF reported a day after the suspected missile test. In the USA a preventative blow against Pyongyang is being considered. According to ZDF, Trump said several times that - if necessary - he would single-handedly stop North Korea's nuclear program.

Just at the beginning of April North Korea launched a missile from the east coast. In response to this the US army sent an aircraft carrier and several warships to the Korean peninsula. Although on the 14th of April, China had already urgently warned that in light of the extremely tense situation all further provocation and threats should be avoided, the saber-rattling continues. Western media participates in this by portraying North Korea as "an unpredictable regime", often without any clear evidence.

What the mainstream media do not mention however is the following:

On March 8th, 2017 China made the suggestion for a "common cessation" to ease the threatening crisis on the Korean Peninsula. China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi said verbatim: "As a first step North Korea could cease with their nuclear and missile activity and in exchange for stopping this the USA and South Korea could stop their large-scale military maneuvers."

Already in January 2015 North Korea made exactly this offer. The Obama administration

rejected it. In January 2016 North Korea repeated the offer. Again the Obama administration rejected it. March of this year the Chinese government interceded to support the long-standing North Korean offer. The United States government, now under the Trump administration yet again immediately repudiated the offer. The same offer was made for three years and each time rejected.

The American web-site "Moon of Alabama" points out that North Korea is understandably nervous when US and South Korean military forces carry out their huge, yearly military maneuver and openly simulate an invasion of North Korea. Large-scale maneuvers like this are a classic initial situation before military attacks. Every time this extensive maneuver starts the North Korean army - made up of conscripts liable for service - has to be called into alarm readiness. The US-South Korean maneuvers take place during the rice planting season (in March), or during the harvest season (in October). During these months almost everyone in North Korea is needed. So these military maneuvers are a direct threat to North Korea's self-sufficiency in food supply. End of the 1990's this was one of the causes of a severe famine. "Moon of Alabama" concludes that the nuclear deterrence would allow North Korea to reduce their necessary military readiness, in particular in the extremely important agricultural planting and harvesting seasons. A guaranteed end to the annual US maneuvers would allow North Korea to reduce its conventional military defenses without having to rely on nuclear weapons.

Instead of severely criticizing North Korea at the smallest possible hint of possible new missile tests, western media had better point out the threat posed by warmongering US politicians. North Korea can remember very well the extraordinary brutality with which the US military assaulted their country in the 1950's. Details to this can be found in the following broadcast: kla.tv/10372

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