

## N. Korea angry after U.N. penalties

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Tensions are rising on the Korean Peninsula after the United Nations OK'd new sanctions against North Korea. All 15 members of the U.N. Security Council

agreed to the new sanctions. Even North Korea's friends China and Russia said yes. The sanctions are because of N. Korea's third nuclear missile test, which they carried out in February. China's Xinhua news agency said: "The new sanctions make it more difficult for Pyongyang to finance and [get] material for [nuclear missile] programs." The U.N. also said it would search ships coming in and out of N. Korea. U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice warned that the U.N. would "take further significant actions" if Pyongyang carried out another nuclear test.

North Korea has hit back against the sanctions. It says it is ending all non-aggression agreements with S. Korea. It will also close its hotline with Seoul and its border-crossing point between the two countries. Pyongyang also warned it would consider attacking its enemies with nuclear weapons. South Korea immediately informed the North not to take any military action. Major-General Kim Yong-hyun said South Korea's "military will strongly and sternly punish" any North Korean attacks. A military spokesperson warned: If Seoul comes under attack, the top levels of North Korea's regime including leader Kim Jong-un could become targets." The White House said the U.S.A. could stop any North Korean missile attack.

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### Writing

*The United Nations should enter North Korea and take away anything that can help make nuclear weapons. Discuss.*

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

*tensions / sanctions / nuclear missiles / finance / ambassador / take further action / agreements / border crossing / enemies / military action / punish / targets*

### True / False

- North Korea imposed new sanctions on the United Nations. T / F
- North Korea's friends agreed to new U.N Security Council sanctions. T / F
- The sanctions try to stop N. Korea getting money for nuclear missiles. T / F
- The U.N. said there would be war if N. Korea tested another missile. T / F
- North Korea has taken several steps to cut relations with the South. T / F
- The border between the two Koreas is still open. T / F
- South Korea said it could target N. Korea's leader. T / F
- North Korea said it could stop any U.S. missile attacks. T / F

### Synonym Match

- |             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. tensions | a. pay for      |
| 2. rising   | b. think about  |
| 3. friends  | c. told         |
| 4. finance  | d. strains      |
| 5. further  | e. armed forces |
| 6. hit back | f. allies       |
| 7. consider | g. retaliate    |
| 8. informed | h. increasing   |
| 9. military | i. government   |
| 10. regime  | j. more         |

### Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about the situation on the Korean peninsula?
- What do you know about the history of the two Koreas?
- What do you think of N. Korea's missile tests?
- Do you think the sanctions against North Korea will work?
- How dangerous is this situation?
- What "significant actions" could the U.N. take against N. Korea?
- What do you think North Korean people think about the sanctions?
- What will the world do if N. Korea carries out another nuclear test?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tensions                    | a. U.N. Security Council |
| 2. All 15 members of the       | b. North Korean attacks  |
| 3. difficult for Pyongyang     | c. to the U.N.           |
| 4. U.S. ambassador             | d. its enemies           |
| 5. the U.N. would take further | e. to finance            |
| 6. North Korea has hit         | f. significant actions   |
| 7. It will also close its      | g. North Korea's regime  |
| 8. it would consider attacking | h. back                  |
| 9. sternly punish any          | i. are rising            |
| 10. the top levels of          | j. hotline with Seoul    |

## Discussion – Student B

- How does N. Korea ending agreements with the South change things?
- How will the two Koreas talk without the hotline?
- How possible is it that N. Korea would attack its enemies?
- How might South Korea punish an attack by the North?
- What would happen if South Korea targeted Kim Jong-un?
- What do you think relations will be like 20 years from now?
- What questions would you like to ask N. Korea leader Kim Jong-un?
- What do you think his answers might be?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. h	3. f	4. a	5. j
6. g	7. b	8. c	9. e	10. i

## Role Play

**Kim Jong-un** - You are fed up with other countries telling North Korea what to do. Tell the others three reasons why. You really do not want war. All you want to do is make nuclear power stations and make your people happy. Tell the others the U.N. sanctions are totally stupid.

**South Korea leader** - You are fed up with North Korea's games. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell Kim Jong-un he must accept the sanctions. You also want North Korea to end its nuclear energy programme AND return to talks about peace and joining with the South.

**Chinese leader** - You only want the leaders of North and South Korea to talk. Tell the others three reasons why. You think it's dangerous for countries like the U.S.A. to tell N. Korea what to do. Ask the US leader to keep quiet. Tell S. Korea's leader to be patient. Tell Kim Jong-un to accept the sanctions.

**USA leader** - You think the world must act against North Korea soon. Tell the others three reasons why. You cannot do nothing. Tell all leaders you are ready for any N. Korean attacks on its neighbours. Tell Kim Jong-un there are bigger sanctions to come.

## Speaking – Reducing tensions

What's the best way to reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top.

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| • U.N. talks         | • aid to N. Korea        |
| • cultural exchanges | • China to do more       |
| • sport              | • Korean leaders to meet |
| • ignore N. Korea    | • Internet campaigns     |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.