

Tests a nuclear warning to South Korea, US

Says North after its barrage of missile launches

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North Korea has said its recent barrage of missile launches were “tactical nuclear” drills personally overseen by leader Kim Jong Un, and a response to joint United States South Korea naval exercises.

North Korea carried out its seventh launch in two weeks when it fired two ballistic missiles early on Sunday morning.

Showing the first pictures from the launches, state broadcaster KCNA reported Kim Jong Un guided the exercises, which involved ballistic missiles with mock nuclear warheads and were led by “tactical nuclear operations units”.

The various tests simulated targeting military command facilities, striking main ports, and airports in the South, KCNA added.

“The effectiveness and practical combat capability of our nuclear combat force were fully demonstrated as it stands completely ready to hit and destroy targets at any time from any location,” the report said.

“Even though the enemy continues to talk about dialogue and negotiations, we do not have anything to talk about nor do we feel the need to do so,” KCNA quoted



Kim as saying.

Kim has long wanted to develop tactical nuclear weapons, and made it a priority at a key party congress in January 2021.

The country revised its nuclear laws last month, envisaging a wide array of scenarios in which it could use such weapons, with Kim declaring North Korea an “irreversible” nuclear power.

Since then Seoul, Tokyo and Washington have held combined naval exercises, including deploying the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier the USS Ronald Reagan to the area twice, infuriating Pyongyang, which sees such drills as rehearsals for invasion.

In response, North Korea “decided to organise military drills under the simulation of an actual war ... in order to check and assess the war deterrent and nuclear counterattack capability of the country,” KCNA reported.

North Korea released multiple photographs of the recent missile launches, tests and exercises, showing Kim Jong Un dressed in a white jacket and straw hat, and sometimes in a khaki anorak, watching missiles taking off from various locations.



Israeli security forces check Palestinians walking in the Palestinian Shuafat refugee camp in Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem yesterday. Israeli forces are hunting a Palestinian suspected of killing an 18-year-old military policewoman in east Jerusalem, an attack that left another Israeli in critical condition from a gunshot wound to the head.

PHOTO: AFP

Malaysia PM calls snap elections

Dissolves parliament

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's prime minister yesterday dissolved parliament to clear the way for snap elections in a bid to restore political stability as the country emerges from the ravages of Covid-19 and a multi-billion dollar corruption scandal.

Elections could be held within weeks, mostly likely in November, following Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob's announcement, analysts said.

Polls were not due until September next year but Ismail faced intense pressure from within his United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) party to dissolve parliament and secure a strong mandate in early elections.

“Yesterday I met the king ... and I sought his permission to dissolve the parliament. And the king agreed to my request to dissolve parliament today,” Ismail said in a televised address following his audience with Sultan Abdullah.

The palace said the king “expressed displeasure with the current political developments” and had no choice but to agree to the prime minister's request for early polls for the people “to vote for a stable government”.

The election commission will announce the polling date likely in the next few days. Parliament's dissolution came days after the government unveiled a populist budget that included a cut in personal income taxes.

Heatwaves will make regions uninhabitable in decades

Warn UN, Red Cross, list steps to mitigate worst effects of extreme heat

AFP, Geneva

Heatwaves will become so extreme in certain regions of the world within decades that human life there will be unsustainable, the United Nations and the Red Cross said yesterday.

Heatwaves are predicted to “exceed human physiological and social limits” in the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and south and southwest Asia, with extreme events triggering “large-scale suffering and loss of life”, the organisations said.

Heatwave catastrophes this year in countries like Somalia and Pakistan foreshadow a future with deadlier, more frequent, and more intense heat-related humanitarian emergencies, they warned in a joint report.

The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) released the report in advance of next month's UN's COP27 climate change summit in Egypt.

They said aggressive steps needed to be taken immediately to avert potentially recurrent heat disasters, listing steps that could mitigate the worst effects of extreme heat.

“There are clear limits beyond which people exposed to extreme heat and humidity cannot survive,” the report said.

“There are also likely to be levels of extreme heat beyond which societies may find it practically impossible to deliver effective adaptation for all.

“On current trajectories, heatwaves

could meet and exceed these physiological and social limits in the coming decades, including in regions such as the Sahel and south and southwest Asia.”

It warned that the impact of this would be “large-scale suffering and loss of life, population movements and further



entrenched inequality.”

The combined effects of ageing, warming and urbanisation would cause a significant increase in the number of at-risk people in developing countries in the coming decades.

“Projected future death rates from extreme heat are staggeringly high – comparable in magnitude by the end of the century to all cancers or all infectious diseases – and staggeringly unequal,” the report said.

Agricultural workers, children, the elderly and pregnant and breastfeeding women are at higher risk of illness and death, the report claimed.

Assange ill with Covid in prison

AFP, London

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has tested positive for Covid, his wife said yesterday, as she battles his extradition to the United States. “Julian was feeling unwell last week but started feeling sick on Friday,” Stella Assange was quoted as saying by the Press Association news agency. “He started coughing and had a fever. He was given some paracetamol. He tested positive for Covid on Saturday.” Thousands of people formed a human chain around the UK parliament in London on Saturday to demand Assange's release from London's Belmarsh prison. The Australian national, now 51, has been held at the high-security jail since 2019, after serving time for skipping bail in a previous case.

FUNDING FOR REFUGEES

UN warns of ‘severe cuts’

AFP, Geneva

The head of the UN refugee agency said yesterday that his organisation will need to make deep cuts with dire consequences for displaced people, unless it receives urgent new funding. Speaking at the start of UNHCR's annual executive committee meeting in Geneva, Filippo Grandi voiced concern for the agency's financial situation, at a time when the number of forcibly displaced people around the world has passed 100 million for the first time. Pointing out that Russia's war in Ukraine has taken UNHCR's already-stretched emergency response capacity to new levels, he appealed “in the strongest of terms to all donors to please do more.”



Rescuers work at a site of a residential building heavily damaged by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine yesterday. Inset, A woman helps a man as they were injured during a Russian missile strike in Kyiv. Russia fired cruise missiles at cities across Ukraine during rush hour yesterday morning, killing civilians and knocking out power lines.

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