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An Understanding on North Korea Problems and Its Threat of Nuclear Weapons

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ABSTRACT : Since 2006, North Korea has been conducting Nuclear weapon and missile test and it also possesses Chemical and Biological weapons. Today North Korea acts as a major threat to the world by its Nuclear Power. It has the fifth largest military army in the world. North Korea invests the most in the development of its Defence. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, it is isolated with crop failure, product of natural disasters and drought. The COVID-19 situation has made the condition worst, the country had food shortage, they depended on China and Russia to stabilize their food insecurity, with complete Lockdown, the trade business was stopped for a period of time, which amplified the shortage, more and more people died due to food shortage. However the Kim family who has been ruling the country since 64 years, have kept most of its people in starvation and used the money in the development of missile. North Korea is a totalitarian state, the people have no freedom, everything is controlled by the Kim, there is no space for human rights, or dignity for people and even use of Internet is banned in North Korea. Life is very different from the modern society and people die due to psychological stress and many commit suicide.

KEYWORDS: North Korea, Nuclear Weapon, Totalitarian state, Defence, Chemical and Biological weapon, Threat.

I. INTRODUCTION

North Korea is different from all the other countries in the world, where the rules are different from the other modern countries. North Korea is officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, It is home to 2 crore 5 Lakh people regarded as the 54th populated country covering 120,410 square km. In North Korea 70% of the population live in urban area while 30% in the rural area. However North Korea is called the democratic People's republic of Korea in reality it is not so, over here everything works according to Kim Jong-un, in this country no human right commission and all works, in fact this is the only country in the world, where using Internet is banded, only a few high officials can use internet that also with the permission of the President. There is also a rule in the country that no individual can leave their own city and go can settle in another one, it is consider wrong and people are punished for this purpose, even if a person has to go for some official work in the other city he requires the permission from the government. North Korea education system is also very different from the rest of the world, here children from an early age the time they reach class 5, they are taught and made to go work and taught about their country. The peculiar quality about North Korea is that there are just three TV channels which belong to the government, and no outside channel is run here and no one can speak against these 3 channels else they will be punished, these channels only praise about their President the whole time. There is no source of entertainment in this country and there is only one radio station which is run by the government and talks about Nationalism. The country hates America and no one talks about it and they hate the country so much that Coca-cola is banned in North Korea same is for McDonalds, there is no outlet over here and this is part of the countries rule. North Korea is very poor and every night there is power cut in the whole country, the country can't afford much electricity to serve all its people, In fact during elections, the people are



not given any option and they have to vote for Kim party . Here , the law is very different , if a person commits crime in North Korea , three generations of his /her family will be punished . In North Korea the girls are not allowed to wear Western clothes , there are strict rules and regulations in the lifestyle of the people . The relation between the North and South Korea has never remained in good terms since the Korean war , there share a diplomatic relation between the Korean Peninsula . However after 2018 , majority of South Korea has agreed for a new relation with North Korea.

II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

For the exploration of this topic , the method used is secondary data collected from various journals , news channels , short articles , interaction with International relation students .

Objective of Research

In this Research paper the main area of studies include

1. North Korea lifestyle and its isolation
2. North Korea and South Korea division and the Korean War.
3. In depth analysis on the rise of Nuclear Weapons and Missile by North Korea
4. What are the major issues in North Korea .
5. Why North Korea Nuclear weapon and missile program is emerging as a threat to the world .

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

North and South Korea were unified for centuries under the Joseon Dynasty and share the same language and essential culture .The empire of Japan annexed the Korean Peninsula in 1910 . From 1910 to 1945 Korea was a Japanese colony .In 1945 the US dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima , two days later Soviet Union declared war on Japan and invaded Manchuria. Japanese forces in the Northern Korea surrendered to the Soviet while in Southern Korea to US .The trust administrators from the US and the USSR were supposed to arrange for nation-wide elections to reunify Korea in 1948 but neither side trusted each other . US wanted the entire peninsula to be democratic and capitalist , the Soviets wanted it all to be communist . Just five days before Japan surrendered , US officials were given the task of delineating the US occupation Zone in East Asia , without consulting any Koreans they arbitrarily decided to cut Korea roughly in half along the 38 parallel of latitude, ensuring that the capital of Seoul would be in the American Section. In the end US essentially appointed the anti-communist leader Syngman Rhee to rule South Korea and South Korea declared itself a nation in May of 1948. Rhee was formally installed as the First President . In North Korea , the Soviets appointed Kim Il-sung as the new leader of their occupation Zone. By 1949 , statutes of Kim Il-sung were springing up all over North Korea and he had dubbed himself the Great Leader . There is a great difference between North and South Korea . North Korea is closed off from the outside world , citizens require permission from the government to leave the country . Foreign Tourist are allowed to visit , but it's rare for foreign journalist to be issued visas. North Korea is also Known as the DemocraticPeople's republic of Korea or DPRK .South Korea also goes by the Republic of Korea or ROK. Due to a hyper competitive society in South Korea , suicide in the region has become the fourth most common cause of death and it is most prevalent in Children and young adults aged between 10 and 30 . North Korea has the 5th largest act army in the world .North Korea threatens to attack US with Nuclear Power over Continuing Military Frill with South Korea .There have around 1.1 million soldiers and in reserve there have 4.1 to 7.7 million , a limited threat only to the surrounding countries for a short period of time . North Korean Air Force drill ,according to experts they don't have never fuels to kept them , and all the pilots don't have the necessary information. The same is the problem for navy they have outdated technology and not equipped for war , where as US has advanced technology . Moreover the biggest problem in North Korea , there is a wide gap between the people and the leader , the system is totally corrupted .

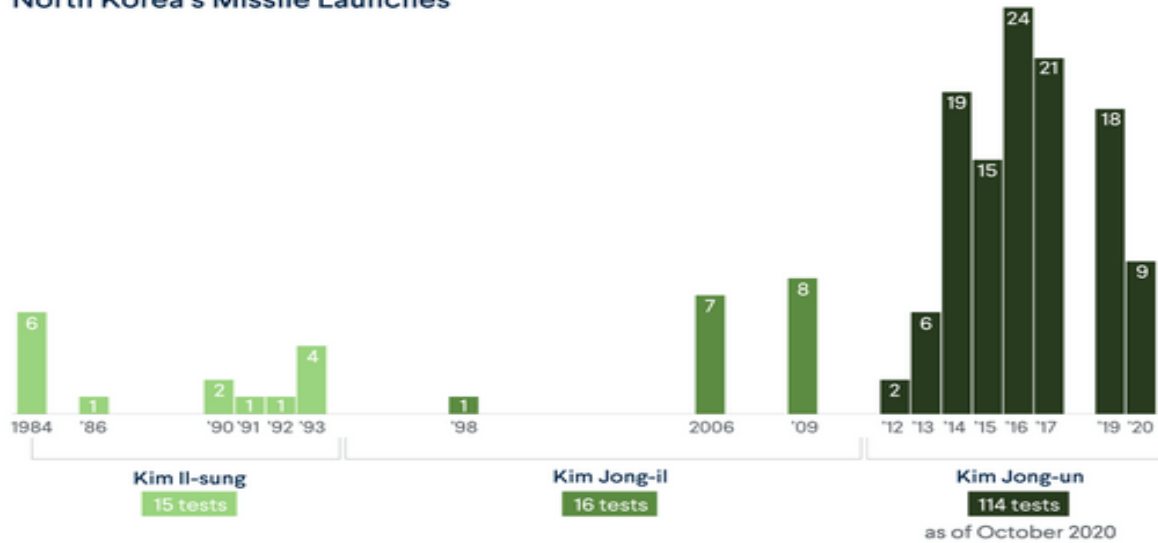


Findings

North Korea has been launching many missiles which has destructed Tokyo , Seoul , Guam and now they can even reach Alaska .North Korea testing its intercontinental Ballistic missile capable of hitting US ,North Korea missile is powerful and more sophisticated than any other missile in the world which is causing threat to the world . The country has many active nuclear weapons and ballistic missile program and also posses chemical and Biological weapons . North Korea withdrew from the Treaty of Nuclear Weapon in 2003 , and is also not a part of Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty , it has been conducting nuclear test since 2006 . North Korea is also not part of Chemical Weapons Convention and have produced many chemical weapons . Despite being a part of Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention and Geneva Protocol , North Korea has still produced many biological weapon programmes .North Korea successfully tested its first Intercontinental Ballistic Missile in 2017 and it was claimed to be a thermonuclear weapon .In 2019 for the first time North Korea President and US President has a face to face meeting in Singapore , where North Korea agreed to move towards denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula .However , North Korean resumed its missile test in May 2019 . In June 2020 , North Korea announced its intention to Bolster Nuclear deterrence .North Korea produces both useable Plutonium and enriched Uranium weapon. It conducts ballistic missile program frequently , which creates a tension in the East Asian region . North Korea also has a military nuclear weapon program and it was estimated that by 2020 , there will be more 30 -40 nuclear weapons and adequate production of fissile material for 6 to 7 nuclear missile per year .



North Korea's Missile Launches

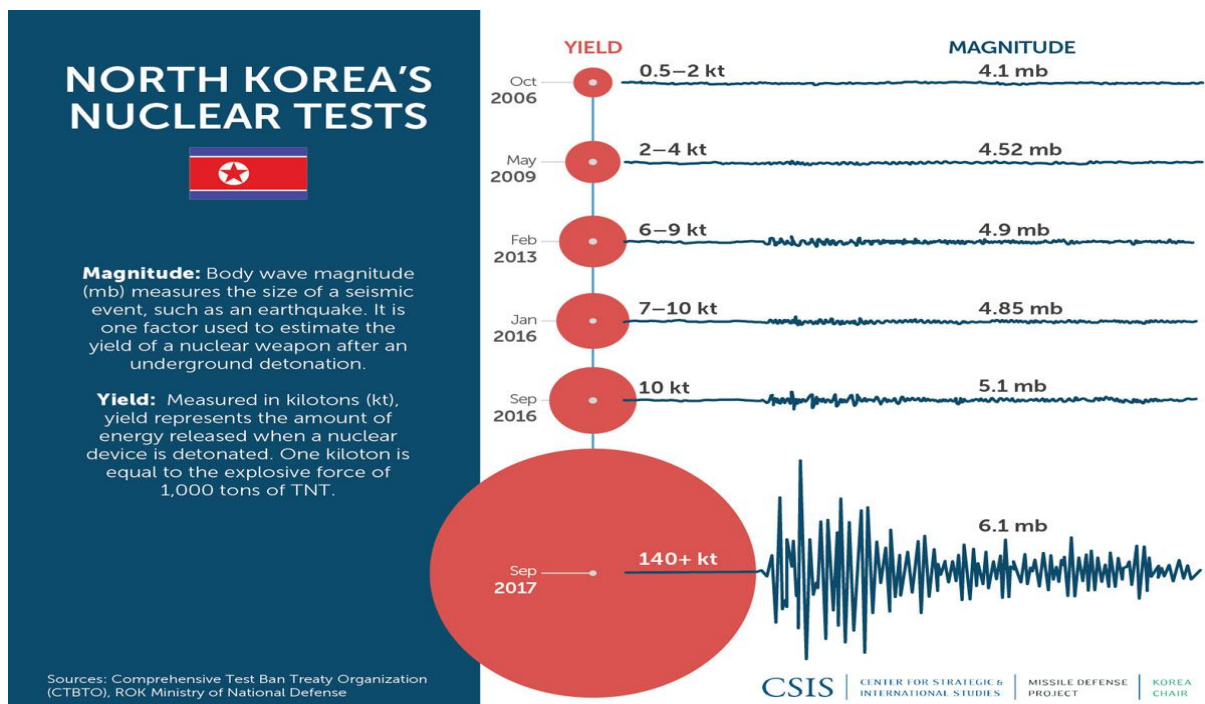


Note: Includes successful and failed missile launches.

Source: Nuclear Threat Initiative.

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North Korea has many short range missiles which has been tested several times and they only failed once , the powerful missile can reach target up to 1000 km which includes all South Korea and parts of Japan , there also have Middle range Missile , there also have missile which can ranged from the submarine 3 out of 6 have been successful 2800 km , there also have intermediary missile which reach up to 4500 km . Hwasong-12 , 2017 it has been successfully and after Hwasong-14 success which can cover a huge part of the world and reach up to Alaska which also gave a higher estimate range of 10,000 Km .Hwasong-15 has been regarded as one of the most dangerous missile which can reach by to 13000 Km covering a massive part of America , there also have many space launch vehicles . The only country that would be saved from North Korea missile would be South America .



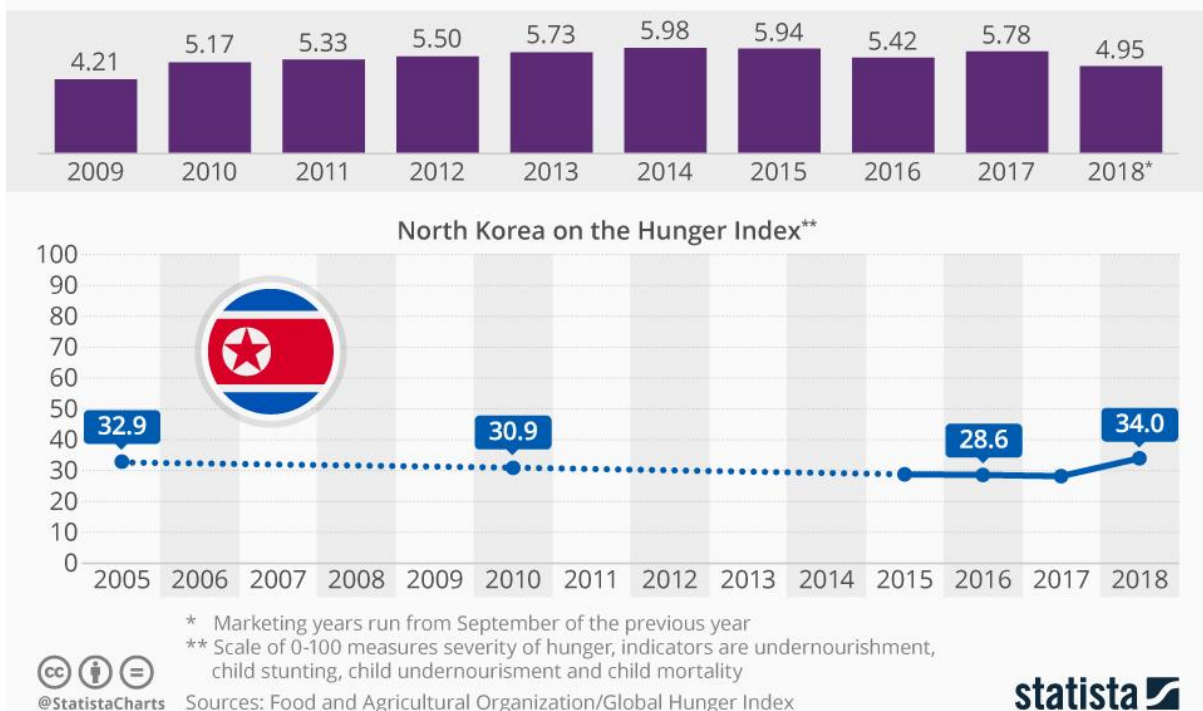


North Korea economic is isolated one and tightly command , which follows a pattern of a communist country . A command economy is planned and collaborated by the government , after the Korean war , North Korea have had many difficulties in their economic development , with the integration of the Soviet Union followed by Food shortage , natural disaster , floods , drought in 1997 , put North Korea into an economic crisis . In the 2000 North Korea worked towards its economy recovery , in 2002 , it removed certain restrictions in order to allow semi-private markets and introduced many economic reforms also known as Economic Management Improvement measures which incorporates decentralization of national panning , increase the prices and wages , amplified the autonomy of enterprise management , a change in the price –fixing pattern , social security reforms and distribution market for production methods . There was an average growth of 2.2% from the year 2000 to 2005 . . In 2015 the GDP of North Korea was 40 billion dollar . Agriculture contributes 22.5% of GDP and Industry contributes 47.6% of the GDP and services 29.6% . The country invest maximum amount fir military development , 24% of its GDP on defense which is equal to 4 billion dollar . Today , China is North Korea biggest trading partner .North Korea is highly dependent on China for economic and diplomatic support . The Country’s many export incorporates textiles , manufactured products , minerals , agricultural and fishery product whereas the main imports include petroleum , machinery , equipment , grains and textile . 90 % of the products are imported from China to North Korea . With the COVID-19 pandemic in place , North Korea is in problem firstly because of their isolation from the rest of the world , crop failure and restrictions have caused a serious threat to the economy .

North Korea has declared war against monsoon season , it seeks to breakthrough the farming sector . North Korea economy faces worst depression since famine of 1990s , as per the present report nearly half of North Koreans are malnourished from 2016 to2019 . The country is facing food shortage . There has been humongous amount of imports to North Korea from Russia and China to stabilize their food security issues . In the most isolated country in the world North Korea where 10 million North Korean don’t have enough food , dry weather and bad harvest , floods has badly impacted the food growth . One out of Five children are too short of their age because of poor nutrition .In 2018 the Daily Food ration was 380 Grams equal to small eight potatoes but in January 2019 the Daily Food Ration reduced by a quarter .40% of the population are facing food shortage .

Food is Becoming More Scarce Again in North Korea

Food production (in million tonnes) and Hunger Index for North Korea



Some blame UN and US Sanction in North Korea that began in 2006 and included items like Tanks , Combat Aircraft and Technical training and by 2017 , it imposed strict sanction on industrial machinery , vehicles , iron , steel and other metal , that had side affect . North Korea health care doesn’t have basic equipments and were depended on the other



private entities , and they even couldn't repair the one which were damaged because of lack of ability. The sanctions should not include medical sanctions .The international aid received by North Korea is not distributed to the people but instead used for military purpose and development of missile which are highly dangerous .North Korea is in need of Humanitarian assistance and the other countries should help them despite International Sanctions.

Way Forward

North Korea future remain uncertain , after the end of Korean War , the Kim have ruled North Korea for 64 years , a dictatorship which has continued for so long and they would continue with it .There is grief in the region and the people are starved to death , there is food shortage in the country , International Aid whatever comes it taken away by the Kim and all the money is invested in making missile . North Korea is among the few countries who have such high Nuclear weapons and missile in the world. The Present President has less knowledge about Policy making and military . 2 million children have starved in North Korea since the time of its formation .North Korea is isolated and the country is one of the poorest in the world . With the rise in Nuclear weapon and Missile by which it is aiming to threat the world has caused serious problem in the economic development of the country as most of the more is spent in the defence . Each day thousands of people die due to starvation in North Korea .People are trying to escape from North Korea in search of food and freedom . Police are everywhere on the streets , nearly 200 meters to check how you look and what you wear .The concept of Human Rights doesn't exist in North Korea .For instance in 2012 , 9790 suicides cases took place the basic reason is the rising poverty , psychological stress causes due to the environment of the city . The people in North Korea live under the dictatorship of Kim and they don't even have their own dignity . Everything in the region works according to Kim .

IV. CONCLUSION

North Korea is a totalitarian state since its formation , it has been ruled by the kim family and dictatorship is prevalent in the county , it is isolated from the rest of the world and is one of the poorest country in the world .Despite this it has the fifth largest army in the world and spend significant amount of resources on their nuclear weapons and missile development programs . The Nuclear missile has emerged as the greatest threat to the world where we can tension rising between North Korea and US . The Missile has the power to affect major part of the world . There has been International sanctions by US and UN . They have a severe health crisis and food shortage which requires immediate concern .North Korea life is very different from the Modern lifestyle of other countries , people are depressed here and we see many cases of suicide.

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