

THE NUCLEAR QUESTION

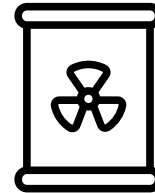


1957
Creation of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).



1958
Washington installs tactical nuclear missiles in South Korea.

1965
The USSR provides a first research reactor.



1968/06/12
Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)

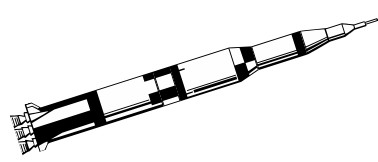


1985
Signature of the NPT by North Korea. Washington discovers a third reactor.

1989
Washington discovers new nuclear facility.

1992 TO 1993
IAEA inspections are allowed.

JUNE 1994
Visit of Jimmy Carter, former president of the USA.



OCTOBER 1994
Signing of a bilateral agreement between Washington and Pyongyang : dismantling of the nuclear program in exchange for the construction of civilian reactors.

1998
First long-range ballistic missile firing. Suspicion of a clandestine uranium enrichment program.



1999
Kim Jong-il declares a moratorium on nuclear testing. Washington eases sanctions.

2001
Bush ends bilateral agreement and calls North Korea "axis of evil" with Iraq and Iran.

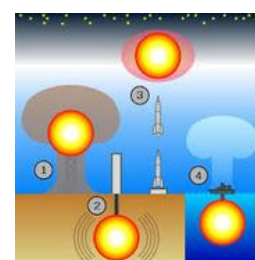
2002
Pyongyang expels IAEA inspectors.

2003/01/10
Pyongyang exits NPT and admits wanting atomic weapons.

AUGUST 2003
North Korea accepts 6-party rounds of negotiations (South Korea, Japan, USA, Russia and China).

AUGUST 2004
Pyongyang says it is impossible for them to continue negotiations.

2005
Pyongyang claims to have atomic weapon



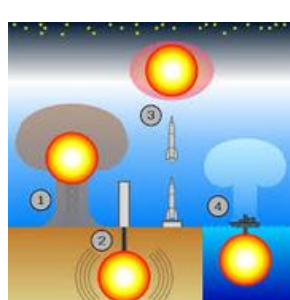
JULY 2006
Firing of around ten ballistic missiles including a Taepodong-2 with a theoretical range of 6700km.

OCTOBER 2006
First low power nuclear test. UNSC resolution 1718 imposes sanctions.

2007
Pyongyang agrees to dismantle its nuclear program and welcome IAEA inspectors in exchange for fuel and removal from terrorist list. **IAEA announces closure of Yongbyon nuclear complex.**



2009
Pyongyang conducts a **second underground nuclear test. UNSC resolution 1874 increases sanctions.**



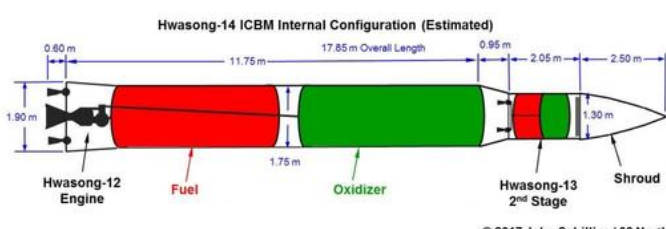
OCTOBER 2008
Washington removes North Korea from terrorist list in exchange for control of all nuclear facilities.

FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2012
Signing of a bilateral agreement between Pyongyang and Washington : 240,000 tonnes of food aid in exchange for stopping the nuclear program. **Launch of an Unha-3 rocket carrying a satellite.** Suspension of the agreement.

2013
Pyongyang carries out a **third nuclear test.**

2015
Pyongyang performs **4th and 5th nuclear test.**

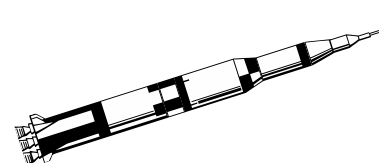
2017
2 shots from ICBM Hwasong-14, sending a **ballistic missile over Japan**, **6th nuclear test** causing an earthquake of magnitude 6.3, new **sanctions from the UNSC** and new **launch of an ICBM Hwasong-15.** Donald Trump promises "fire and furious".



2018
Diplomacy of the Olympics Games : announcement of the end of nuclear tests and meeting Kim Jong-un and D.Trump, BUT refusal of IAEA control.



2019
2nd and 3rd meeting Kim-Trump and handshake in the DMZ. **2 short-range ballistic missile strikes.**



2020
In the midst of a covid pandemic, Pyongyang fires 2 short-range missiles towards the Sea of Japan.

2019
8 missile launches and new fire from a maritime platform.