

North Korean Missile lands in South Korea

BY KALI FOLLAND

NORTH KOREA FIRED as many as twenty-three missiles in the South Korean east and west peninsula. According to Seoul's Joint Chief of Staff, one of the missiles launched by Pyongyang was a short-range ballistic missile that landed close to the South Korean territorial waters for the first time since the division of Korea in 1945. The missile in question has landed in international waters approximately 167 kilometers (104 miles) northwest of South Korea's Ulleung island and about 26 kilometers south of the Northern Limit Line (NLL), a Korean border that North Korea does not recognize. South Korea issued rare air raid warnings and launched its own missiles in response.

Toshiro Ino, Japanese Deputy Minister of Defense had reported to the news that another missile had flown a short distance at an altitude of fifty kilometers. When asked whether North Korea had in the past launched this many missiles throughout a day, Ino told reporters that in 2006 and 2009, the North had fired several missiles throughout the day from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time, and 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time, respectively, without mentioning an exact number of missiles.

A South Korean defense official said earlier that the missiles landed to the west of the peninsula in the

Yellow Sea, known as the West Sea in Korea, and to the east in the Sea of Japan, also known as the East Sea. An air raid warning on Ulleung island, located about 120 kilometers east of the peninsula, was lifted at about 2 p.m. local time on Wednesday. South Korean

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President Yoon Suk Yeol said the North Korean test was an “effective territorial encroachment” CNN News reported.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters that North Korea was launching missiles at a high frequency, furthering tensions between North Korea and South Korea, Japan, and the U.S. The excessive, aggressive acceleration of weapons testing had alarmed the region with Japan, South Korea, and the United States responding with missile

launches and joint military exercises. A large-scale exercise performed by the South Korean and United States military called “Vigilant Storm,” involved 240 aircraft and thousands of service members from both countries.

Experts recently said that this could be that North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un is giving out a message—a warning sign—showcasing the nation's weaponry during a global heightened conflict. The North Korean state broke six months of silence over this display of missile launchings, claiming they were meant to convey Pyongyang's readiness to fire at potential enemies in the south. The latest tests had also alarmed the United Nations, which has articulated that North Korea could be preparing for a nuclear test for the first time since 2017, with satellite imagery showing activity at an underground nuclear testing site. International Atomic Energy Agency Chief Rafael Grossi stated that North Korea is being watched very closely, in hopes it doesn't happen again.

Shein and Fast Fashion

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A NEW INVESTIGATION has revealed the fashion company Shein to be the top criminal in the fast fashion industry. A news channel based in the U.K. sent in undercover broadcasters to work inside two of Shein's factories. One factory uncovered the company's wage policies. On average, each employee makes 4,000 yuan a month. This is equal to approximately \$562.73 USD. These employees are tasked with making approximately five hundred pieces of clothing a day, and they are penalized two-thirds of their daily wage if they make mistakes on the product. Furthermore, this particular factory withholds the first month of wage, and the women working often clock 18+ hours a day, and several were witnessed washing their hair in sinks on their lunch breaks.

These working conditions are in direct violation of the labor laws in China. While Shein did not respond to the reporters, a representative did offer the following statement to Business Insider, “Any non-compliance with this code is dealt with swiftly, and we will terminate partnerships that do not meet our standards.”

Shein has been accused of illegal labor practices in previous years, and this fashion giant has been under much scrutiny for poor working conditions, toxic chemicals in their product, plagiarism of product designs, and mishandling customer information.

Despite their unethical practices, Shein remains a thriving tycoon of the fashion industry. Their cheap prices, trendy pieces, and fast production has ensured they are not going anywhere anytime soon. They remain one of the largest fast fashion companies in the world, and according to The Cut, they have greater valuation than H&M and Zara combined.

The forty-seven-minute-long exposé aired on October 17, 2022 and is available to watch on channel4.com.



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