

North Korea Demands No Shelling from YP Do

The Korea Central News Agency (North Korea) published an article which demands that South Korea not conduct the pending live fire exercise on YP Do. (<http://www.kcna.co.jp/index-e.htm>).

The head of the delegation of the KPA side to the north-south general-level military talks sent the following notice to the south Korean puppet forces at 12:20 on Friday in connection with the fact that the puppet military warmongers' reckless military provocations reached a grave phase under the wire-pulling of their American master:

The puppet military warmongers should take a prompt measure to stop the planned provocative maritime shelling from Yonphyong Island.

In case they conduct the above-said shelling at last despite the warning served by the KPA in advance, it will deal the second and third unpredictable self-defensive blow at them to protect the inviolable territorial waters of the DPRK as it had declared before the world.

It will be deadlier than what was made on Nov. 23 in terms of the powerfulness and sphere of the strike.

The south Korean group of traitors and the puppet military warmongers had better cogitate about the KPA's warning.

Analysis. After you have read this kind of writing for a while, it becomes easier to tell when they are merely propagandizing and when they are serious. But in this case it is the means of transmission that makes this a serious statement. When these folks pass messages like this through the Armistice Commission at the general officer level, they are not kidding. Neither are the South Koreans.

Yahoo! Is carrying a Reuters story on Governor Richardson's efforts in Pyongyang to cool things down. (http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20101217/ts_nm/us_korea_north_richardson).

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Diplomatic troubleshooter Bill Richardson, visiting Pyongyang to try to ease tensions between North and South Korea, said the situation was "a tinderbox", but urged the North to show restraint and allow contentious military exercises by the South to go ahead.

Richardson said in an interview on CNN he had met with a senior North Korean official and urged "let's cool things down."

"I am urging them extreme restraint ... Let's cool things down. No response. Let the exercises take place," Richardson said.

He said he met Friday with North Korea's top nuclear negotiator and was scheduled to hold talks with the head of the military on Saturday.

"I think I made a little headway," he said in a telephone interview with CNN.

Richardson has a pretty good record of getting honest and realistic information and opinions from the North Koreans. If they tell him they are going to respond to the South Korean exercises, they probably are. After the KCNA article and the information from Governor Richardson, I would be prepared for the worst.

As I have said before, it is not just the exercises that have the North upset. They are getting the Rodney Dangerfield treatment: no respect. As I said yesterday, I strongly suspect that President Hu ripped off

Kim's face for the last YP Do incident. The Russians told him a few days ago to “get with the program” and denuclearize. Yesterday's article about the creation of the KPA Tenth Corps to protect its nuclear and missile test areas against a possible invasion by the People's Liberation Army I believe tends to confirm my thesis that Kim has no face in Beijing.

Add to that the apparently rocky at best selection and introduction of Kim Jong Un (Young Captain) as the heir apparent has not gone over well with the General Staff. Young Captain is probably better called “Young Clueless Captain” and that has the KPA and probably the Korean Worker's Party leadership somewhere between worried and severely pissed. If the stories are correct about son number 2, Kim Jong Il didn't have much of a selection. Son 1 lives in the PRC and is an embarrassment to the communists. That leaves son number 3 who now must learn to govern on the fly.

The only way that Kim 2 sees of solving his problem of succession is a peace treaty that formalizes the separation of Korea. No way this happens. So does Kim declare end game while he is still alive or do we wait until he fails to wake up one morning and the Young Captain gets to preside over the demise of the DPRK? My money right now is on the Gotterdammerung ending lead by Kim 2. This YP Do exercise may well start the war off all over again.