

Food Supply in North Korea Marginally Better

The grain supply in North Korea may be marginally better this year according to an article in NK Daily. (<http://www.dailynk.com/english/read.php?cataId=nk01500&num=7155>).

The reported harvest was 4.48 million tons, three percent better than last year due to the arrival of fertilizer at the proper time.

However, the source said angrily, “Even though farming was better than last year, the year’s distribution for farmers was a mere 30kg of rice and 50kg of corn, 20kg of rice and 30kg of corn short of last year’s distribution. So farmers complained about it but the only answer was ‘more food should go to the military’. They were lost for words.”

The source said, “The authorities keep reiterating that thanks to the Youth Captain we will live better in the future, but then give us less distribution; who would believe this? Does this not mean that the Youth Captain will also try only to feed the military?”

He added, “In the end, the vicious circle where farmers on collective farms steal rice from the farm continues. Farm cadres have already siphoned off what they want, and then farmers also do that in groups.”

Analysis. Songun (military first) strikes again. Also look at the attempt to promote “Clueless Captain” as the savior of the people. Good bloody luck. If Kim 2 couldn't fix things, how do they expect a 28 year old with average intelligence and no experience to get it right?! Not to mention all of the corruption that must exist in a totalitarian state just to function.

Then again, if they are fattening up the military, that could also be a bad sign that they plan to use it. Or, they had no choice but to feed the KPA before it became useless due to malnutrition. Flip a coin on that last one. Considering the current tension on the peninsula, I'm leaning to KPA getting ready for any contingency.