

PRC: Fingerprinting Not Helpful

The People's Republic of China is again trying to reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula by attempting to absolve North Korea of any blame for its actions. (<http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/90001/90776/90883/7231144.html>).

China hoped that all parties concerned should work together to stabilize the situation in the Korean Peninsula rather than finger-pointing, said a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman in Beijing Tuesday.

"It not only is in the common interests of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and the Republic of Korea (ROK), but also accords with the interests of all countries in the region," Spokeswoman Jiang Yu told a regular news briefing.

Jiang made the remarks when asked about Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo's visit to the DPRK from Dec. 8 to 9. ... Jiang said, the DPRK held a positive attitude towards China's recent proposal of starting six-party emergency consultations.

The DPRK appreciated China's efforts in alleviating tensions on the Korean Peninsula and hoped the consultation would help to dissipate the current unease, she said. [She called on parties concerned to make joint efforts to properly resolve problems concerning the Korean Peninsula under the framework of the six-party talks.

"Now, it must be our priority and it is of practical significance," she stressed.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, ... North Korea is digging a hole at its nuclear test site. (http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/12/15/2010121500311.html).

North Korea has dug a new tunnel more than 500 m deep at a nuclear test site in Punggye-ri, North Hamgyong Province, intelligence sources said Tuesday. The North is also reportedly accelerating massive excavation work and construction of a new building at its main nuclear site in Yongbyon.

"North Korea seems to be busy digging even in winter when the ground is frozen" at Punggye-ri and Yongbyon, an intelligence officer said.

Based on an estimate of the amount of earth dug up, the intelligence officer speculated that the North has already dug a cave more than 500 m deep in Punggye-ri.

"If progress goes on at the current pace, the North will have dug a cave 1 km deep, the depth where it is possible to conduct a nuclear test, between March and May next year," the officer said.

Please read both articles for more important information.

Analysis. Let's review the bidding. The PRC wants everybody to come to Beijing, perform kowtow to Chairman Hu, find out what it will take to cause Kim to back off and give it to him. At the same time North Korea is digging a very deep shaft in the middle of Winter at its nuclear test site in the north east mountains where the weather is just lovely this time of year. Could it be that the two parties are

working at cross purposes here?

No matter how the PRC tries to sugar coat it, the problem is a megalomaniac running a country that can't feed itself but has a 1.5 million man standing army and nuclear devices if not weapons. They believe that we should all get together and humor Kim so they won't have a bigger refugee problem. If they don't want problems to escalate, perhaps they could try a little bit of tough love and cut off his food and fuel. They are, after all, just about Kim's only friend in the World who can help.

I believe that South Korea, Japan and the United States have made it pretty clear that we have no more tolerance for Kim's antics. Next time he does something stupid, he gets whacked ... hard. Given the large amount of anti-South vituperation coming out of the KCNA for example

Pyongyang, December 13 (KCNA) -- The "Metropolitan Mechanized Infantry Division" of the puppet ground force announced on Dec. 11 that it would stage ground joint exercises in the areas of Namyangju and Kaphyong of Kyonggi Province from Dec. 14 to 16, according to Yonhap News of south Korea.

The warmongers are contemplating hurling large forces and public servants and police into the planned war exercises, vociferating about the "infiltration" of someone and "provocation of limited war."

The situation on the Korean Peninsula is getting tenser due to the ceaseless exercises being staged by the Lee Myung Bak puppet warmongers for a war of aggression against the DPRK, while being hell-bent on the confrontation with fellow countrymen.

We might well presume that Kim is cooking up something to answer all of these exercises. Stay tuned.