

Rodong Shinmun Adds to the Tension

The daily North Korean is reporting that Rodong Shinmun is carrying articles that add to the tension on the Korean Peninsula (<http://www.dailynk.com/english/read.php?cataId=nk01700&num=7120>). It cites two examples of such articles.

“In his piece, Heo Yong Ryul claimed, “The U.S. and South Chosun have been fueling our endless rage and the hostility we feel in our hearts for the enemy,” adding, “We will show clearly what the potential of Chosun youth is by organizing campaigns of ideology and education.”

Meanwhile, Jang Mun Hyang also asserted, “I cannot stand the wild rage I have felt since the provocative military maneuvers of South Korea and the U.S.,” adding, “In the year of the 10th anniversary of the announcement of the June 15 North-South Joint Declaration and the 30th anniversary of the suggestion that the Korea Democratic Federal Republic be established, I appeal to all the women in each class and section in the North, South and overseas countries to light a fire of violent struggle against belligerent factions and provocative maneuvers towards the North.” “

Please read the entire article for additional information.

Analysis. Not a good indicator of the intent of the North Korean government to try and reduce tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Then again, they have become used to South Korean governments that eventually fold and give the North what it wants. So far, not this time.

We must await events to see how far this goes. However, firing up the people on both sides of the DMZ can have unpredictable consequences.