

Russia Tells North Korea to Behave

The Chosun Ilbo is reporting that Russia has told North Korea's that it must abide by the Security Council resolutions. (http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2010/12/16/2010121600418.html).

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Tuesday urged North Korea to "unconditionally comply with UN Security Council resolutions" on its nuclear development. The previous day, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov denounced the North for its shelling of the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong in November. ... The joint statement urged both Koreas "to solve all issues in political and diplomatic ways through dialogue," while expressing worries about the mounting tensions in inter-Korean relations.

Meanwhile, Russian Army Chief of General Staff Nikolai Makarov in an interview with Interfax on Tuesday said he "ordered the military units in Russian Far East to enhance their combat readiness when the North shelled Yeonpyeong Island" on Nov. 23. "The Russian Army is still watching the region closely and keeps monitoring developments there."

Please read the entire article for more information.

Analysis. This pretty much leaves North Korea with just the PRC for an ally. I suspect that the Russian units in the Far East Military District are on alert to prevent refugees from crossing into Siberia.