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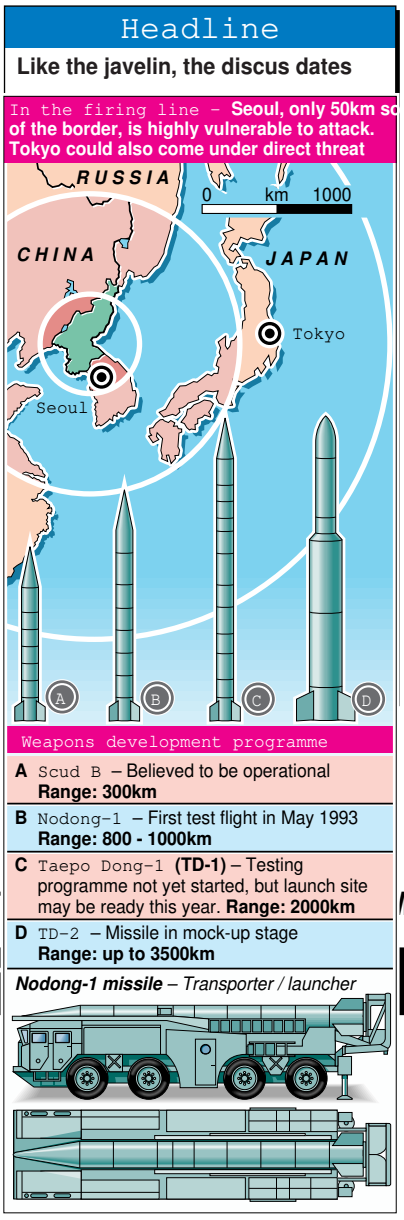
The missiles North Korea is believed to have produced or to be developing:

--THE DAEPODONG. South Korean officials said Monday's missile launch was the first flight of this two-stage, liquid fuel missile that would significantly increase the range of North Korea's rocket forces. According to Jane's Strategic Weapon Systems, the Daepodong 1 could deliver a 450-pound warhead up to 1,250 miles -- far enough to reach any target in Japan and most major cities in China. A payload of that size is large enough to carry nuclear and chemical weapons, as well as conventional explosives. A much larger variant being developed could possibly send a 680-pound warhead up to 3,750 miles, or as far as southern Alaska. The Pentagon uses the transliteration "Taepo Dong 1" to refer to this missile series.

--THE RODONG. The Rodong 1 was test-launched in 1993 and entered service a year later. This single-staged liquid fuel missile can fire a 450-pound warhead up to 620 miles, although it has never been fired more than 310 miles. The Rodong 2 has a longer range, up to 940 miles but carries half the payload. The U.S. military calls this missile type the "No Dong."

--SCUDS. Scuds B and C are North Korean variations on the well-known Soviet design that Iraq used in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The two Scud types have ranges of 210 miles and 310 miles, respectively.



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TOKYO (AP) -- Possibly angling for concessions in upcoming weapons talks, North Korea launched a new, more powerful long-range ballistic missile on Monday that crossed over Japan's main island and crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

A Japanese defense official said the test missile appears to have had two stages, with the second projectile probably flying over the northern tip of Japan's main island and landing a few hundred miles off its Pacific coast.

The first stage of the launch apparently dropped into the sea about 180 miles southeast of Vladivostok, Russia, said Defense Agency spokesman Toru Kawajiri.

Kawajiri said the missile was believed to be a "Daepodong I," a rocket much more sophisticated than anything the North has previously tested. The Pentagon calls the missile a "Taepo

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