

Korea leaders to hold historic summit

Leaders from North and South Korea are to hold only the second-ever summit between the two countries, which remain technically at war. The summit comes amid a gradual improvement in North Korea's ties with the outside world



KEY STEPS TO RECONCILIATION

► 1953: Korean War ends without peace deal signed

► 1972: North and South Korea call for peaceful reunification

► 1990s: South Korea introduces conciliatory Sunshine Policy

► 2000: South Korean President **Kim Dae-jung** and North Korean leader **Kim Jong-il** hold landmark first summit. Two sides hold reunion for families separated after war

► 2007, May: North and South run first trains across border

► Jul: North shuts down **Yongbyon** reactor as part of international aid-for-disarmament deal aimed at ending its nuclear programme

► Aug 28: Kim Jong-il (*near left*) hosts President **Roh Moo-hyun** in Pyongyang