

Past attacks blamed on North Korea



North Korean leaders: **Kim Il-sung** (left), 1972-94, **Kim Jong-il**, 1994-present

■ **Jan 1967:** North Korea sinks South Korean warship near disputed maritime border. Thirty-nine of 79 sailors on board are killed



■ **Jan 1968:** South Korea's President **Park Chung-hee** survives assassination attempt by 31 North Korean commandos

■ **Dec 1969:** South Korean airliner hijacked to North Korea. Thirty-nine hostages freed, 12 others are never released

■ **Aug 1974:** President Park survives assassination attempt – first lady killed

■ **Oct 1983:** South Korean President **Chun Doo-hwan** narrowly escapes bombing in Burma that kills 21 people

■ **Nov 1987:** Bombing of Korean Air Flight 858 kills 115 passengers and crew. Perpetrator linked to Kim Jong-il

■ **Dec 1991:** North and South Korea sign non-aggression pact

■ **Jun 1999:** Patrol boats from North repeatedly cross Yellow Sea maritime border, prompting exchange of fire

■ **Jun 2002:** Firefight sinks South Korean boat; six South Korean sailors killed during salvage operation

■ **Mar 2010:** Explosion sinks South Korean naval ship near maritime border, killing 46 sailors. International report concludes corvette **Cheonan** was sunk by North Korean torpedo

