

# China would allow unified Korea

Senior Chinese officials reportedly told a South Korean minister that the Korean peninsula should be reunified under Seoul's control, according to classified U.S. diplomatic cables made public by the website WikiLeaks

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Meeting between South Korean Vice Foreign Minister **Chun Yung-woo** and U.S. ambassador to Seoul, **Kathleen Stephens**. Chun predicts that North Korea **"had already collapsed economically and would collapse politically two to three years after the death of Kim Jong-il"** (pictured)

Citing senior Chinese officials, Chun says **"The PRC would be comfortable with a reunified Korea – controlled by Seoul and anchored to the U.S. in a 'benign alliance' – as long as Korea was not hostile towards China"**

Other cables reveal that Beijing thought North Korea was behaving like a **"spoiled child"** by carrying out missile tests in 2009, and that North Korea's nuclear programme was **"a threat to the whole world's security"**



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