

U.S. suspicious of Myanmar nuke programme

The United States has suspected for years that Myanmar has a secret nuclear programme aided by North Korea, according to diplomatic cables released by whistle-blower website WikiLeaks



► **Jan 2004:** Cable says foreign businessman told U.S. embassy in Yangon of rumours, circulating since 2002, that nuclear reactor was being built near town of **Minbu**

► **Aug 2004:** Another cable says informant saw North Korean workers building surface-to-air missiles and underground facility near Minbu

► **Jul 2009:** U.S. Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** warns of possible nuclear links between Myanmar and North Korea

► **Jun 2010:** Report by Norway-based **Democratic Voice of Burma** says Myanmar is trying to develop nuclear weapons, giving evidence of underground bunkers and tunnels allegedly built with North Korean help

► **Jul 2010:** Clinton says ship from North Korea recently delivered military equipment to Myanmar

► **Nov 2010:** UN report alleges North Korea is supplying banned nuclear and ballistic equipment to Myanmar as well as Iran and Syria