North Korea faces dynastic power struggle

Kim Jong-un's youth and lack of experience means that North Korea is likely to be run by a coterie of advisors for the foreseeable future, with different factions jockeying for power



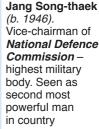






Kim Jong-il (1942-2011) Died suddenly on December 17

Four wives/ consorts Kim Kyong-hui (b. 1946)
Kim Jong-il's sister and key member of inner circle of trusted advisors. First woman to be promoted to four-star general





Kim Jong-nam
(b. 1971).
Fell from favour
after trying to visit
Japan in 2001,
but reputation
now somewhat
restored. Says he
does not favour
Kim Jong-un's
succession

Kim Sul-song (b. 1975) Served as her father secretary. Holds important position in state's propaganda department

Kim Jong-chul (b. 1982)
Studied in Switzerland, also works in state propaganda department.
Full brother of Kim Jong-un



Military: Said to have pledged allegiance to Kim Jong-un

Kim Jong-un (b. 1983)
Still in his 20s, inherits country
with nuclear weapons, widespread
hunger and tense relations with
South Korea and U.S.