

North Korea to launch long-range rocket

North Korea says it plans to launch a long-range rocket carrying a satellite to mark the 100th birthday of its founder Kim Il-sung, sparking condemnation from the U.S. and regional neighbours who claim it is in breach of UN resolutions

Sohae Launch base:

Launch expected to involve **Taepodong-2** or modification of long-range missile tested in 2009

P'yongyang

NORTH KOREA

Musudan-ri:
Main launch base

Seoul
SOUTH KOREA

Yellow Sea
(West Sea)

Rocket expected to be launched southwards over Yellow Sea

U.S. and South Korean authorities say 2009 launch of Taepodong-2 failed to place satellite in orbit but showed major ballistic advances

CHINA

RUSSIA

ALASKA
U.S.

NORTH KOREA

Sea of Japan
(East Sea)

Korea Strait

JAPAN

Taepodong-2
range: 6,000km

200km

125 miles

Taepodong-2

Warhead payload: **650kg**

Length: **35.0m**

Diameter: **2.1m**

Launch weight: **64,000kg**

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