North Korea's long-range rocket tests

- Dec 12, 2012: North Korea launches three-stage rocket from its *Sohae Space Centre*. Pyongyang says its *Unha-3* launcher successfully put a *Kwangmyongsong-3* weather
- Apr 2012: Unha-3 rocket flies for only a few minutes before exploding and crashing into sea west of Korean peninsula

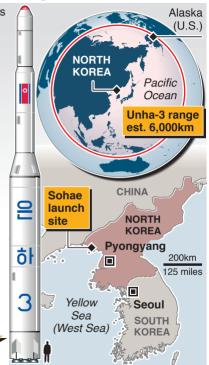
forecast satellite into polar orbit

- Apr 2009: Three-stage rocket launched. North Korea says it is successful. U.S. says it failed and fell into sea
- Jul 2006: North Korea test-fires long-range *Taepdong-2* missile. U.S. says it failed after 40 seconds

Washington says rocket launches represent banned missile tests. North Korea carried out two nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009

of flight when missile disintegrated

Unha-3: Three-stage rocket fueled by highly-toxic UDMH (hydrazine) and red fuming nitric acid (oxidizer)



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