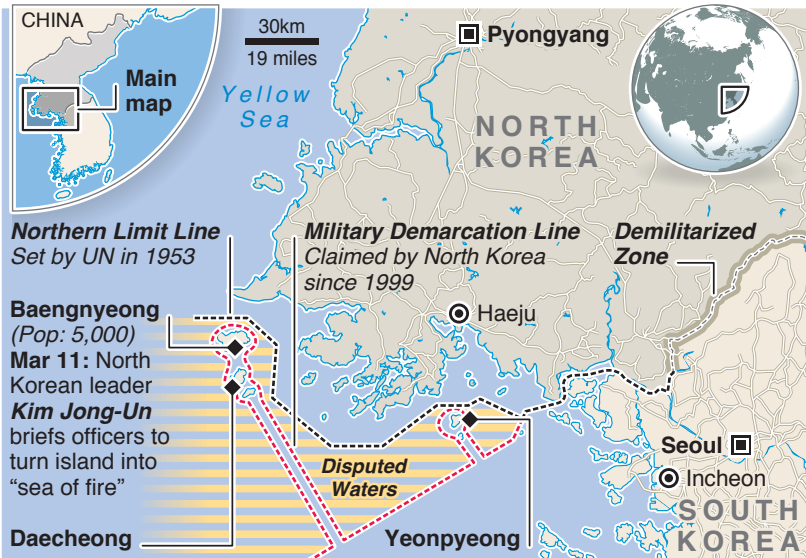


Timeline of hostilities on Korean sea border

North Korea has threatened to “wipe out” a South Korean island as Pyongyang comes under renewed economic and diplomatic pressure from U.S. sanctions and UN charges of gross human rights abuses



FATAL INCIDENTS

■ **Jan 1967:** South Korean (SK) navy ship **Dangpo** sunk by North Korean (NK) coastal artillery north of Northern Limit Line, 39 sailors killed

■ **Jun 1999:** NK ships escort fishing boats into disputed waters, firing on SK patrol boats when challenged. One NK torpedo boat lost, 30 sailors killed

■ **Jun 2002:** Two NK patrol boats cross Northern Limit Line near **Yeonpyeong** island. Four SK sailors killed, NK casualties unknown

■ **Nov 2009:** NK gunboat enters SK waters off **Daechong** island. Battle ensues with five SK ships. NK vessel badly damaged, 1 sailor dies

■ **Mar 2010:** SK navy ship **Cheonan** sunk by explosion off **Baengnyeong**, killing 46 sailors. NK denies involvement. Investigation concludes NK torpedo attack responsible

■ **Nov 2010:** NK forces fire shells and rockets at Yeonpyeong, killing four people