

Showdown with North Korea looms

The U.S. is sending a third carrier strike group – led by the USS Nimitz – to join the Carl Vinson and Ronald Reagan strike groups near North Korea to pressure Pyongyang to refrain from more missile tests

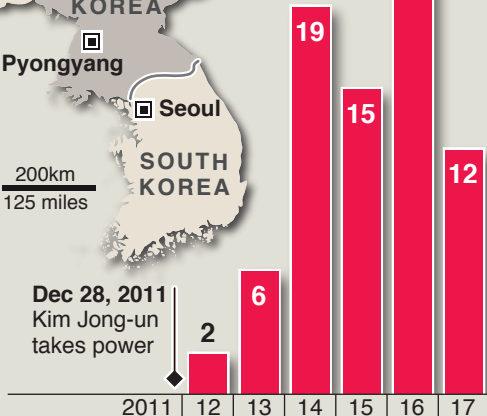
Punggye-ri:
Nuclear test site



North Korea missile tests (2012-17)

May 29 ● KN-17
May 21 ● KN-15 / Pukguksong-2
May 14 ● Hwasong-12
Apr 29 ● Unidentified
Apr 16 ● KN-17
Apr 4 ● KN-17
Mar 22 ● Unidentified
Mar 6 ● KN-17 – four missiles fired
Feb 12 ● KN-15 / Pukguksong-2

Dec 28, 2011
Kim Jong-un
takes power



Hwasong-12: Liquid-fuelled rocket. Could be part of larger, multi-stage intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), such as KN-08 prototype, capable of reaching U.S. mainland

KN-17 / Hwasong-7
Possible anti-ship missile with range estimated at 1,000 km

KN-15 / Pukguksong-2

Land-based version of solid-fuel KN-11 – submarine-launched medium-range missile – capable of reaching U.S. bases in Japan

