

Diplomacy amid North Korea crisis



CHINA

Beijing is fortifying its border with North Korea to stop refugees pouring into China. President **Xi Jinping** could push **double freeze** proposal – freeze on Pyongyang's nuclear and missile tests in return for reduction of U.S. military presence on Korean Peninsula

SOUTH KOREA

President **Moon Jae-in** says there will be **no military action without Seoul's consent** and his government will prevent war by all means

JAPAN

Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** says he is committed to working with U.S., South Korea, Russia and China to **ensure that North Korea doesn't launch more missiles**

UNITED STATES

Ulchi Freedom Guardian war games start on August 21. 80,000 U.S. and South Korean troops begin drills that are certain to escalate crisis between President **Donald Trump** and North Korean leader **Kim Jong-un**

RUSSIA

President **Vladimir Putin** has offered to dispatch diplomatic delegation to Korean Peninsula to mediate between Pyongyang and Seoul. Kremlin policymakers want to project Moscow on world stage

NORTH KOREA

Latest statement appears to hold out olive branch – **Kim Jong-un** will **watch U.S. behaviour** before giving order to launch missiles towards Guam. **Launch could trigger pre-emptive military strike from U.S.**