

Kim Jong-un's rocket men

Three men shown celebrating with North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un following successful missile launches are believed to be the top people in the country's rapidly advancing missile and nuclear programme



Ri Pyong-chol

One of Kim's closest aides. Former air force chief elected to **National Defence Commission** – most powerful government organization – in 2014.

Now runs **Workers' Party Munitions Industry Department (MID)**, developing conventional and nuclear weapons



Jang Chang-ha

As President of **Academy of National Defence Science**, Jang's staff procure foreign technology and equipment for weapons programmes.

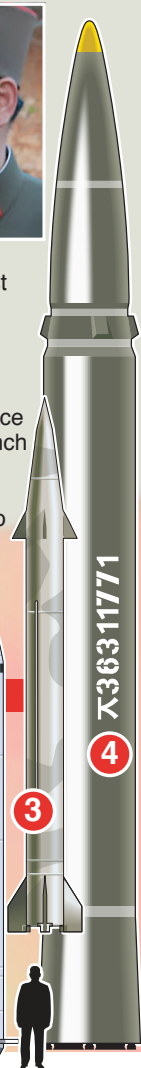
Promoted in July after successful test of KN-20, using Soviet-era RD-250 engine, built in Ukraine



Kim Jong-sik:

Rocket scientist and general at MID.

Mastermind of Kim's missile programme since successful launch of **Unha-3** rocket – which put satellite into low earth orbit – in 2012



KIM'S MISSILES

1 KN-17/Hwasong-12

Range: 5,500km
Intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) tested May 2017

2 KN-11/Pukguksong-2

Range: 1,200km
In development

3 KN-7/Scud-ER

Range: 960-1,000km

4 KN-20/Hwasong-14

Range: 6,700km-plus



Kim Jong-un

Leader since 2011