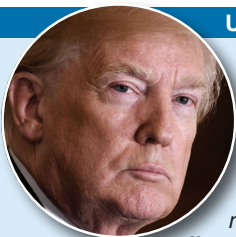


Why Singapore for Trump-Kim summit?

Singapore's diplomatic ties with North Korea and its relative proximity makes the South East Asian city-state a natural choice for the first-ever meeting of a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader

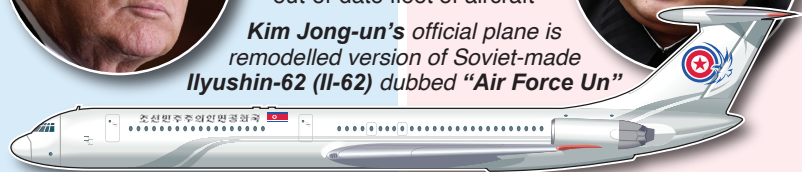
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Located just over 4,800km from Pyongyang, Singapore is comfortably within flying range of North Korea's out-of-date fleet of aircraft

Kim Jong-un's official plane is remodelled version of Soviet-made Ilyushin-62 (Il-62) dubbed "Air Force Un"

NORTH KOREA



■ U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement was signed in 2003. And **Obama** administration agreed to upgrade Singapore to status of strategic partner in 2012

■ Two countries signed enhanced security agreement in 2015

■ Singapore and North Korea established diplomatic relations in 1975, and North Korea has embassy in Singapore

■ Until 2016, North Koreans enjoyed visa-free access, with North's elite often visiting city for medical care



■ Singapore has history of high-profile diplomatic occasions, hosting landmark summit between Chinese President **Xi Jinping** and Taiwan's then-leader **Ma Ying-jeou** in 2015

■ Lion City is renowned for stability and security. Restrictions over media and public gatherings allow for controlled environment likely to be preferred by North Koreans