

# Possible heirs to Kim Jong-un

— Married

— Line of succession

— Offspring

○ Possible heir or key player

**NORTH KOREA'S RULING FAMILY\***

**Kim Il-sung (1912-94)**

Founder of North Korea,  
"Eternal President"



**Kim Jong-il (1941-2011)**



"Dear Leader"  
took office  
in 1993

**Jang Sung-taek (1946-2013)**



Second most powerful  
man in North Korea,  
executed by Kim  
Jong-un in 2013

**Kim Kyong-hui (1946-)**



Powerful figure in  
leadership circle  
while her brother  
was in power

**Kim Pyong-il (1954-)**



Served as diplomat  
abroad for 40 years  
before returning to  
Pyongyang in 2019

## WIVES / CONSORTS

**Song Hye-rim (1937-2002)**

**Kim Young-sook (1947-)**

**Ko Yong-hui (1952-2004)**

**Kim Ok (1964-)**

**Kim Jong-nam (1971-2017)**



Assassinated  
at Kuala Lumpur  
airport in  
2017

**Kim Sul-song (1974-)**



Business  
owner and  
powerful  
political  
figure

**Kim Jong-chol (1981-)**



Rejected as  
heir, but could  
play more  
public role in  
contingency

**Kim Jong-un (1984-)**



"Supreme  
Leader" not  
seen in  
public since  
Apr 11

**Ri Sol-ju (1985-)**



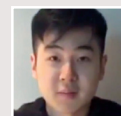
Former  
singer,  
believed to  
have wed  
Kim in 2009

**Kim Yo-jong (1987-)**



Groomed  
for power  
since her  
teens

**Kim Han-sol (1995-)**



Whereabouts  
unknown

Kim Jong-un is believed to have three children,  
too young to rule



**Choe Ryong-hae:** Ceremonial head of state  
and North Korea's official second-in-command  
could assume control if **Kim Yo-jong** fails  
to secure power and leadership passes  
outside Kim family for first time

\*Some family members omitted for clarity

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