

North Korea orders troops to border

A mounting spat sparked by defectors in South Korea sending anti-regime propaganda balloons across the North Korean border is raising the risk of a military confrontation

ESCALATING TENSIONS

Jun 4: **Kim Yo Jong**, sister of leader **Kim Jong Un**, warns that South Korea will "pay a dear price" unless Seoul stops cross-border propaganda



Jun 16: North Korea blows up liaison office in Kaesong, opened in 2018 as part of peace agreement



Jun 9: Pyongyang cuts all official communication links with Seoul

Jun 17: General Staff of North's Korean People's Army says troops will be redeployed to areas demilitarized under 2018 agreement

Redeployment of North Korean military

40km
25 miles



North Korea could redeploy **Koksan** 170-millimetre self-propelled guns and 240mm multiple rocket launchers near DMZ. **Some 28,500 U.S. troops** stationed in South Korea

Koksan M-1989 Range: 40-60km