

Korean arms race heats up

North Korea's latest ballistic missile launch comes days after the country test-fired a long-range cruise missile

KEY RECENT EVENTS

► **2017: Kim Jong-Un** (right) successfully tests new intercontinental ballistic missile able to reach anywhere in U.S.

► **Hwasong-15** Range: 13,000km



► **Nov 7, 2017:** U.S. President **Donald Trump** and South Korean counterpart **Moon Jae-in** (above) agree to scrap payload limits on South Korean missiles

► **Mar 2020:** South test launches new short-range ballistic missile, able to cover all of North Korea with two-tonne payload

► **Hyunmoo-4** Range: 800km



► **Dosan Ahn Chang-ho** KSS-III submarine



Length: 83.5m
Beam: 9.6m

► **Mar 2021:** North launches new version of **KN-23** missile, which can carry 2.5-tonne warhead

KN-23 Range: 600km

► **May 2021:** Seoul and Washington scrap guidelines limiting range of South Korean ballistic missiles to 800km



► **Sep 7, 2021:** South Korea test fires new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), becoming first non-nuclear power to develop such capability

Six torpedo tubes for **Hyunmoo 4-4** conventionally armed SLBM, smaller than nuclear-tipped SLBM developed by North Korea

► **Sep 11-12:** North Korea tests first "strategic" cruise missile with possible nuclear capability

