

North Korea claims test-launch of new SLBM

North Korea says it has successfully tested a new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), its first such test-launch in two years, to bolster its military's undersea capabilities

Oct 19, Sinpo: SLBM launched off coast, travels up to 600km



"Mini-SLBM"

Bears striking resemblance to Pyongyang's nuclear-capable **KN-23 Iskander** – short-range weapon first tested in 2019

KN-23 length: **7.5m**

Maximum range: **690km**

Payload: **500kg**



North claims SLBM has advanced capabilities such as "glide skip" – feature could make missile harder to intercept and track

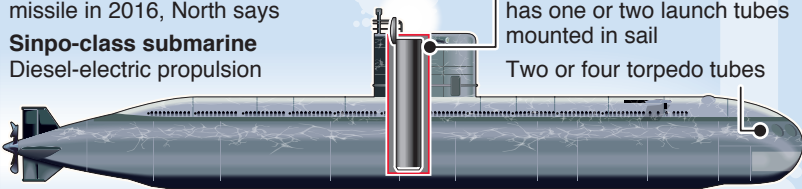


Mini-SLBM launched from same submarine that test-fired older missile in 2016, North says

Sinpo-class submarine
Diesel-electric propulsion

Missile silo: Satellite images suggest submarine has one or two launch tubes mounted in sail

Two or four torpedo tubes



Length: **68m**

Speed: **10 knots** (dived estimate)

Crew: **30-50**

South Korean officials say it is unclear if SLBM was fired by submarine – North launched missile from submersible barge for 2019 test