

# U.S. soldier detained in North Korea

A U.S. soldier is being held in North Korea after crossing the border from South Korea without authorisation, giving Pyongyang a potential bargaining chip in its dealings with the U.S.

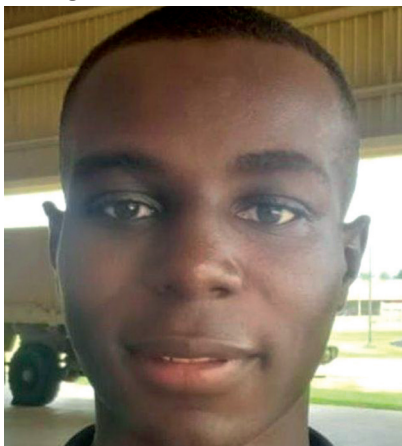
**1 Jul 10:** Private 2nd Class **Travis T. King**, 23, released from South Korean prison after serving two months for assault charges

**2 Jul 17:** Escorted by U.S. military to **Incheon Airport** to board plane for **Fort Bliss**, Texas, to face further disciplinary action – **but flees after managing to slip away from escort at customs**

**3 Jul 18:** Joins tour of truce village of **Panmunjom** in **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)**, dressed in civilian clothes

**03:27pm (local time):** Crosses border “wilfully”, U.S. military says

**King believed to be in North Korean custody**



**Jul 18, Busan:**

U.S. nuclear submarine **USS Kentucky** docks at port.

**North fires two ballistic missiles into nearby waters in apparent response**