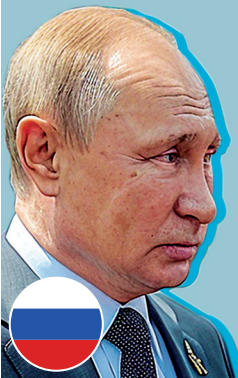


Russia-North Korea relations



■ **July, 2000:** President **Vladimir Putin** (left) visits North Korea in first year of his presidency and meets with **Kim Jong Il**, father of current leader

■ **2006-17:** Russia supports major UN Security Council resolutions penalizing North Korea over its nuclear weapons programme

■ **Apr 25, 2019:** Putin and **Kim Jong Un** (right) meet in Vladivostok, for their first summit



■ **Feb 24, 2022:** Russia invades Ukraine. North Korea backs Moscow, blaming “hegemonic policy” of U.S.

■ **May 26, 2022:** Russia and China veto U.S.-drafted resolution to impose more sanctions on North Korea over its intensifying missile tests

■ **Jul 25, 2023:** Russia’s then defence minister, **Sergei Shoigu**, attends military parade in Pyongyang showcasing long-range missiles capable of targeting U.S. mainland

■ **Sep 13:** Kim travels to Russian Far East for second summit with Putin

■ **Oct 13:** U.S. accuses North Korea of shipping over 1,000 containers of arms to Russia for use in Ukraine. Pyongyang and Moscow deny allegations

■ **Nov 21:** North Korea launches first successful spy satellite (right) into orbit. South Korea believes Russia gave technical support

■ **Jan 4, 2024:** U.S. says Russia has launched ballistic missiles produced in North Korea in strikes against Ukraine



*Debris of short-range **Hwasong-11A** ballistic missile used in Jan 2 strike on Kharkiv*



■ **Mar 28:** Russia vetoes renewal of UN panel tasked with monitoring sanctions imposed on North Korea related to its nuclear weapons

■ **May 16-17:** U.S. and UK impose sanctions on Russian entities over North Korea arms transfers

■ **Jun 18-19:** Putin visits North Korea for first time in 24 years. Both countries sign deal to help each other in case of “aggression”