

# ASIA-PACIFIC & GLOBAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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A WEEKLY OPEN-SOURCE NEWS UPDATE ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE GLOBE

## ASIA-PACIFIC

Initial Reports of a 5.1 Earthquake in North Korea Transform Into North Korea's Claim It Tested Its First Hydrogen Bomb



North Korea's fourth nuclear test likely pushed its scientists and engineers closer to their goal of building a warhead small enough to place on a missile that can reach the U.S. mainland. But South Korea's spy

agency thought the estimated explosive yield from the blast was much smaller than what even a failed hydrogen bomb detonation would produce.

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### **North Korea Says It Has The 'H-Bomb Of Justice' After Nuclear Test**

“The first H-bomb test was successfully conducted in the DPRK at 10:00 on Wednesday, Juche 105 (2016), pursuant to the strategic determination of” the ruling communist party, the official Korea Central News Agency bragged, using the acronym for North Korea’s formal name.

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### **UN Secretary-General Condemns N. Korean Nuclear Test**



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### **South Korea Promises Swift Response To North's Bomb Test**



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### **South Korea President Calls for Tougher North Korean Sanctions, Beijing Says It had No Advance Warning**

<http://www.nknews.org/2016/01/park-geun-hye-calls-for-tougher-n-korean-sanctions/>

### **South Korea’s Resumption of Propaganda Broadcasts Northward Across DMZ**

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**North Korea Says South's Propaganda Broadcasts Can Push Rivals To 'Brink Of War'**

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**North Korea's Kim Boosts Propaganda In Praise Of Nuke Test**

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**U.S. Flies B-52 Over South Korea After North's Nuclear Test**



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<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/9/koreas-slide-into-cold-war-standoff-after-nuke-test/>

**U.S. Forces In South Korea Put On High Alert; Allies Discuss 'Strategic Assets'**

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-11/us-troops-in-south-korea-on-high-alert-after-north-nuclear-test/7081296>

**U.S. May Send More Strategic Weapons To Korean Peninsula: South Korea**

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**Kim Jong Un Visits Military As Koreas Slide Into Cold War Standoff**

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### Russia, China And U.S. Condemn North Korea's Nuclear Test Claims



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### Where China and the United States Disagree on North Korea

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### White House Has Doubts On Nuclear Test Claims, But Says Such A Test Would Violate UN Resolutions

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### **Why is North Korea a U.S. Problem?**

Kim Jong-un, the megalomaniac who runs North Korea, ignored Xi's warning and set off a fourth nuclear bomb. While probably not a hydrogen bomb as claimed, it was the largest blast ever in Korea.

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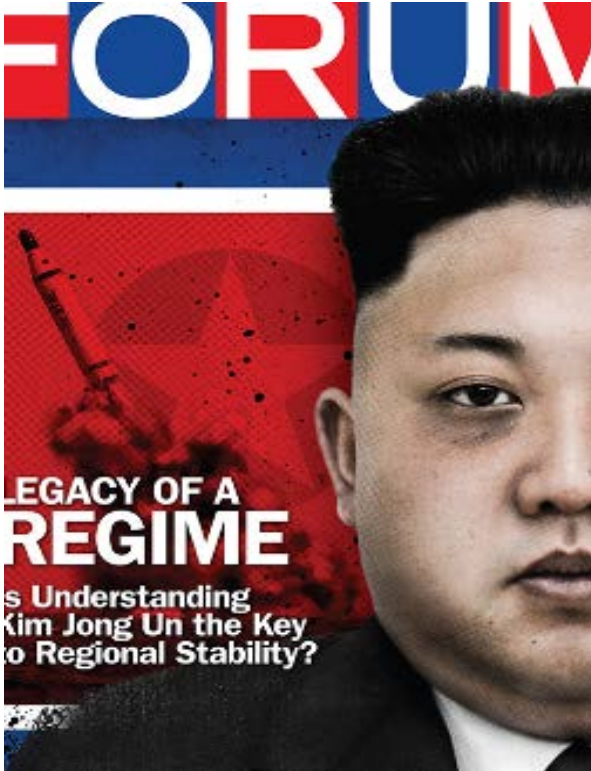
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## North Korea's Fourth Nuclear Test: A First Take: Forbes

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## North Korea's Hydrogen Bomb Proclamation: 5 Things to Know



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## North Korea's Latest Alarming Nuclear Test Is Part of Its Apocalyptic 'Final Victory' Strategy

I suppose it was as good a time as any. North Korea had gone for quite a long while without a really big triumph on the military front. Had the regime waited another few weeks or months to conduct this test, it might have given a boost to South Korean conservatives in the legislative elections due to take place in April. But I think the West needs to get away from the habit of regarding the regime's nuclear tests and ballistic launches as isolated provocations timed to generate maximum attention. North Korea's armament program is on its own timetable, and it's not unlikely that every potential new stage is tested out as quickly as possible, regardless of what is going on elsewhere in the world.

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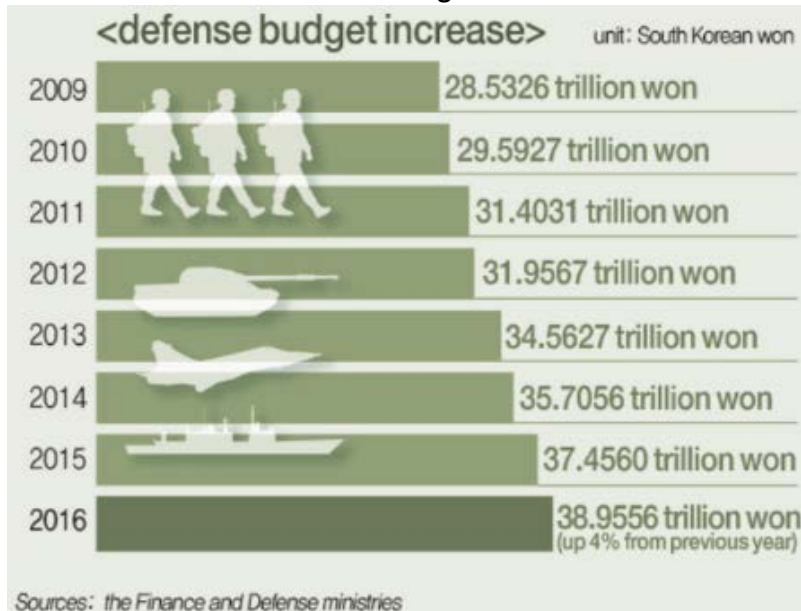
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She said the group was "exclusively young foreign men", and added: "We then walked through this group of men. There was a passage through [the men] through which we walked." She described the moment and said she: "Felt a hand on my buttocks, then on my breasts. "In the end, I was groped everywhere. It was a nightmare. Although we shouted and beat them, the guys did not stop. I was desperate and I think I was touched around 100 times in the 200 meters.

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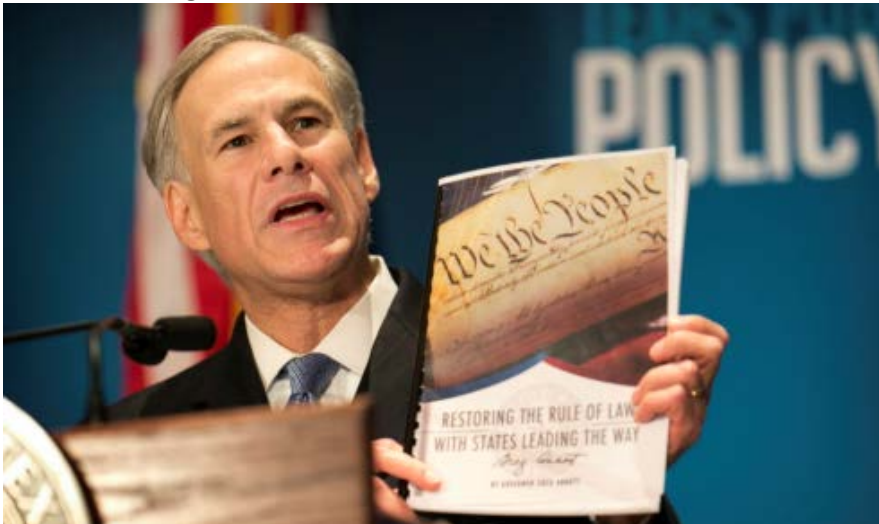
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**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
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**Subject:** Re:

If they can't, turn into nonpaper w no identifying heading and send nonsecure.

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FRENCH MUSLIMS	42%
BRITISH MUSLIMS	35%
AMERICAN MUSLIMS	26%

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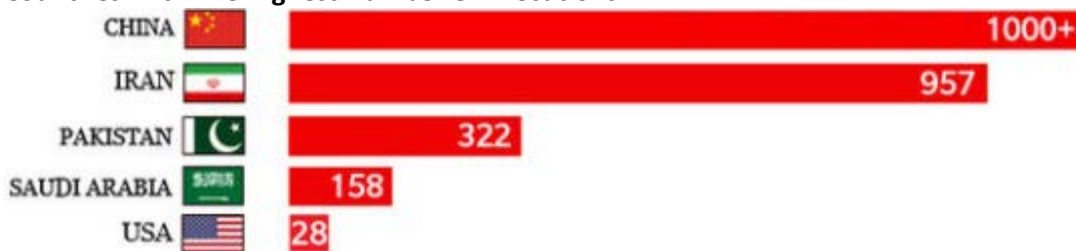
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