

**Timeline of Threat Escalations on the Korean Peninsula,
December 2012 to May 2013**

Date	North Korea	United States	South Korea	Other
12/12/2012	North Korea launches its Unha-3 rocket, placing a satellite into orbit	<u>The White House condemns the launch as "yet another example of North Korea's pattern of irresponsible behavior"</u>	<u>The ROK Foreign Ministry condemns the launch as a "flagrant violation" UN Security Council resolutions</u>	<u>China's Foreign Ministry says that it is "regrettable that the DPRK launched the satellite despite international concerns"</u>
12/26/2013				Shinzo Abe takes office as Prime Minister of Japan
1/7/2013		A U.S. delegation including Google chairman Eric Schmidt and former governor Bill Richardson visits Pyongyang		
1/20/2013		President Barack Obama is sworn in for his second inauguration		
1/22/2013		Special Representative for North Korea Policy Glyn Davies travels to South Korea, China, and Japan, January 22-29		The UN Security Council adopts Resolution 2087, condemning the rocket launch and adding to the sanctions blacklist
1/28/2013				Japan launches two spy satellites into orbit

Date	North Korea	United States	South Korea	Other
1/30/2013			South Korea announces that it has successfully launched a satellite into orbit	
2/7/2013	North Korea threatens to shut down the Kaesong Industrial Complex			
2/12/2013	North Korea conducts its third nuclear test	The U.S. says that "North Korea's threatening activities warrants further swift and credible action by the international community"	South Korea calls the test "a direct challenge to the whole international community" and pledges to accelerate the deployment of its extended-range missiles	The PRC Foreign Ministry says that China is "firmly opposed to this act"
2/25/2013			Park Geun-hye sworn in as President of South Korea	
2/27/2013				Deng Yuwen, Deputy Editor of PRC Central Party School's journal, writes in the Financial Times that China should "abandon" North Korea; he is later suspended from his post
2/28/2013		A U.S. delegation including former NBA star Dennis Rodman visits North Korea		
3/5/2013	A KPA statement threatens to abandon the Armistice Agreement when U.S.-South Korean military exercises begin, and hints at a pre-emptive nuclear strike			
3/6/2013			ROK military official says South Korea will attack the North's "command leadership" in response to a provocation	

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3/7/2013				The UN Security Council adopts Resolution 2094, adding to financial sanctions on North Korea
3/11/2013	<u>North Korea declares the Armistice which ended the Korean War "completely nullified"; Kim Jong-un visits border outpost near ROK's Baengnyeong Island</u>	The U.S. Treasury imposes sanctions against North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank	South Korea and the U.S. begin "Key Resolve/Foal Eagle" joint military exercises	
3/14/2013				Xi Jinping formally takes office as China's President
3/15/2013		Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says the U.S. will bolster missile defenses in response to threats by North Korea		
3/18/2013		Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter visits South Korea to meet with Park administration and USFK officials		
3/19/2013		Nuclear-capable B-52 bombers are flown over South Korea		
3/20/2013		U.S. nuclear-powered submarine docks at Busan	South Korean banks and media outlets suffer from a cyber attack.	

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3/21/2013	North Korea declares that U.S. bases in Guam and Okinawa are within striking range			UN Human Rights Council votes to establish a Commission of Inquiry to investigate human rights abuses in North Korea
3/22/2013			South Korean and U.S. militaries sign an agreement on responding to provocations from North Korea	
3/26/2013	<u>A KPA statement announces that strategic rocket and artillery units are on "highest alert" and poised to strike Hawaii, Guam, the U.S. mainland, and South Korea upon an attack on North Korea</u>			
3/27/2013	North Korea cuts last remaining hotlines with South Korea			
3/28/2013		Two nuclear-capable B-2 stealth bombers are sent on a practice sortie over South Korea		
3/30/2013	<u>North Korea declares a "state of war" with South Korea.</u>			
3/31/2013	<u>DPRK Supreme People's Assembly meets, adopting policy line of "carrying out economic construction and building nuclear armed forces simultaneously."</u>			

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4/1/2013		The U.S. sends two F-22 stealth fighter jets to South Korea to join in military exercises, and moves sea-based X-band radar system near the Korean Peninsula		
4/2/2013	KCNA announces plans to restart the 5MW reactor at Yongbyon, which had been partially disabled in 2007			
4/3/2013	South Koreans denied entry into the North to work at the Kaesong Industrial Zone	Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel calls North Korea a "clear and present danger" as the Pentagon announces plans to deploy a missile defense system to Guam	Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin says ROK considering possible military options to ensure safety of workers at Kaesong; Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se travels to Washington	
4/4/2013	Pyongyang moves intermediate-range Musudan missiles to North Korea's east coast			
4/5/2013	North Korea asks embassies to consider moving staff out and warns it cannot guarantee the safety of diplomats after April 10			
4/6/2013		The US Air Force delays an ICBM test to avoid provoking North Korea		

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4/7/2013				<u>Xi Jinping warns at the Boao Forum for Asia that "no one should be allowed to throw a region and even the whole world into chaos for selfish gains"</u>
4/8/2013	<u>North Korea says it will withdraw all its 53,000 workers and "temporarily suspend the operations" at Kaesong</u>			
4/9/2013	North Korea warns foreigners in South Korea to prepare for evacuation			Japan deploys missile defense batteries around Tokyo
4/10/2013		<u>Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel warns that North Korea is "skating very close to a dangerous line"</u>		
4/11/2013		<u>President Obama warns that he will take "all necessary steps" to defend the U.S. from aggression; DIA assessment of "moderate confidence" in North Korea's ability to miniaturize a nuclear warhead is made public.</u>	Unification Minister Ryoo Kihl-jae calls for North Korea to engage in dialogue over Kaesong	
4/12/2013		Secretary of State John Kerry begins travel to South Korea, Japan, and China		

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4/14/2013		<u>Secretary Kerry says that the U.S. is willing to engage in dialogue with North Korea if Pyongyang shows "seriousness of purpose" regarding denuclearization</u>		
4/15/2013	Muted celebrations held for Kim Il-sung's 101st birthday			
4/16/2013		<u>President Obama says North Korean provocations won't be rewarded, stating "you don't get to bang your spoon on the table and somehow you get your way"</u>		
4/21/2013				China's special envoy on North Korea, Wu Dawei, visits Washington for consultations with U.S. officials
4/23/2013		General Martin E. Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing		
4/25/2013	Pyongyang marks the 81st anniversary of the KPA's founding		South Korea's Unification Ministry sets a deadline for talks on the Kaesong Industrial Complex	
4/26/2013			South Korea announces that it will withdraw its 175 workers at Kaesong	

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4/29/2013		Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks with Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera at the Pentagon		
4/30/2013	North Korea's Supreme Court sentences Kenneth Bae, an American citizen, to 15 years hard labor	Joint military exercises between South Korea and the United States officially end		
5/3/2013			The seven remaining South Korean citizens leave Kaesong	
5/5/2013	Chinese fishing boat seized by armed North Koreans			
5/6/2013	North Korea reportedly withdraws Musudan missiles from launch sites			
5/7/2013			President Park Geun-hye travels to Washington for a summit with President Barack Obama	Four major Chinese banks cut ties with North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank
5/12/2013		Glyn Davies travels to South Korea, China, and Japan on May 12-18		
5/14/2013			South Korea proposes working-level talks with North Korea on removing remaining goods and materials from Kaesong	

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5/15/2013	North Korea dismisses South Korea's offer for Kaesong talks as a "crafty ploy"			Isao Iijima, advisor to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, visits North Korea for talks with high-level officials.
5/18/2013	North Korea begins three days of testing short-range missiles			
5/21/2013	Sixteen abducted Chinese fishermen are released			
5/22/2013		U.S. commences with delayed Minuteman 3 ICBM test-launch		
5/24/2013	Vice Marshall Choe Ryong-hae meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing to deliver a letter from Kim Jong-un			
5/28/2013	Pyongyang says it is willing to discuss Kaeseong normalization with factory owners, bypassing Seoul	South Korea dismisses the North's offer of Kaesong talks		