

North Korea releases aggressive propaganda posters boasting of nuclear power over US

North Korea has released propaganda posters boasting that the US mainland is “within our strike range!” and condemning strengthened United Nations sanctions over its recent missile tests.

One of the bold posters, released through state-controlled media on Thursday, depicts multiple rockets being fired at the US continent, which is covered by a burning American flag.

The second shows another barrage of missiles streaking down towards an already shattered Capitol building, the symbol of the US government.

The poster bears the labels “Military option. Pre-emptive strike. Sanctions resolution.” Red missiles emerge from a North Korean flag with the words “our answer!”

The posters are a sign of what has been a particularly tense period between the US and North Korea.

US President Donald Trump warned Pyongyang last week that it would face “fire and fury” if it did not cease to threaten America with its nuclear weapons programme.

North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un retaliated with a chilling warning that he may launch four ballistic missiles within 25 miles of the American Pacific island territory of Guam.

The tensions abated earlier this week when Kim announced he would put his plans to target Guam on ice for now, while watching America’s next move.

But the threat of conflict could escalate again next week when the US carries out annual joint military drills with South Korea, a routine exercise that Pyongyang views as a precursor to invasion.

The posters clearly denounced UN sanctions, after the latest round was slapped on North Korea on August 5 following its milestone intercontinental ballistic missile test in July. The sanctions are so severe that they could slash the pariah state's \$3 billion annual export revenue by a third.

North Korea frequently depicts its ire with the US in colourful propaganda posters and videos.

During an earlier escalation of tensions in April, Pyongyang released a video showing an aircraft carrier being hit after the US said it had deployed a navy strike group, led by supercarrier Carl Vinson, within "striking distance" of North Korea.

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