

# North Korea **THREAT**: Expect ‘**SIGNIFICANT**’ response from Kim if Trump attacks, expert warns

NORTH KOREA would unleash a “more significant” military response to any attack from the United States in order to protect the “fragile” Kim Jong-un regime, Korea expert Sue Mi Terry claimed.

North Korea and the United States have been engaged in an escalating war of words over the regime’s refusal to give up its military arsenal. US President Donald Trump warned the dictatorial regime he would keep “all options on the table” until leader Kim Jong-un accepted to consider diplomatic talks with Washington - including the possibility to carry out a military strike on Pyongyang. But expert Sue Mi Terry said a US attack could only trigger a dramatic response from North Korea.

She said: “From his perspective, he might have to retaliate more significantly because domestically, he cannot look, or appear to look, weak in front of his elites, domestic standing-wise.



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North Korea: Experts warned Kim Jong-un would unleash a “significant response” to US attacks

“It’s all about him looking tough and standing up against the United States, standing up against Mr Trump.” Experts have warned that reacting to North Korea’s nuclear or missile testing with a targeted strike – a so-called “bloody nose strike” – could spark World War 3 and cost millions their lives.

North Korea has been fuelling World War 3 fears with its refusal to give up its nuclear arsenal despite growing international pressure.

Ms Terry told GZero Media Kim’s response to a possible military strike will have to be strong as members of the North Korean elite question the stability of his regime.

She continued: “As long as the elite supports the regime, it continues. So even the famine years – where millions of people died – don’t matter as long as the elite supports Kim.” When you talk to some of the senior defectors who have defected, you see the elite is not unified over Kim Jong-un. They don’t have any love.

“They actually respected Kim Il-sung, the founding father of North Korea. Kim Jong-un is a 30-something-year-old guy. Kim Jong-un’s stability is still fragile.”

Returning from the Winter Olympics’ opening ceremony yesterday, Vice President Mike Pence said the US and South Korea have agreed on terms for further diplomatic engagement with North Korea in an attempt to ease tensions with the rogue state.

Mr Pence said Washington would keep up its “maximum pressure campaign” against Pyongyang but would be open to possible talks at the same time.

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