

Kim Jong Un's nuclear ambitions



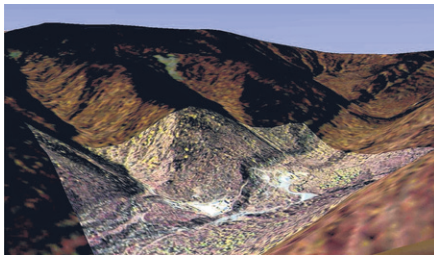
The North Korean leader has long set his sights on developing nuclear weapons.

December 2011
Kim Jong Un (left) comes to power after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il.

April 2012
Launch of Unha-3 (based on a Taepodong-2 missile) fails.

December 2012
Successfully launches Unha-3, including placement of satellite into orbit.

Feb 12, 2013
Conducts third underground nuclear test (below).



October 2013
Restarts plutonium reactor in Yongbyon facility.

May 2015
Claims to have test-fired first submarine-launched ballistic missile.

Jan 6, 2016
Announces hydrogen bomb test.

Feb 7, 2016
Launches a long-range rocket that many saw as a disguised missile test (right).

