

# 70 years of diplomatic tensions between the US and North Korea

TENSION

Korean Peninsula is divided along the 38th parallel. South Korea comes under US protection

N. Korea invades the South. US intervenes and retakes Seoul

US imposes sanctions after armistice agreed between the two Koreas

USS Pueblo is seized. Crew is held captive for 11 months

American reconnaissance aircraft captured

Washington puts N. Korea on its blacklist of state supporters of terrorism

N. Korea's 1st long-range missile test

US says N. Korea is part of Axis of Evil, accuses it of breaching 1994 agreement

Pyongyang refuses to negotiate with George W. Bush, denouncing him as a tyrant and imbecile

N. Korea's 1st nuclear test

Kim Jong Un takes power, intensifies nuclear programme

**July:** N. Korea fires 2 inter-continental ballistic missiles  
**Aug:** Donald Trump threatens N. Korea with fire and fury. Kim threatens the US Pacific island of Guam

1945 '50 '53 '68 '69 '88 '94 '98 '99 2000 '02 '04 '06 '08 '11 2017



CHINA

Beijing

NORTH KOREA

Sea of Japan/  
East Sea

JAPAN

Pyongyang

Seoul

SOUTH KOREA

Tokyo

APPEASEMENT

- US President Jimmy Carter visits Pyongyang
- Kim Il Sung dies and is succeeded by Kim Jong Il
- US-N. Korean accord stipulates Pyongyang must freeze its nuclear weapons programme



Moratorium on nuclear tests. Washington relaxes sanctions

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright visits Pyongyang

US removes N. Korea from its blacklist

