

Since the North Koreans refuse to release the American military ship [the USS Pueblo] that they captured on January 22, the US authorities have deployed two other air force fighter units from Okinawa to South Korea, in addition to a part of the Seventh Fleet which is in the Sea of Japan, probably with a view to intimidate [the North Koreans] or even with a view to use them. These two [air force] units will be based next to Munsan and Gunsan in the vicinity of the DMZ.

Moreover, all American air force units in Japan have been instructed that they will take action against the DPRK if necessary, as long as the North Koreans do not release the captured American vessel.

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