



# Potential fallout from North Korean nuclear activity

A red team analysis

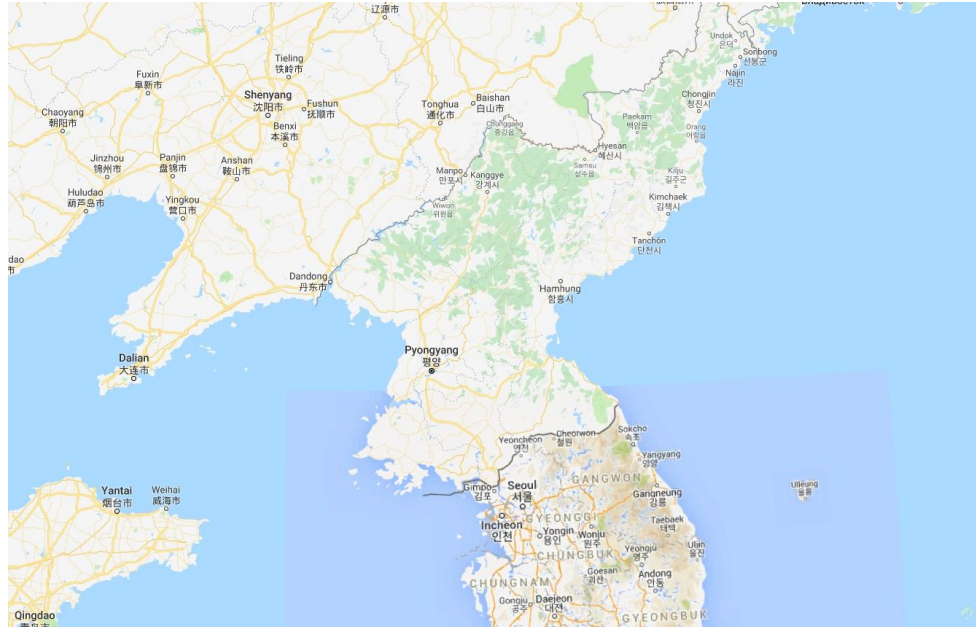
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# Premise

*The U.S. decides to completely cease all talks with North Korea and begins active preparation for imminent military options on the peninsula. The goal is to better identify and understand the range of Chinese options for actions / responses toward the U.S., toward North Korea, and regional/international stakeholders.*

# China - North Korea





# Red Team Analysis - My (China's) Response

➤ Key assumptions:

- North Korea and our country are and will remain partially allied
- We wish to maintain control of the peninsula area
- Our culture is a known entity
- Xi Jinping will remain in power
- North Korea's culture is a known entity
- There will be no new sanctions on North Korea or our country during the US mobilization time
- PLA is active and equipped
- The people support the actions of our government



# High Impact/Low Probability Responses

## ➤ Possible (but unlikely) Responses

- We, North Korea, Russia, or South Korea (or any of the surrounding countries) take an immediate hard line stance against US positioning on the peninsula and attack violently
- The US attacks us militarily
- Our regime fails due to lack of support from the people when we try to act against the US
- North Korea attacks us militarily
- North Korea launches a nuclear attack against the US occupied peninsula
- Assassination by state or non-state actor of Kim Jong-Un



# Possible Responses

- What can be done?
  - Mobilization of PLA resources to “keep an eye on” US military occupation
  - Sanctions against the US for their actions
  - Sanctions against North Korea for their actions
  - Diplomatic talks with North Korea
  - Diplomatic talks with the US
  - Ground invasion of North Korea



# Resources

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