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**Executive summary:**

North Korea is likely to pursue diplomatic ends because they are running out of other reasonable options. An above group nuclear test will likely result in a war. A full scale attack will result in the destruction of North Korea all together, and they are not yet accepted by other nations as a nuclear power. They are being cut off with sanctions and embargos. However, North korea has proven to be unpredictable in the past and it cannot be said with full confidence that they will not make a rash decision.

Diplomacy article

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2017/09/18/diplomacy-toward-north-korea-some-good-news/>

Results of a nuke test over the pacific

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-atmospheric-test/a-north-korea-nuclear-test-over-the-pacific-logical-terrifying-idUSKCN1BX0W5>

States trumps rhetoric may be ending chances of diplomatic ends

[http://www.38north.org/2017/09/jdethomas092517/](http://www.38north.org/2017/09/jdethomas092517/" \t "_blank)

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<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy-defence/article/2112620/what-if-worst-comes-worst-north-korea-china-must-be?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhYnf3r_E1gIVG7nACh0yWgfFEAAYASAAEgLcB_D_BwE>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-12/how-will-new-un-sanctions-impact-north-korea/8895844>

talks about how sanctions may push NK to diplomatic talks!

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2017/08/07/what-the-new-u-n-sanctions-on-north-korea-mean/?utm_term=.d00789804921>