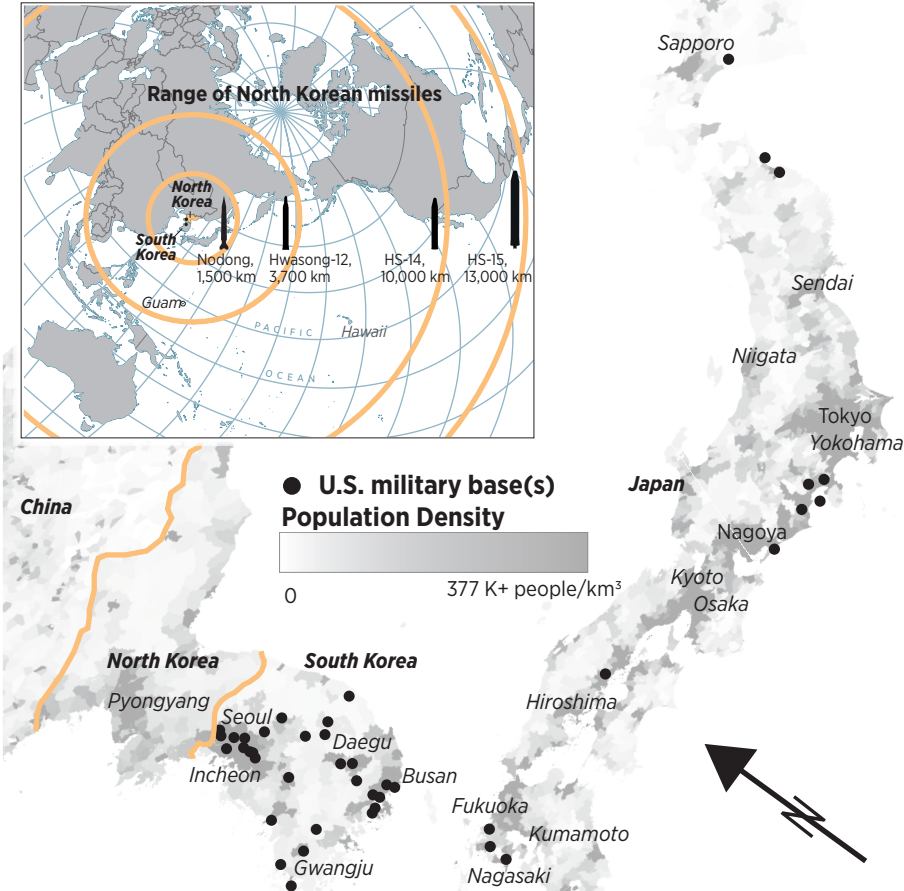


Potential Targets

More than 178 million people and 90 U.S. military bases in South Korea and Japan are within range of North Korea's Nodong missiles. Longer range intercontinental ballistic missiles that can reach the United States mainland could be outfitted with chemical or biological weapons — although uncertainty about delivery and potential for inciting a nuclear response could make other methods of delivery more likely.



Methods of Delivery



- Missile**
While providing the longest range, a missile would likely not offer the surest or most clandestine method of delivery.
- Drone**
Unmanned aircraft could fly to Seoul in an hour and with little notice.
- Commercial sprayer**
Special forces soldiers disguised as workers could spread a substance in a populated area.
- Human vectors**
Operatives could be infected and then move through crowded areas or airplanes to directly expose people.

Nature of the Weapons

- Anthrax**
A bacteria which would be highly fatal in cities though U.S. forces are vaccinated against it.
- Smallpox**
A highly contagious virus eradicated from the globe in the 1980s, which U.S. forces are also vaccinated against.



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- North Korea is thought to also possess:**
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| Botulism | Yellow fever |
| The plague | Dysentery |
| Cholera | Brucellosis |
| Korean hemorrhagic Fever | Staph and others |