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UN High Representative Kim Won-soo at CNS

Senior UN disarmament official gives wide-ranging lecture on contemporary security threats

On Friday, January 29, United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Kim Won-soo visited the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies and delivered a lecture, providing an overarching view of the global challenges and threats posed by nuclear weapons to an audience of approximately fifty students, faculty, and staff.

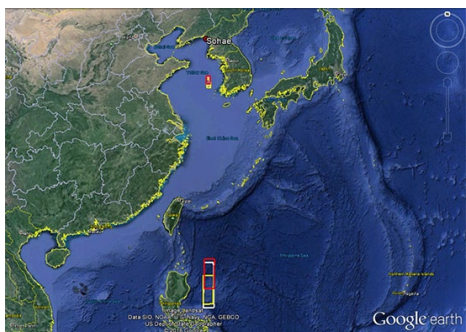


CNS Director William Potter and UN High Representative Kim Won-soo

In a sweeping overview of the present-day security environment, Mr. Kim identified some of the most pressing challenges, including the Middle Eastern refugee crisis and the latest North Korean nuclear weapon test. CNS Founding Director Dr. William C. Potter moderated the event.

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CNS Experts Sought for North Korean Rocket Analysis



Latest test by DPRK reveals little difference from existing capability

On February 7, North Korea **launched a long-range rocket**, reportedly as part of a peaceful space program. CNS analysts determined that the rocket does not represent a new capability for Pyongyang.

Google Earth image

CNS experts appeared frequently in the media, including Senior Research Associate Melissa Hanham's February 7 appearance on CNN.

Speaking to [*Christian Science Monitor*](#), Hanham said: "I don't see a lot of difference" from the previously tested Unha-3. "The high resolution images, similar splashdown zones, and recovered wreckage all point to little or no change," she said.

The [*Reuters*](#) news agency interviewed East Asia Program Director Jeffrey Lewis, who explained that the rocket was based on imported components, "ranging from cannibalized Soviet Scud parts to equipment produced in the United States, Europe, and Asia... and are not controlled."

CNS experts will [**continue to provide insight and analysis**](#), as well as other multimedia resources for journalists and others seeking to follow developments in Korea.

Why Obama's Nuclear Policy Aspirations Fell Short

The following is an excerpt of an article by Miles A. Pomper published in the World Politics Review.

In many ways, Obama's presidency has served as an object lesson in the limits of a US president's ability to shape a global nuclear order amid competing tugs from foreign competitors and allies, domestic politics and bureaucratic factions.

In the past several years, forces abroad--Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Korea--and at home--congressional Republicans, elements in the Defense and Energy Departments--have all challenged Obama's vision to the point where his successor is now likely to be pressured to give nuclear weapons a renewed role in U.S. national security policy.



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Russian Perspective on Nuclear Disarmament

New analysis from Senior Fellow Nikolai Sokov

In a new book titled *Global Nuclear Disarmament: Strategic Political, and Regional Perspectives*, CNS Senior Fellow Nikolai Sokov analyzes the public and elite views in Russia on the future international security system as well as the role of nuclear weapons in providing for the security of the country.



Dr. Nikolai Sokov

He concludes that, to Russians, the future looks "dark and dangerous," boding ill for expectations of further reductions on the reliance of nuclear weapons in the near future.

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Strengthening the ROK-US Nuclear Relationship

New CNS Occasional Paper

A new report by Miles A. Pomper, Toby Dalton, Scott Snyder, and Ferenc Dalnoki-Veress articulates a vision for a strengthened South Korea-US nuclear partnership for the next two decades. It highlights challenges and opportunities and provides recommendations intended to deepen and expand the range of existing cooperation in ways that will support a stable and sustainable nuclear partnership.

The objective of the report is to describe a desirable and stable end-state for the relationship-- an enduring partnership-- and to identify steps along the path to achieve it. It discusses multiple areas of cooperation, assesses strengths and weaknesses of existing ties, and identifies practical activities both parties can pursue toward building the partnership.

Read the report.



Park Geun-hye at a bilateral meeting with Barack Obama on May 7, 2013

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