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## **Is the Cold War Really Over?**

### **Inside North Korea's Past**

I, Kim Jong-Un, am taking part in this seminar to talk about the past and present of my country, including the Cold War. Many outside countries and their people believe that North Korea is still focusing on the past events, when in reality, they are the ones dwelling on the issues of our past. How do expect us to live in peace when people all over the world still haven't accepted our political changes, when our nation is being infiltrated, and our economy has gone downhill since the Cold War? You then get mad when we are forced to use our advance to technology, but we need to protect ourselves and our country.

### **Political Systems**

North and South Korea were once a joined country, until the Korean War led to their split. Since the North's split with the South, North Korea has been in the center of attention. The war started on June 25, 1950 because we, the north, are a communist nation and South Korea is a capitalist nation. Although our beliefs are completely opposite, we had things in common we wanted to achieve. Such achievements included wanting both nations to reunite and most importantly, we wanted both nations to be equal and mostly fair for everyone. The south believed that we should reunite, but not as a communist nation. Then our nation invaded South Korea and leading to the Korean War. Other countries joined each side to support what they believed in. Our nation was supported by the Soviet

Union and China. On the other hand, South Korea had support from many more countries including the United States, England, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, and Greece. These countries helped support South Korea mainly because they wanted it to stay capitalist. The war eventually ended when the United States sent a half million soldiers to help South Korea fight us. This war went on for nearly three years. Over 2.5 million civilians had died from both sides and over 1 million soldiers had died during the war.

Even though capitalists try to interfere with our politics, North Korea continues to carry on Kim Il Sung's legacy. We have been trying to reunite once again with our neighbors, South Korea. The only problem is that the United States interferes with what we are trying to do and that is to turn South Korea into a capitalist nation. We have been doing some things to try this interfering to stop. Such things include threatening the U.S. with nuclear bombs. We have released two propaganda videos showing what us North Koreans see the U.S. in our eyes. The propaganda shows New York City and Washington D.C. being blown up, destroyed, and demolished. The only way to cease our respect from the U.S. is to try to scare them with these propaganda videos. We have been playing hints to the U.S. but we know that if we strike, the U.S. will get us back and there will soon be no victory for our nation.

### **Human Rights**

North Korea has been able to form a communist country under the rule of my grandfather, Kim Il Sung. However, rumors have spread by the outside world that our country puts thousands of citizens and their extended family into political camps. This so called, "three generation punishment", states that a person that has committed a crime deemed politically unsuitable, will be placed into labor camps along with their children and grandchildren and that "the government periodically publicly executes citizens for

stealing state property, hoarding food, and other 'anti-socialist' crimes." These absurd rumors have spread fear in the citizens.

I can assure you that only citizens that are spying for other countries have been placed in these camps. These people have been selling information about our country to other countries. These people have also been trying to spread corruption in our state by keeping food during hardships, instead of giving all the food they harvest to the state to distribute equally to all the people of this country. It is not fair to the rest of the citizens and the unfair actions of these people make innocent citizens suffer. These hoarders push people into eating their own children and corpses! Therefore we have placed these people into places where they work in order to learn and repent for the mistakes they have committed.

These people have put our country at stake for selfish reasons. North Korea has recently had problems with people that want to change our country. These people give us no choice but to make us build up our military in order to protect our country. Our actions have been viewed as not letting the past, the Cold War, behind; they say that the Cold War is not over for us yet. If outsiders are trying to change our way of living, how can the Cold War be over? We have proved ourselves to be responsible and strong enough to be an independent nation.

### **Economy**

Many people have argued that the reason for our economic issues were the results from the Cold War. I believe that people in other countries should mind their business, no pun intended, and focus on their own country. Our economy hasn't always been the best and since the Cold War, in fact, it's gotten worse, I'll admit that. However, our problems are not interfering with other countries economic problems, so why are they concerned about us? I would understand if they were looking at

our economy and trying to help out, but just to look at us as if we were nothing because we don't have as much to go around like other countries do. Yes, it's true, since the Cold War, our economy has dropped in a drastic way, but that isn't the only problem we've faced since then. This country has fallen short when it comes to food, but this isn't the fault of the government, but the fault of the people taking care of the food. For example, the fishers: Their methods of capturing the fish and storing them need to be improved. They collect thousands of fish each year, but because it's not stored correctly, the fish wind up going bad. Needless to say, the people in this country don't get the food they need and the food supply runs out/goes to waste. We've also been told, that as a country, we waste our money on weapons and other useless things. We've been fighting for the longest time and we have been threatened on various occasions. In order for my people to feel safe, I have to take the responsibility of protecting the country. We always have to be wary about the moves we make and on guard about what other countries are doing. Also, the split between us and South Korea was a major cause to our economic issues. The per capita income of South Korea, currently, is \$30,000, whereas, the per capita income of this country is just over \$1,000. We have to find a way to split the money equally upon the people so it's not unfair and everyone isn't on the street. Of course, there are still complains about there not being enough money, but there is nothing that can be done about that. Instead of judging the way we handle our economic issues, learn about our country first and then make a judgment.

### **Technology**

North Korea is infamous for being one of the most isolated countries in the world. Many people feel we are very isolated because we control the country's technology and we keep our people from people who live in the "outside world." What we're actually doing is protecting the people who reside in

North Korea. One of the main reasons why people aren't allowed to leave the country is because we want to protect the people of North Korea, not to keep them hostage or anything of that matter. People have also said that the people here don't have access to the internet. This just so happens to be true, anyone who doesn't consist of government or the military are cut off from outside information. The people who do consist of the government or military have special access to outside information from the U.S. The reason why we have such strict laws on the internet here is because of the threats that we have received from the United States in the past years. The reason for us being so "isolated" and private is because we feel other countries will use their internet and tools to spy on us. We're working on expanding our internet system in order for us to be able to control the internet and also get outside information from other countries and to help strengthen our economy. The last reason for expanding our resources are to keep out information that may be threatening to our government and to the people of North Korea.

In 2009, we declared that we had developed a nuclear weapon. We also have a huge supply of chemical weapons here. We would love to keep peace between us and other countries, in fact, we used to be apart of a treaty between us and the United States, but we withdrew from it because the United States failed to fulfill its end of the agreement. The agreement was that we would limit the use of our nuclear weapons/power and in return they would help supply us with energy needs. In 2004, the prime minister of this country, also my father, Kim Jong-Il visited the United States for a meeting with an American delegate. During the visit, he admitted that we were using hazardous chemicals in order for us to create more nuclear weapons. The visit allowed the U.S to confirm that we had the capability of producing nuclear weapons. After the visit between our minister and the U.S, they tried to make an agreement with us to stop the production and use of nuclear weapons in fear that we would attack them

in the future. We in no way desire to making this agreement with the U.S and we have already considered bombing them. We need to be able to protect our country and because they never met their part of the bargain, so what other options do we have? We will continue to make nuclear bombs so we can protect our country.

### **Conclusion**

For North Korea, the Cold War isn't over. We still have to fight everyday for our country's political change since the Cold War, for our citizen's right to eat and safety, and I have to make sure that the citizens of this country are treated equally. In order to achieve these things, we need to keep fighting this war, in order for outside countries to leave us alone.