



# North Korea State Media Announced Nuclear Program Shutdown

North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un announced he will halt nuclear and missile tests in his country and will shut down a nuclear test site as a show of good faith. It is unknown if the tests will conclude permanently. Kim Jong-un will meet with the leader of South Korea to officially end the Korean war. They will discuss the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, and US presence on the site.

Various reports in American and South Korean state media Friday evening indicated that North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un announced the halt of nuclear and missile tests in his country. The reports did not specify whether the tests would conclude permanently.

The South Korean newswire service Yonhap [reports](#) that the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) published the announcement from Kim, which read, “from April 21, North Korea will stop nuclear tests and launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles.”

“The North will shut down a nuclear test site in the country’s northern side to prove the vow to suspend nuclear test,” the

announcement concluded.

NK News, a website focusing on updates from the communist country, [reported](#) that Kim told a Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) meeting that there was "no need" for such a nuclear program anymore.

Reuters also [confirmed](#) the KCNA report. Sputnik, a Russian state site, added the detail North Korea will "join international efforts to halt nuclear tests altogether," according to Kim.

At press time, the report does not appear on the aggregator of North Korean media content [KCNA Watch](#) (KCNA's website has [long](#) ceased to be available in the United States).

The announcement follows the [debut](#) of a historic direct hotline between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who will meet Kim next Friday in the border town of Panmunjom, Kim's first visit to South Korea. The two nations [agreed](#) to a live broadcast of the summit, which reports have indicated would focus on the possibility of ending the Korean War – technically still ongoing, despite being at a stalemate – and the "denuclearization of the Korean peninsula," a phrase that some have speculated North Korea will interpret to mean a diminished U.S. presence on the site. Kim reportedly told South Korean officials in a March meeting that denuclearization was father Kim Jong-il's "[dying wish](#)."

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