
SATELLITE IMAGES SHOW EXPANSION AT KEY NORTH KOREAN LONG-RANGE MISSILE BASE

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North Korea has expanded a key long-range missile base in the months since a summit between the countrys leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump, according to satellite images published by CNN on Wednesday.

The two men met in Singapore in June and signed a vaguely worded document that pledged to work toward the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, though it did not detail specifics on how this would come about.

According to CNN, Pyongyang has upgraded the Yeongjeo-dong missile base in North Koreas mountainous interior and has built up another facility that had not previously been publicly identified.

Experts told the U.S. news network that the sites location made it suitable to host North Koreas newest long-range missiles, including ones that could carry nuclear warheads.

In a statement the Pentagon said: We watch North Korea very closely but we cannot discuss intelligence.

Trump said on Saturday that he hoped to organize a second summit with Kim in early 2019.

National Security Adviser John Bolton said Tuesday that Trump thinks the North Korean strongman hasnt met the commitments he made at the Singapore summit.

U.S. officials insist on the complete, verified and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula before tough sanctions are lifted.

But the North has rejected demands for what it calls unilateral disarmament, and has instead sought unspecified reciprocal U.S. measures in a gradual process.

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