
KIM CALLS SOUTH KOREA A PRINCIPAL ENEMY AS HIS RHETORIC SHARPENS IN A US ELECTION YEAR

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has called South Korea our principal enemy and threatened to annihilate it if provoked, as he escalates his inflammatory, belligerent rhetoric against Seoul and the United States before their elections this year.

Kims threat comes as the White House said it has evidence that Russia has fired additional North Korean-provided ballistic missiles at Ukraine. The U.S., South Korea and their partners issued a statement Wednesday condemning both North Korea and Russia over the missile transfer.

Experts say Kim will likely further raise animosities with weapons tests to try to influence the results of South Koreas parliamentary elections in April and the U.S. presidential election in November.

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