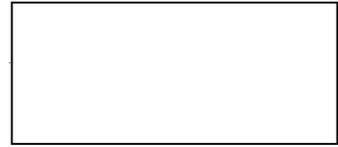




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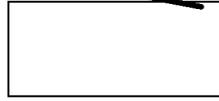
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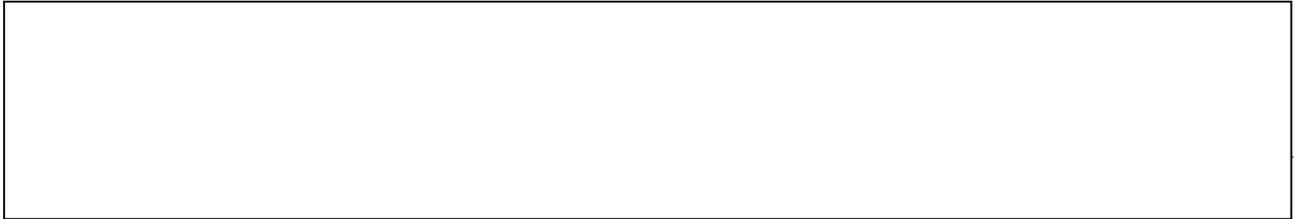
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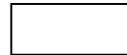
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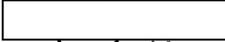
## Developments

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### SOUTH KOREA: North Korean Deployments Prompt Reaction

South Korean reactions have sharpened as heavily armed North Korean troops entered the Joint Security Area at P'anmunjom yesterday for the third straight day.

— Yesterday evening an estimated 180 North Korean soldiers in combat gear entered the area, 

 As on the previous days, the troops were equipped with recoilless rifles and machineguns. 

On Friday, South Korean Foreign Minister Kong in a message to Washington proposed jointly raising the North's declaration regarding the demilitarized zone in the UN Security Council. On Saturday, President Kim Yong-sam convened only the third emergency meeting of his Security Council since taking office in February 1993. Yesterday, according to a South Korean radiobroadcast, a "high-level authority" warned that the South will immediately retaliate against any armed provocation or intrusion across the Military Demarcation Line if the North's attempt to paralyze the armistice expands to other parts of the DMZ.

— Press reports say Seoul will ask Washington to exclude political issues from impending US-North Korean missile talks and may seek suspension of US-North Korean contacts if the North's actions become more serious. South Korean authorities have stated that the US and South Korean Presidents at their meeting next week will decide on an "appropriate level of chastisement" in response to P'yongyang's actions. 

*Fostering friction between Seoul and Washington may be one of the objectives of the North's latest peace agreement initiative.* 

