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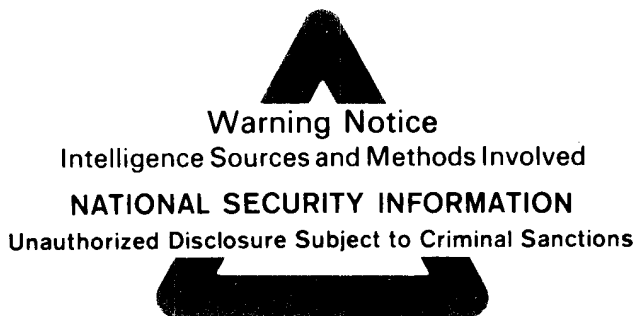
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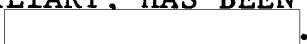
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LAUNCH OF NAJ-A
NAJIN SHIPYARD NUMBER 28, NORTH KOREA



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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST LAUNCH OF A CATAMARAN-HULLED VESSEL OF INDIGENOUS DESIGN, POSSIBLY FOR USE AS A COMMAND SHIP OR ARMED AUXILIARY.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE NAJ-A, A CATAMARAN-HULLED VESSEL, POSSIBLY A COMMAND SHIP OR ARMED AUXILIARY, HAS BEEN LAUNCHED FROM THE INCLINED BUILDING WAY SINCE . IT IS MEDITERRANEAN MOORED TO THE QUAY. THE VESSEL IS APPROXIMATELY 72 METERS LONG WITH A BEAM OF APPROXIMATELY 17 METERS AND HAS AN OPEN DECK FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WITH A RAISED DECK, PROBABLY A HELICOPTER LANDING AREA, AFT. THE VESSEL IS EQUIPPED WITH FOUR SS-N-2 (STYX) ANTISHIP CRUISE MISSILE LAUNCHERS FORWARD, TWO ON THE PORT AND TWO ON THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE LAUNCH RAILS FOR THE STYX LAUNCHERS WERE PROBABLY INSTALLED DURING MARCH AND APRIL 1981. THE VESSEL WAS FIRST OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST 1980.

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