NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR TEST AND LONG-RANGE ROCKET LAUNCH: Pyongyang responded by expelling all South Korean diplomats, severing relations with South Korea. In a show of support, the North Korean media has been relentless in its rhetoric, declaring the nuclear test a success and downplaying international condemnation.

MISSILES SHOT AT SOUTH KOREA: South Korea has responded by deploying a new missile defense system, the THAAD, which is capable of intercepting mid-range missiles. The deployment has been controversial, with some South Koreans and international observers expressing concerns about its effectiveness and the potential for escalation.

FAILURE TO MEDiate: Despite the media’s哄动，北韩依然坚持其核武器政策。北韩表示，他们的核武器是为了防御外部威胁，而南韩则坚持要求北韩无核化。双方的僵持不决导致了局势的进一步紧张。

NORTH KOREA/MANAGEMENT: Despite the US’s attempts to engage in dialogue with North Korea, the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, has repeatedly rejected offers of talks, insisting on preconditions that are unacceptable to South Korea and the international community.

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS: North Korea’s human rights record is widely condemned by the international community. Reports of arbitrary detention, torture, and executions have been well-documented. The United Nations has established a commission of inquiry to investigate North Korea’s human rights violations, but little progress has been made in holding the North Korean government accountable.

CONCLUSION: The situation in the Korean Peninsula remains tense, with both sides preparing for possible military action. The international community is divided in its approach to resolving the crisis, with some advocating for dialogue and others for increased sanctions and military pressure.

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