**DPRK Declares Successful Test of H-Bomb to be Carried by ICBM**

**PRAGUE**—The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Sunday successfully detonated a hydrogen bomb, the country’s first H-bomb, being carried by an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). The Munhwa Ilbo newspaper said the test was confirmed by a Tokyo television broadcast.

The Central Television said the test was carried out at the order of Kim Jong Un, who chaired a meeting of the political committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the Korean People’s Army, and was designed to conduct the H-bomb test. The TV report showed still photos of the test, signed by Kim ordering the test.

**Trump, Abe Reaffirm to Step Up Pressure on DPRK**

**TOKYO**—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday said that he and U.S. President Donald Trump had agreed to step up the pressure on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) during their phone conversation earlier in the day. Abe told reporters that he and Trump had agreed that they must strengthen their “united front” with each other and with other countries to cooperate closely with the international community, to increase pressure on the DPRK.

He also said that he had been told by President Trump about the latest situation in the DPRK and “how to respond” after the DPRK said that it had conducted a hydrogen bomb test and would be loaded on an intercontinental ballistic missile. It was the third time that the two had talked on the phone since the DPRK’s test of a nuclear device on Aug. 9. (Japan Times)

**Alarming West, Turkey Nudges Closer to Russia Arms Deal**

**VIENNA**—North Korea’s latest nuclear test on Saturday has raised concerns among the international community’s repeated demands for a ceasefire, an UN watchdog said Sunday. “Today’s nuclear test by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) is an extremely regrettable act that violates international law and the UN resolutions on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons,” the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said in a statement.

“Today’s new test, which follows the two tests last year and the six since 2006, is a complete disregard of the repeated demands of the international community,” said Amano, the UN Security Council resolutions have confirmed that Pyongyang should stop conducting any further nuclear tests and abandon all nuclear weapons and nuclear and radiological programmes, Amano added. Amano said the Vienna-based IAEA, whose inspectors were kicked out of North Korea in 2009, “remains ready to respond” after the DPRK test.

Trump, Top Advisers to Meet on North Korea on Sunday; White House

WASHINGTON—President Donald Trump will meet with his national security team on Sunday to discuss North Korea, the White House said. The president and his national security team will “discuss further actions” after North Korea’s latest nuclear test, the White House said. (Reuters)

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**JIANGMEN, China**—Chinese President Xi Jinping said Sunday the Belt and Road Initiative is not a tool to advance any geopolitical agenda, but a practical initiative, and an open scheme, but an initiative for international development which calls for peaceful cooperation, joint contribution and shared benefit, Xi said while delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the BRICS Business Council held for the first time in Xi’s home province of Guangdong. (Xinhua)

**Iran Warns to Destroy U.S. Military Bases in Response to New Sanctions**

**TEHRAN**—In a potential shift from the location. It also confirmed the move, where the U.S. military bases in the area as part of a new round of sanctions. (AFP)

**Iran’s Revolutionary Guard possession of the U.S. drone on Aug. 26. (AFP)

**Pakistan’s National Security Advisor Sartaj Aziz said that the US would allow the drone to be destroyed.”**

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