



North Korea prepares anti-South leaflets

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North Korea is gearing up to send propaganda leaflets over its southern border, denouncing North Korean defectors and South Korea, its state media said on Saturday, the latest retaliation for leaflets from the South as bilateral tensions rise.

1. North Korea is gearing up to send propaganda leaflets over its southern border, _____
2. Its state media said on Saturday (June 20) that enraged North Koreans _____
3. This retaliation came after defectors in the South sent anti-Pyongyang propaganda, _____
- 4-1. On Tuesday, Pyongyang _____
- 4-2. to show its displeasure against the defectors and South Korea _____
5. It has also _____
- 6-1. South Korea's unification ministry, which is responsible _____
- 6-2. said on Saturday that North Korea's plan to send leaflets was "extremely regrettable," _____
7. A North Korean defector-led group said it had canceled a plan to send hundreds of plastic bottles _____
by throwing them _____
8. The two Koreas, which are still technically at war _____
9. They have waged _____

[Vocabulary]

□ **gear up:** to prepare yourself, or to prepare something for an activity or event

- *The town is gearing up for the carnival this weekend.*
- *The tobacco companies are gearing up to fight the new tax.*

□ **propaganda:** information, especially false information, that a government or organization spreads in order to influence people's opinions and beliefs

- *a piece of anti-government propaganda*
- *The movie was later used by the ruling party for propaganda purposes.*

□ **leaflet:** a printed sheet of paper, usually folded, that is provided free and gives information about something

- *Campaigners handed out leaflets on passive smoking.*
- *...a leaflet called 'Sexual Harassment at Work'.*

□ **denounce:** to criticize someone or something severely in public

- *American trade policies have been denounced by some European governments.*
- *The letter called for civil rights, but did not openly denounce the regime.*

□ **defector:** someone who leaves their country, political party, or other group, and joins an opposing country, party, or group.

- *In 1961 Polish defector Michael Goleniewski exposed George Blake as a Soviet agent.*
- *Unlike the previous two, the third tunnel was discovered following a tip from a North Korean defector.*

□ **enrage:** to make someone extremely angry

- *He was enraged by news of plans to demolish the pub.*
- *He enraged the government by renouncing the agreement.*

□ **launch:** to launch a large and important activity, for example a military attack, means to start it.

- *The police have launched an investigation into the incident.*
- *The project officially launches tomorrow.*

□ **distribution:** the process of giving something such as food, clothes, or money to a group of people, especially so that each person gets an equal share

- *...emergency food distribution.*
- *The Red Cross organized the distribution of food and clothing in the disaster area.*

□ **retaliation:** the act of doing something harmful or unpleasant to someone because they have done something harmful or unpleasant to you

- *There is always the risk of possible retaliation against peacekeeping soldiers.*
- *The car bombings were apparently in retaliation for the arrest of the terrorists.*

□ **blow up:** to cause to explode; if something blows up, or if someone blows something up, it explodes and is destroyed

- *Terrorists had threatened to blow up the embassy.*

- *The boiler blew up, wrecking the entire building.*

□ **liaison**: the exchange of information between people or organizations, so that they understand each other and work well together

- *The company has established a good liaison with local communities.*
- *Project engineers are in close liaison with the client.*
- *You would be better to back off from this dangerous liaison.*

□ **inter-Korean liaison office**: a joint liaison office of North Korea and South Korea located in North Korea's Kaesong Industrial Region. In the absence of formal diplomatic relations, the building functioned as a *de facto* embassy and provided a direct communication channel for the two nations.

□ **unification**: the process of uniting groups or countries, or the fact that they have been united

- *the unification of Italy*
- *The political unification of Spain began in 1469 with the marriage of Ferdinand and Isabella.*

□ **scrap**: to decide not to continue with something such as a plan or an event

- *There were political problems and the idea was eventually scrapped.*
- *The trip was scrapped because of a lack of support.*

□ **cancel**: to say that something that has been arranged will not now happen

- *Jackson canceled the tour after suffering a throat infection.*
- *If you're too busy to see her, I'll call and cancel.*

□ **stuff something with something else**: to pack something into something else, especially in a rough or careless manner

- *He stuffed the bag with all of his personal possessions and stormed off in a huff.*
- *I only have one big suitcase, so I have to stuff it with all of my clothes.*

□ **technically**: According to the facts or exact meaning of something; strictly

- *Technically the war was over, but not all the fighting ceased immediately.*
- *Technically, the two sides have been in a state of war ever since 1949.*

□ **conflict**: fighting between countries or groups

- *diplomatic efforts to end the conflict in Liberia*
- *the Arab-Israeli conflict*

□ **peace treaty**: an agreement to come to peace and end conflict (between governments, countries, etc)

- *The declaration also states that the two countries will aim to conclude a peace treaty.*

□ **wage**: to start and to continue a war or a fight

- *...the three factions that had been waging a civil war.*
- *They waged a price war.*

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