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Washington Set (NORTH KOBEN LEADER REPORTEDLY TRAVELING IN CHINA' 2006.01-10)
reported that the leader of the DPBK, Xim Jong II, was reported to be traveling in the PRC and
perhaps Russia on Tuesday, after its government related again to return to six party talks. The PRC
government and the DPRK Embassy here declined to confirm Kim's visit, maintaining the secrecy
that has marked his three previous trips to the PRC. But an official in the border city of Dandong
said a special train from the PRC carrying Kim crossed into the country amid high security on
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PRC to meet with President Hu Jintao to discuss the stalled nuclear talks and bilateral economic
cooperation.

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(return to top. Reuters ("CHINA HINTS AT VISIT BY RECLUSIVE N.KOREA'S KIM", 2006-01-10)

reported that the PRC declined to confirm that DPRK leader Kim Jong-il was making a secret visit, but suggested that rumours of such a trip may be true. Asked if Kim was in the PRC, Foreign Ministry spokseman Kong Quan said he had not been authorised to release specific information. But I want to point out that China and North Korea are friendly neighbours and maintain a tradition of exchanges of high-lavel visits, "he told a requiar news conference. Asked if there were plans for such a visit in the future, he just said: "Ves." Full as to the exact time of such a visit, when I have the authorised information it, I will release it in a timely way," Kong added. [return to top.]

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2. PRC on Six Party Talks

Al Movests ("CHINA HOPES FOR DIALOGUE ON U.S. SANCTIONS AGAINST N. KOREA", 200601-10) reported that the PRC hopes that the issue of US financial sanctions being imposed on the PRK will be addressed through dialogue, a Foreign Ministry spokessman sad Threaday, Kong Qua said all the negotiators and the entire international community were concerned about complication energing in the originary start party which would help avoid any further complications in the negotiating on mutual respect and equality, which would help avoid any further complications in the negotiating second phase of the fifth owned of talks, the first stage of which was held in Beiging November 3-1 and yielded a statement on starting the second round as soon as possible.

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3. US on DPRK Counterfeiting

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4. Expert on DPRK-US Relations

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The Koras Times ("US WILL MANTAIN HARDLINE STANCE ON NK", 2006-01-10) reported that according to Jeong Se-byun, who served as the ROK's unification minister from 2002 to 2004, said it might be wrong to expect a early resumption of the unclear talks, considering the recent harsh remarks made by US administration officials toward the DPRK. "Such wars of words have typically caused a delay in the talks," Jeong said during a form bosted by Kyungman University's Corduate School of DPRK Studies in a Seoul hotel Monday. "We cannot but question whether the United States has a "seal intention" that is quite different from its proclaimed policy of resolving the North Korean nuclear issue." Jeong added that if the incumbent US government maintains a hardline stance on the DPRK, further progress in the nuclear talks cannot be expected at least until the US elections for the House of Representatives and Senate scheduled for November.

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5. France on DPRK Nuclear Program

Bloomberg News ("CHIRAC SAYS IRAN, NORTH KOREA RISK "ERROR" ON NUCLEAR PROGRAMS", 2006-01-10) reported that French Pressident Jacques Chirac said that the DPRK is making a "serious error" by pursuing nuclear activities in defiance of international agreements. The international community has an imperative to make agreements respected for the security everyone, "Chirac told ambassadors to France today in a New Year's address in Paris. The DPRK "would be committing a serious error in not taking the hand we are offering them." (return to long)

6. ROK Maestro to Perform with DPRK

b. KUK. Maestro to Perform with DPRK Korea.net ("MAESTRO CHUNG HOPES TO PERFORM BEETHOVEN WITH MORTH KOREANS", 2006-01-09) reported that the Soul Philharmonic Orchestra has embarked on a plan to become the world's top orchestra by resenting the "Beethoven Cycle," the first of many planned offerings. The 51-year-old conductor said a leading orchestra needs to focus not only on nuturing its missical capability but also contributing to society through music and other projects. "At he last Beethoven Cycle concert in late December, 1 hope to perform with North Koreans, or at least having them as chorus members," Chung said. "I want to create projects, in which we perform for poor North Korean children."

7. Joint US-Japanese War Games

Agence France-Presse (TAPANIESE TROOPS TO BEGIN AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT TRAINING IN US', 2006-1-10 reported that around 200 Japanese troops launched a simulated beach landing in the face of a hostile enemy force as part of an amphibious training exercise with the US military, officials said. The soldiers from the Japaneses Self-Defense Force were undergoing the intense of the California coast near the city of San Diego.

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8. Japan Missile Defense Program

Ryodo ('JAPAN TO BU' 36 SEA-BASED MISSILE INTERCEPTORS FROM U.S. BY 2010', 2006-0
-10) reported that Japan plans to purchase 36 sea-based missile interceptors from the US between

2007 and 2010 for deployment on Aegis-equipped destroyers under Japan's missile defense shield

program, government sources said Tuesday. The Delense Agency plans to conduct a joint test with

the US around 2006 in Hawaii for one of the SM-3 interceptors by deploying it on the Kongo, a

Szeabc-based destryer equipped with the advanced Aegis ari defense system, the sources said.

9. Japan on UNSC Reform

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2006-01 - 10) reported that Foreign Minister Time As o said Tuesday that Japan will seek permanent membership of the U.S security Council by expanding its support base through continued negotiations with the US as well as other countries also hidding to become permanent members, Japan "should basically continue discussing it with the United States while cooperating with the G-4 (return to Japan).

10. Japan-ROK Trade

10. Japhali-NOV. I Idute Joongang Ilbo ("KOREAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN RISING", 2006-01-10) reported that the ROK's trade deficit with Japan came to \$23.7 billion last year, lifting the cumulative deficit to more than \$250 billion, according to a government report yetserday. The report by the Commerce Ministry said exports by Korean companies to Japan amounted to around \$23.2 billion last year, while imports hit \$4.65 billion.

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11. Sino-Japanese Relations

Kyodo ('JAPAN EYES RESUMING SUBCABINET-LEVEL DIALOGUE WITH CHINA NEXT MONTH '.

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2006-01-01 op-ported that Japan is seeking a way to resume subcabinet-level talks with the PRC as early as next month in a bid to jumpstart high-level dialogue amid strained bilateral ties, overment officials said Tuesday. The move to pursue such talks comes after Japan and the PRC agreed during informal talks in Beijing on Monday to promote working-level negotiations. Freturn to tagal.

12. Sino-Indian Energy Cooperation

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Agence France Press (TNIDNA MINISTER SEES NEW ENERGY COOPERATION ERA AS HEADS
TO CHINA.* 2006-01-10) reported that India's petroleum minister called for a new era of energy
cooperation with the PRC to avoid costly competition for fuel assets as he prepared to visit Beijing,
India has dubbed 2006 the "Year of Friendship with China" with which it has often been a bitter
real in the race for global fuel supplies and fought a brief border wore four decades ago. "A
cooperative relationship is not only desirable but eminently feasible," Petroleum Minister Mani
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13. Sino-US Economic Relations

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Washington Post ("CHINA SET TO REBUGE EXPOSURE TO DOLLAR", 2006-01-10) reported that the PRO. has resolved to shift some of its foreign exchange reserves - now in excess of \$900 billion - away from the US dollar and into other world currencies in a move likely to push down the value of the greenback, a high-level state economist who advises the nation's economic policymakers said. The new policy reflects the PRO's Gases that too much of its savings is tied up in the dollar, a currency widely expected to drop in value as the US trade and fiscal deficits climb.

14. PRC Military
The Los Angeles Times ("CHINA'S VAST MILITARY CUTS FAT, ADDS MUSCLE", 2006-01-10) The Los Angeles Times ("CHINA'S VAST MILITARY CUI'S FAI, ADUS MUSLLE", 2000-04-101 reported that the PRC, which has the largest military force in the word, is making important st toward developing a lean, high-tech fighting machine, the People's Liberation Army said Mondre, two-year silm-down program has eliminated more than 200,000 jobs, or about 9% of the service, according to the PLA's official newspaper. By year end, that left a total of about 2.3 million members, a 45% reduction since 1964.

The New York Times ("ARRESTS OF TRADE PROTESTERS EMBROIL HONG KONG WITH CHINA AND SOUTH KOREA", 2006-01-10) reported that the decision to bring charges against 14 people here after a violent demonstration at the World Trade Organization conference lest month is turning into a contentious and diplomatically sticky issue for the governments of Hong Kong, the PRC and ROK. The ROK government has appealed to the Hong Kong overnment repetitedly to release the protesters, all of them men. But the Hong Kong authorities have relissed, pointing out that the protest here on the hight of Dec. 17 let 137 people injured, including 67 police officers.

16. PRC Unrest Trial

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The Washington Dest (*) PEASANTS SENTENCED IN RIOT IN CHINA*, 2006-01-10) reported that a PRC court sentenced three villagers to prison terms ranging from one to five years Monday after convicting them of llegal acts during a peasant riot lest April in Zhejiang province, according to attorneys and village activists. The violent uprising at Huaxi near the city of Dongyang erupted over farmers' compliants that local officials unfairly confiscated their fledés and allowed the land to be used by chemical factories that polluted the area. Dozens of policemen were injured and hundreds more fled the village after about 3,000 farmers attacked them with stones and bricks.

17. PRC on Chemical Spills

Reuters CHINA OFFICIALS PLAY DOWN TOXIC BUYER SCARE-PAPER', 2006-01-10) reported the property of the property of the property of the black in a seriar of river pollution scarses and have failed to step further contamination, the China Youth Daily said on Tuesday, Janain, bad of the Hunan province environmental protection agency, said on Monday that cadmium level in the Xiangliang Rever were still "one or two times" shown national standard, but did not represen interimental province and the property of the property of

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