

North Korea: An Atomic Power. The Chronology of Events

Summary

In our book entitled *Korea Północna – atomowe mocarstwo. Chronologia wydarzeń* [North Korea: An Atomic Power. The Chronology of Events], we accuse states, organisations, institutions and those who play important roles in politics; in other words, all those who knew enough about the atomic arming of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), but did nothing to prevent it. This monograph is the result of more than 40 years of our research into this subject and its consequences for the region and the world. For obvious reasons, the book is not complete in factual terms: access to most reports of intelligence agencies concerning the Pyongyang armament is impossible, but even that what we know evokes real fear.

The monograph obviously gives rise to many questions: did this kind of scenario have to come true? Who contributed to the ultimate atomic and missile success of the DPRK? Was it an inevitable process or was it caused by a series of events in the DPRK along with international factors?

In our texts and expert opinions, we have warned for years that the entry of the DPRK into the club of nuclear powers is a matter of years, not decades. We therefore dedicate this work to politicians, experts and researchers of the current situation in East Asia, including North Korea in particular, to stress the helplessness of the free world states, bound by democratic procedures, in confrontation with a totalitarian

state and its contempt for all values of Western civilisation. Why do the great powers of the world not want to sufficiently acknowledge the fact that they are, in fact, in dialogue with a hooligan state, a sponsor of international terrorism, a gangster state that officially deals with illegal trade, including drug trade, falsifying other countries' currencies, kidnapping citizens of their closest neighbours and maintaining the most oppressive internal system?

This fact alone should lead democratic states to be vigilant about the actions of North Korea in the international area. However, UN reports contain a list of at least 60 countries that have contributed to the development of North Korea's nuclear-rocket programme to a greater or lesser extent. Of course, their level of responsibility for negligence in this field varies. Among them are primarily the former Soviet Union, and its heir Russia, followed by China, Pakistan and Iran. However, the list of culprits is longer and we will add new countries over time...