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White House Reaffirms Denuclearization Goals Amid North Korea's Rhetoric

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The White House has reiterated former President Donald Trump's commitment to achieving a fully denuclearized North Korea, despite new threats from Pyongyang warning against pressure to disarm. The administration remains open to future dialogue with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, holding firm to the objectives outlined during previous high-level summits.

A White House official told *Fox News Digital* that Trump's meetings with Kim held during his first term brought historic progress in stabilizing the Korean Peninsula. "President Trump in

his first term held three historic summits with North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un that stabilized the Korean Peninsula and achieved the first-ever leader-level agreement on denuclearization,” the official said. “The President retains those objectives and remains open to engaging with Leader Kim to achieve a fully denuclearized North Korea.”

Tensions resurfaced this week after Kim Yo Jong, sister of Kim Jong Un and a senior political figure in North Korea, issued a warning through state-run media. While she acknowledged that relations between Trump and her brother were “not bad,” she dismissed any renewed calls for nuclear disarmament as “a mockery.” She also claimed that North Korea’s nuclear capabilities have significantly expanded since the last summit and stated that any future talks would be off the table if centered on disarmament.

“If the U.S. fails to accept the changed reality and persists in the failed past, the DPRK–U.S. meeting will remain as a ‘hope’ of the U.S. side,” she said, using the abbreviation for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK).

During Trump’s presidency, he met with Kim Jong Un three times in Singapore in 2018, Hanoi in 2019, and at the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) later that same year. At the DMZ, Trump became the first sitting U.S. president to set foot in North Korea. The 2018 Singapore summit resulted in a joint statement pledging cooperation toward “complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” and a commitment to normalize relations between the two nations.

However, the momentum waned. By the 2019 Hanoi summit, talks fell apart when North Korea reportedly offered to dismantle parts of its nuclear arsenal in exchange for full sanctions relief, an offer Trump ultimately declined. With no consensus reached, negotiations stalled, and by 2020, Pyongyang had resumed weapons testing.

On the 72nd anniversary of the end of the Korean War, Trump reflected on his historic meetings and reaffirmed his support for the longstanding U.S.–South Korea alliance. “I was proud to become the first sitting President to cross this Demilitarized Zone into North Korea,” he said in a statement. He added, “Although the evils of communism persist in Asia, American and South Korean forces remain united in an ironclad alliance to this day.”

As diplomatic channels remain uncertain, the White House appears steadfast in its aim: a North Korea free of nuclear weapons, achieved through direct engagement and strategic pressure when necessary.

