

Putin warns of 'global catastrophe' over N Korea – 7th September, 2017

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Russia's Vladimir Putin warned that the North Korean crisis could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said war on the Korean Peninsular would cause a huge loss of life. He told reporters in China that "peaceful dialogue" was the only way to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action was very dangerous and "senseless". Mr Putin said North Korea would never stop its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel safe."

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Level 3

Russia's president Vladimir Putin has warned that the crisis over North Korea could cause a "planetary catastrophe". He said if war broke out on the Korean Peninsular, there would be a huge loss of life. He told reporters at a meeting in China that talking and "peaceful dialogue" were the only ways to end the crisis. He warned the USA and North Korea that talking about military action and war was very dangerous. He said: "Ramping up military hysteria in such conditions is senseless. It's a dead end." Mr Putin said North Korea would never give up its nuclear programme. He said: "They will eat grass instead of stopping their nuclear programme, as long as they do not feel safe."

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