

Russian FM Sergei Lavrov arrives for talks in North Korea

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PYONGYANG: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov arrived in North Korea on Thursday for talks with senior officials. Details of talks were not covered by western media.



Russian FM, Sergei Lavrov

Lavrov's visit comes ahead of a planned summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and was seen as an attempt by Moscow to ensure its voice is heard in the North's diplomatic overtures with Washington, Seoul and Beijing.

After his arrival, Lavrov met with North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement earlier they would discuss bilateral issues as well as the overall situation on the Korean Peninsula. Details of Lavrov's schedule in Pyongyang were not disclosed.

Despite having a border with the North and relatively cordial relations that President Vladimir Putin has seemed to want to develop further, Russia has so far remained largely on the sidelines as Kim has emerged onto the world stage this year.

Kim has already met twice with China's President Xi Jinping and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. One of Kim's top lieutenants, former intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol, is now in New York to discuss with U.S. officials the agenda for the summit planned in Singapore on or around June 12.

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[It seems that actions speak louder than words and the actions of world leaders today indicate they are making their own deals and arrangements without interference from idiot Trump, though they continue to state that the US is involved, my ass!]

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