

Summit: 'NORTH KOREA CAME OUT ON TOP'

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The following is an excerpt from the Oz mass media but it should never be forgotten that Trump's pathological need for recognition is greater than all other factors combined; so the ruling Washington neocons and the Pentagon have a problem on their hands. If Trump refuses to see reason then anything could happen to HIM!



And the winner is ...

Excerpt follows:

Dr Malcolm Davis, a senior analyst in defence strategy and capability at The Australian Strategic Policy Institute remained sceptical about yesterday's outcome and said North Korea came out on top.

Dr Davis said there were growing concerns about Mr Trump's decision to end military exercises with South Korea, which he called "a stupid move that was quite unnecessary."

"The Singapore Declaration does not see a commitment by North Korea to comprehensive verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation, but instead has a much weaker 'complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula' language which North Korea favours," he said.

Dr Davis said this could also see the US being forced to not only withdraw its forces from the Republic of Korea (ROK), but could also end the US nuclear umbrella for South Korea and potentially Japan.

"That would worry Tokyo a great deal, and could see them move to acquire their own nuclear capabilities - they face threats from China, North Korea and Russia," he said.

"To top it off, Trump unilaterally announced the ending of RoK-US military exercises, calling them 'provocative' - once again, echoing Pyongyang - sending a further signal that maybe the US commitment to its allies is growing weaker."

If the North did fully denuclearise, Dr Davis said Australia could play a role in verification – by sending inspectors in to oversee North Korean compliance.

"But there is no guarantee that North Korea will accept intrusive verification measures as part of any future negotiation, or they'll try and set the terms of such a verification regime to protect their most potent nuclear capability," he said.

"Australia is well placed to support IAEA inspections, and we've done so in the past with Iraq, but North Korea is a very different environment, and our intelligence on North Korean nuclear facilities is very poor."

[We would also add that Kim Jong Un, who obtained his tertiary degree in Switzerland, is far more intelligent and wily than Trump could ever be, as has been stated on this site by many contributors. Whatever happens from here is surely not as it would be presented by the harnessed, partial, mass media, on that we could be sure. So take a guess as yours' is as good as any -- the stakes are very high indeed, not that Trump considers such things. He is expressly obsessed with making a positive mark on history though he is politically clueless. Trump is no match for educated and knowledgeable world leaders, which he proved at the recent G7.]



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