

# Kim Jong Un In Russia To Meet Putin Amid US Warnings Not To Sell Arms

## Why In The News?

- Vladimir Putin And Kim Jong Un Have Arrived At A Space Base In Russia For Talks That Are Expected To Include **A Deal To Supply North Korean Weapons** For The War In Ukraine, As Kim Spoke Of The **“Strategic Importance”** Of His Regime’s Ties To The Kremlin.

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**Kim Jong-un expected to hold weapons talks with Putin at remote Russian space base**

- Russian President Had Arrived At The **Vostochny Cosmodrome** In The Remote Region Of Amur, With The North Korean Leader Arriving Later.
- Their Summit, Expected On Wednesday Afternoon, Will Be Held After The North Reportedly Fired **Two Short-range Ballistic Missiles Off Its East Coast.**



## What Do We Know?

- Kim Received A **VIP Welcome** Upon His Arrival In Russia On Tuesday, With A **Military Honour Guard** And The National Anthems Of Both Countries Playing. Kim Told His Russian Hosts That His Visit Was A “Clear Manifestation” Of North Korea “**Prioritizing The Strategic Importance**” Of Its Ties With Russia.
- Kim Arrived On His **Private Armoured Train At Khasan Station**, The Main Rail Gateway To Russia’s Far East From North Korea, Where Kim Was Filmed Alighting And Meeting The Russian Environment Minister, Alexander Kozlov, Before Continuing To Travel North.



- The Cosmodrome Would Be A Symbolic Venue As Two Isolated Leaders To Build Cooperation In The **Military And Aerospace Fields**. North Korea Has Had Several Failed Space Launches And May **Seek Russia’s Aid To Put Its Spy Satellites Into Orbit**.
- The **Shortage In Ammunition** Has Forced Russia To Conserve Its Shells And Rockets, Impose Daily Fire Limits, And Focus More On Precision Guided Types Of Munitions Over Volumes Of Fire Says Experts.
- **Kim May Also Seek Badly Needed Energy And Food Supplies**. Russia’s Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Rudenko, Said Russian Officials May Discuss **Humanitarian Aid With The North Korean Delegation**, According To Russian News Agencies.
- The White House Warned Last Week That North Korea Would “**Pay A Price**” If It Supplies Russia With Weaponry For The Conflict In Ukraine. He United States Described **Putin As Desperate In Seeking A Meeting With Kim**.



- **Both Moscow And Pyongyang Have Denied** North Korea Has Or Will Supply Arms To Russia, Which Has Eaten Into Its Vast Stockpiles Of Munitions Since It Launched Its Ukraine Offensive Early Last Year.
- Kim Has Not Travelled Outside North Korea Since The Start Of The Coronavirus Pandemic. **His Last Proper Overseas Trip Was In 2019**, Also To Russia To Meet Putin.

