

Demonstration of the Power of the Nation's Strategic Forces

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea conducted another test-fire of the new-type ICBM *Hwasongpho-18* on July 12.

The test-fire was aimed at re-confirming the technical creditability and operational reliability of the new weapon system. In consideration of the security of the neighbouring countries and the safety of domestic in-flight multi-stage separation, the test-fire was conducted in the way of setting the first stage as a standard ballistic flight mode and the second and third stages as high-angle flight mode and of confirming the technical specifications of every component of the weapons system in the maximum range system.

The missile travelled up to a maximum altitude of 6 648.4km and flew a distance of 1 001.2km for 4 491 seconds before accurately landing on the preset area in the open waters off the East Sea of Korea.

The eventful success, which demonstrated the might of the DPRK that was fully equipped with the firm nuclear war deterrent for self-defence and the overwhelming offensive power, serves as another important stride in developing the strategic force of the country.



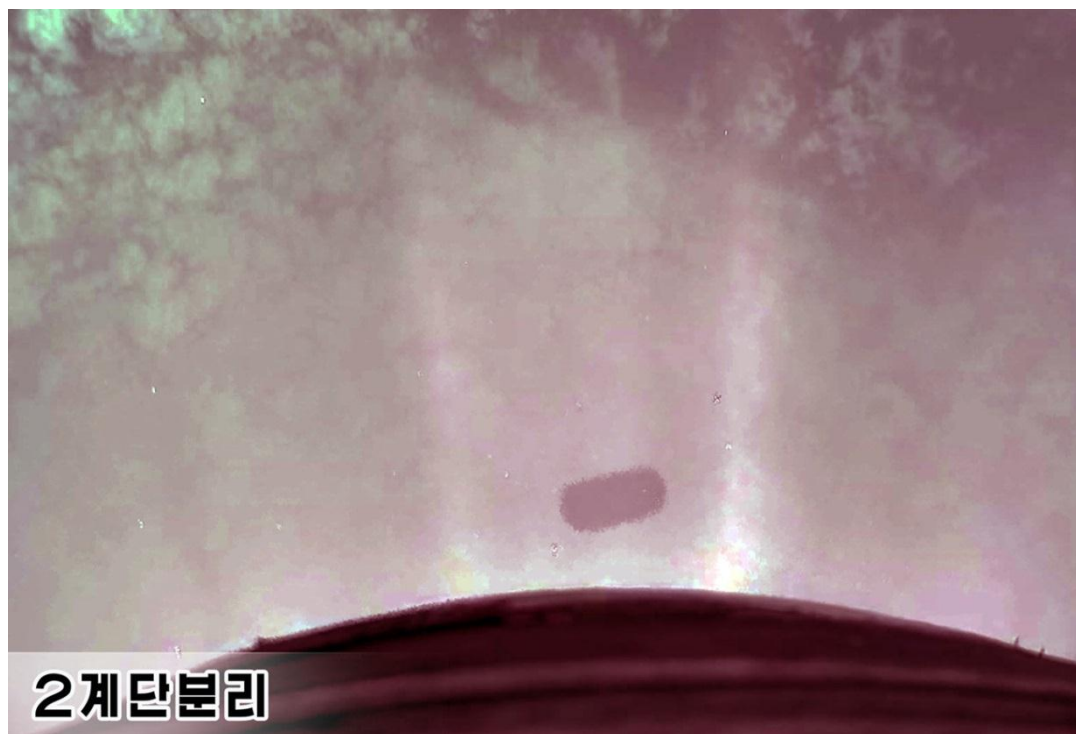
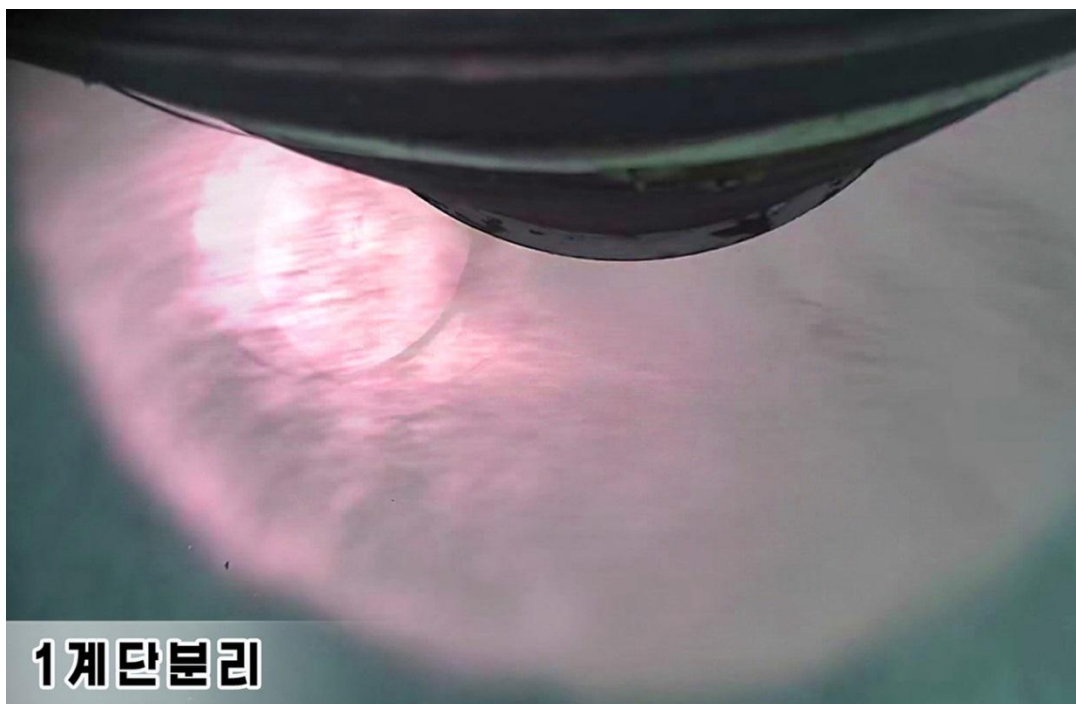
New-type ICBM *Hwasongpho-18* soars into the sky demonstrating the practical power of the DPRK's strategic forces.





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The first-stage separation of *Hwasongpho-18*



The second-stage separation of *Hwasongpho-18*



The third-stage separation of *Hwasongpho-18*