

Launching Drill of Strategic Cruise Missiles Staged in the DPRK

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea staged a launching drill of strategic cruise missiles on March 22. The missiles were tipped with test warheads simulating nuclear warheads. Two *Hwasal-1*-type strategic cruise missiles and two *Hwasal-2*-type strategic cruise missiles accurately hit the targets set in the East Sea of Korea after flying on their programmed 1 500km- and 1 800km-long oval and pattern-8 trajectories for 7 557 to 7 567 seconds and 9 118 to 9 129 seconds, respectively. The drill also involved the cruise missiles' minimum-altitude flight test and the test for estimating their capability for ever-changing-altitude control and evasion flight, and applied the mid-air-explosion (600 metres above the target) strike mode to one missile of the two different types.



Two *Hwasal-1*-type strategic cruise missiles and two *Hwasal-2*-type strategic cruise missiles test-launched on March 22





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Hwasal-1-type and *Hwasal-2*-type strategic cruise missiles flying at a minimum-altitude





The drill applied different modes of strike.

