This link from my friend Andy...

Last month satellite images from the US increased fears North Korea was planning a nuclear test. Yesterday Kim Jong Il came clean and announced to the world that the communist state is indeed planning to carry out a nuclear test in the near future. The move drew immediate worldwide condemnation . It is believed North Korea possesses nuclear weapons, but a test could trigger a nuclear arms race in the region. Japan warned North Korea that a nuclear test would be considered an unforgivable action, and South Korea put its armed forces on high alert. Earlier in the year North Korea tested several long range missiles , capable of carrying nuclear warheads, which landed in waters close to Japan.

Quote: *"European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana reacted with dismay Tuesday to North Korea's announcement that it will conduct a nuclear test. "That is always bad news," Solana told reporters. He declined to discuss the issue further, saying he had only just heard the reports during a meeting of EU defense ministers in a Finland ski resort.*

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