



A series of pictures taken from a video footage showing the hot pursuit of the North Korean soldier

# Escape from North Korea

The United Nations Command in control of the border between the two Koreas released dramatic video footage on Tuesday of what happened when a North Korean soldier defected to the South earlier this month.

The video shows the defector speeding south in a Jeep, before getting out, pursued by North Korean soldiers who open fire on the man, and later dragged to freedom by South Korean soldiers after being shot at least five times.

The surveillance video also showed one of the North Korean guards step across the demarcation line, a violation of the ceasefire agreement, while chasing and shooting after the defector as he ran for freedom.

The 24-year-old defector, identified only by his last name, Oh, is shown driving a four-wheel military jeep along a road on the northern side of the border toward the South. It approaches a white building, a checkpoint under North Korean control, then passes by the building at full speed after turning on its headlights.

A North Korean guard is seen running after the vehicle

as it drives across a bridge and then passes a memorial to North Korean founder Kim Il Sung. This memorial is a well-known tourist spot for visitors to the Joint Security Area (JSA) inside the demilitarized zone.

The jeep appears to run into a ditch just a few feet away from a white demarcation line officially separating the two Koreas. After failed attempts to free the vehicle, the defector jumps out and sprints for his life toward the South. But North Korean armed guards who had hurried to the jeep fire shots behind the defector. The dramatic moment is shown in the video when he succeeds in running past the demarcation line then falls on the side of a concrete wall controlled by the South Korean side.

The United Nations Command also released infrared video images of how the allied soldiers carefully crawled toward the defector lying on a pile of fallen leaves, and drag him to safety.

"After thoroughly reviewing the investigation results, I assess the actions taken by the UNC Security Battalion were in a manner that is consistent with the Armistice Agreement, namely

-- to respect the Demilitarised Zone and to take actions that deter a resumption of hostilities," Gen. Vincent K. Brooks, the UNC commander, said. "The agreement was challenged, but it remains in place."

## Violation of the armistice

Analysis of the video shows that North Korea violated the armistice agreement by firing weapons across the military demarcation line (MDL) and actually crossing the line temporarily, according to Chad Carroll, Director of Public Affairs for the UNC.

Signed in 1953 by the U.N., North Korea and China, the Armistice Agreement put an end to the Korean War that stretched on for three years. The agreement states, "Neither side shall execute any hostile act within, from, or against the demilitarised zone. No person, military or civilian, shall be permitted to cross the military demarcation line unless specifically authorised to do so by the Military Armistice Commission."

Although North Korea has announced its withdrawal from the agreement repeatedly since then, the U.N. has continuously argued that it is still in effect. (GMA)

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"As long as the US continues with its anti-DPRK hostile policy, our deterrence will be further strengthened. The U.S. will be held entirely accountable for all the consequences to be entailed by its impudent provocation to the DPRK,"

North Korean spokesman for foreign Ministry

## Rest in sight

Kuwait's ruler admitted to hospital



Kuwait's 88-year-old ruling emir has been admitted to a hospital after suffering from a cold.

## Philippines to extradite priest

The Philippine government is preparing to extradite to the United States a recently arrested Filipino Catholic priest who faces charges of sexually molesting two boys in North Dakota churches.

## Egypt detains 29 on spying charges

Egyptian prosecutors have ordered the detention for two weeks of 29 suspected members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood on charges they spied for Turkey.

## Singapore to deploy driverless buses from 2022

Driverless buses will appear on some roads in Singapore from 2022 as part of plans to improve mobility in the land-scarce city-state.

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## Zimbabwe incoming leader jets in from South Africa

Harare

Zimbabwe's incoming leader Emmerson Mnangagwa emerged from hiding yesterday, departing from neighboring South Africa to return home in preparation to take power after Robert Mugabe's stunning resignation.

The 75-year-old Mnangagwa fled Zimbabwe after Mugabe fired him earlier this month, leading the military to move in and kick off a series of extraordinary events ending in Mugabe stepping down Tuesday amid impeachment proceedings.

Mnangagwa met with South African President Jacob Zuma in a jovial "courtesy call" before taking a private jet from Johannesburg to Zimbabwe's capital, Harare. He was expected to arrive at Manyame Air Base, where cheering crowds gathered. He will be sworn in as Zimbabwe's new president Friday morning, the speaker of parliament said. (AP)

## Emmerson Mnangagwa: "The Crocodile"

1942: Born in Zvishavane, mining town in then British colony of Southern Rhodesia

1960s: Joins fight against white minority rule, receiving military training in Egypt and China. Nicknamed "the crocodile" due to political shrewdness and ruthlessness

1965: Tortured by Rhodesian forces after his "crocodile gang" blows up train. Jailed for 10 years with other nationalists including Robert Mugabe

1975: Starts practising law after completing degree in Zambia

1977: Named Mugabe's assistant, heading both military and civil divisions of Zanu-PF party

1979-80: Accompanies Mugabe to London for talks that lead to birth of independent Zimbabwe

1983: As spymaster, he oversees security services during brutal campaign by North Korean-trained Fifth Army brigade against supporters of Mugabe rival Joshua Nkomo.

Mnangagwa denies any role in massacres in Matabeleland that kill thousands of civilians

2001: Named in UN investigation into exploitation of mineral resources in Congo for which he is reputed to have amassed considerable fortune



2008: Accused of masterminding deadly attacks on opposition supporters of Morgan Tsvangirai during presidential election

Nov 2017: Sacked as vice-president in move seen as clearing path for Mugabe's wife, Grace, to presidency. Flees to South Africa

Mugabe resigns days after military takes control. Mnangagwa becomes president

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## Verdict due on Ratko Mladic

Mar 12, 1942: Born at Kalinovik in eastern Bosnia

1944: Father, Nedja Mladic, killed by Ustasha - Croatia's World War II fascist regime

1992: Bosnia and Herzegovina declares independence from Yugoslavia. Bosnian Serbs, led by Radovan Karadzic (below), secure control of ethnic Serb territory. War soon spreads, accompanied by ethnic cleansing

May 1992: General Mladic (far right) is made commander of Bosnian Serb forces. He is alleged architect of 43-month siege of Bosnian capital Sarajevo, which claims estimated 10,000 lives

Mar 1994: Mladic's daughter Ana commits suicide in Belgrade at age 23, reportedly after learning of atrocities committed by her father's troops

Jul 2, 1995: Under orders of Karadzic, Mladic's troops attack UN-protected "safe area" of Srebrenica, enclave of 40,000 Muslims

Jul 12-17: Massacre of 8,000 Muslim men and boys is worst mass murder in Europe since Nazi era

Jul 25: UN war crimes tribunal\* indicts Mladic for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity



1997-2011: Mladic eludes NATO attempts to arrest him - he is finally detained in 2011

May 2012: Trial begins

Nov 22, 2017: Ratko Mladic found guilty of 10 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity, extermination and murder. Sentenced to life imprisonment

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Former Bosnian Serb commander Ratko Mladic has been found guilty of genocide for some of the worst atrocities of the 1990s Bosnian war. Mladic was sentenced to life in prison.