

## **Nordkorea verspricht Russland unerschütterliche Unterstützung im Ukraine-Krieg**

Nordkoreas Kim Jong Un bekräftigt Russlands Recht auf Selbstverteidigung im Ukraine-Konflikt und stärkt militärische Beziehungen.

**Pyongyang, Nordkorea** - In a bold display of solidarity, North Korea's Kim Jong Un has declared unwavering support for Russia's military actions in Ukraine, asserting that Moscow has the right to defend itself against external threats. During a meeting with Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov in Pyongyang, Kim emphasized that North Korea will „invariably support“ Russia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, framing the conflict as a necessary response to what he described as imperialist aggression led by the United States.

Kim's remarks come in the wake of the U.S. allowing Ukraine to utilize long-range Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) against Russian targets, a move he condemned as a direct intervention that exacerbates the conflict. He characterized recent Russian military strikes on Ukraine as „timely and effective,“ reinforcing his stance that Russia is justified in its actions. The North Korean leader's rhetoric aligns with a broader narrative that portrays NATO's expansion as a reckless provocation against Russia.

### **Military Cooperation Intensifies**

The meeting between Kim and Belousov marks a significant step in deepening military ties between North Korea and Russia.

Reports indicate that North Korea has dispatched over 10,000 troops to support Russia's war efforts, with some already engaged in combat. Additionally, North Korea is believed to have supplied Russia with artillery systems and missiles, despite both nations denying these claims. This burgeoning alliance raises alarms among South Korea, the U.S., and their allies, who fear that Russia may reciprocate by providing North Korea with advanced military technology, including nuclear capabilities.

In a recent development, South Korean officials revealed that Russia has reportedly supplied North Korea with air defense missile systems and economic assistance, further solidifying their military partnership. The two nations had previously signed a treaty in June, committing to mutual military support in the event of an attack, marking a pivotal moment in their post-Cold War defense collaboration. As tensions escalate, the implications of this alliance could reverberate across the region and beyond.

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