



Russia woos its poor neighbor for arms



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1. What are these cartoons saying about Russian President Vladimir Putin turning to North Korea's Kim Jong Un to get ammunition for his war with Ukraine?
2. Why does North Korea have a huge stockpile of arms and ammunition when the UN says more than 40 percent of its people are malnourished?
3. The Kim family has ruled North Korea with an iron fist for nearly 80 years. Who put them in power?
4. North Korea is one of the world's poorest nations, but it is a big spender on its military. Which nation spends the most to arm itself, about 39 percent of all the military spending in the world?

Between the lines

"The only reason the Kremlin should have to buy artillery shells or rockets from North Korea or anyone is because Putin has been unwilling or unable to mobilize the Russian economy for war." - Frederick Kagan, military expert.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/05/us/politics/russia-north-korea-artillery.html>

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