

## KOREAN PENINSULA CLASHES (1955–2010)

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### Data Summary

#### Number of Incidents and Locations:

	DMZ	West Sea	South Korea (coast)	South Korea (inland)	East Sea	North Korea (inland)	Sea of Japan	No Location Reported
1955–1960	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	86
1961–1965	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	282
1966–1970	43	4	6	4	3	3	0	646
1971–1975	5	2	0	2	1	0	0	143
1976–1980	8	0	5	0	0	0	0	41
1981–1985	3	1	7	0	1	0	0	14
1986–1990	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	6
1991–1995	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	17
1996–2000	6	2	3	1	2	0	0	8
2001–2005	17	16	1	0	2	1	0	0
2006–2010	10	8	1	2	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	103	35	23	12	11	8	1	1,243

#### Casualties:

	DPRK Killed	DPRK Wounded	ROK Killed	ROK Wounded	ROK Civilian Killed	ROK Civilian Wounded	U.S. Killed	U.S. Wounded
1961–1965	7	52	22	6	19	13	0	1
1966–1970	693	98	308	572	87	108	82	123
1971–1975	29	3	21	31	44	21	1	5
1976–1980	52	6	13	27	1	1	6	7
1981–1985	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
1986–1990	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
1991–1995	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
1996–2000	64	39	0	9	0	0	0	0
2001–2005	15	15	6	18	0	0	0	0
2006–2010	6	0	46	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	887	215	416	667	162	143	89	136

### Annotation to the Data

The information included in the attached list of military incidents on and around the Korean peninsula was compiled from a variety of U.S. and South Korean primary and secondary sources including “The Quiet War: Combat Operations Along the Demilitarized Zone,” *The Journal of Military History* (2000), by Nicholas Evan Sarantakes, “North Korean Provocative Actions, 1950–2007” (Congressional Research Service, 2007) by Hannah Fischer, and *North Korea’s Military-Diplomatic Campaigns, 1966–2008* (Routledge, 2009) by Narushige Michishita. These data do not constitute a complete aggregation of such incidents, nor are they necessarily a representative sample of all inter-Korean military clashes. As such, any trends apparent in the incidents recorded herein describe only the set of confirmed inter-Korean military clashes. One should not extrapolate from them any conclusions about all such incidents.

## Data Trends

*Number, Date, and Location.* The date, location, and casualty tally are only noted for 193 of the 1,436 inter-Korean military incidents recorded in open-source media. Of these 193 incidents, 103 (53 percent) occurred on land within the demilitarized zone (DMZ) dividing North and South Korea. The West Sea and various parts along the South Korean coastline (including islands under South Korean control) were the sites of 55 confirmed incidents (33 percent of the total).

Of the eleven five-year periods into which all the clashes in this data set are grouped, the latter half of the 1960s is most rife with episodes of inter-Korean violence. Sixty-two incidents took place during these years, constituting a full third of all clashes between 1955 and 2010 for which there are detailed records. A similarly high number of incidents have taken place in the 2000s, but this may be an abstraction of the fact that the number of incidents about which there are no details has decreased precipitously since the mid-1970s. If all 1,436 incidents are taken together, the 2000s account for less than 5 percent of the total, while the 1950s and 1960s account for over 75 percent.

*Type.* Incidents in the relatively bloody 1960s were mostly isolated shooting encounters along the DMZ, but also included the sinking of a South Korean Patrol Craft Escort (PCE-56), the hijacking of a Korean Airlines passenger plane (YS-11), and several large scale gunfights. The deadliest encounters in this period were the manhunt that followed the attempted assassination of South Korean president Park Chung Hee in Seoul and two attempts by North Korean special forces to land over one hundred seaborne commandos on the South Korean coast.

There continued to be violent incidents in the area of the DMZ through the 1970s and 1980s, although far fewer took place relative to the 1960s. A greater proportion of encounters in these decades occurred at sea, either to enforce the Northern Limit Line (NLL) or to stem attempted North Korean special forces infiltrations. Naval clashes continued into the present decade, focusing increasingly around the NLL. Incidents in the vicinity of the DMZ also increased in the 2000s, although these produced very few if any casualties and may reflect improved reporting rather than an actual increase in the number of incidents relative to prior decades.

*Casualties.* U.S. casualties on the Korean peninsula have been relatively low, especially in the years since 1970, during which time only seven U.S. servicemen have been killed and only twelve injured. Since 1961, U.S. casualties have accounted for 8 percent of all casualties from inter-Korean military clashes, and 5 percent of all deaths.

The five-year period between 1966 and 1970 was by far the deadliest span of time on the Korean peninsula in the postwar period: 2,071 of the 2,715 casualties recorded in this data set (76 percent) took place in those five years. Moreover, the North's high death total and low injury total relative to the South in this five-year period continues to be a major feature of both countries' aggregated losses from these clashes. Overall, the North has suffered 887 deaths and 215 injuries (1,102 total casualties) while the South has suffered 416 deaths and 667 injuries (1,083 total casualties). Since 1980, the balance of casualties has been tipped more heavily in favor of the South than these numbers indicate: one hundred and six North Korean military personnel have died in the past thirty years, as compared to only six on the South Korean side prior to the sinking of the *Cheonan* that killed forty-six soldiers.

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August 18, 1955	DMZ	An unarmed U.S. T-6 trainer plane was shot down by North Korean ground fire near Panmunjom.	1 (U.S.)	1 (U.S.)	0
March 27, 1957	DMZ	A twelve-man patrol was fired upon south of the DMZ.	0	0	0
February 1, 1958	Airborne between Pusan and Seoul	North Korean agents hijacked an airliner en route to Pyongyang.	0	0	8 (ROK) abducted
March 6, 1958	DMZ	A U.S. Air Force F-86 was shot down over the DMZ by ground fire.	?	?	?
October 1962	DMZ	A U.S. soldier was shot and killed on patrol along the DMZ.	1 (U.S.)	0	0
November 23, 1962	DMZ	North Korean troops attacked Outpost Susan along the DMZ.	1 (U.S.)	1 (U.S.)	0
May 17, 1963	North Korean airspace	A U.S. Army OH-23 helicopter was shot down in North Korean airspace. The two crewmen were kidnapped and returned approximately one year later.	0	0	2 (U.S.) captured
November 14, 1964	DMZ	A U.S. Air Force plane was attacked along the DMZ.	0	0	0
April 27, 1965	Sea of Japan	Two DPRK MiGs attacked and damaged a U.S. reconnaissance plane.	0	0	0
May 18, 1965	Han River Estuary	A North Korean mini-submarine entered the DMZ through the Han River Estuary.	?	?	?
October 15, 1966	DMZ	North Korean forces ambushed a South Korean patrol.	11 (ROK)	0	0
October 19, 1966	DMZ	North Koreans forces attacked a South Korean supply truck.	6 (ROK)	0	0
October 26, 1966	North Korea	A South Korean attack team penetrated through the DMZ into North Korean territory to mount a raid, claiming some thirty casualties on the North Korean side.	30 (DPRK)	0	0
November 2, 1966	Imjin River	An eight-man UN patrol was ambushed.	6; 1 (U.S.); (ROK)	0	0
November 3, 1966	Half mile south of DMZ	A South Korean patrol was attacked.	2 (ROK)	0	0
January 19, 1967	East Sea (north of Demarcation Line)	DPRK shore batteries fired on and sank an ROK Navy PCE-56 off the North Korean east coast.	39 (ROK)	15 (ROK)	0
Feburary 1967	DMZ	A UNC patrol was fired upon.	1 (U.S.)	0	0
April 1967	South Korean coastline	The ROK Navy sank several ships attempting to land infiltrators.	?	?	?

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April 1968	DMZ	Forty to sixty North Korean soldiers crossed the eastern MDL. In the following six-hour engagement, the UNC used artillery for the first time since the Armistice. In total, over one hundred soldiers were involved in the clash.	?	?	?
May 22, 1967	Uijeongbu	DPRK intruders exploded demolition charges in the U.S. Second Infantry Division barracks.	2 (U.S.)	17; 2 (U.S.); (ROK)	0
June 1, 1967	West Sea (south of NLL)	South Korean batteries fired on a North Korean infiltrator vessel.	?	?	?
June 2, 1967	West Sea (north of NLL)	North Korean batteries fired on a South Korean patrol boat.	?	?	?
July 16, 1967	DMZ	KPA forces killed three U.S. soldiers south of the southern boundary of the DMZ.	3 (U.S.)	0	0
August 10, 1967	DMZ	KPA forces attacked a U.S. military truck during daylight hours	3 (ROK)	0	0
August 22, 1967	DMZ	KPA soldiers attacked a U.S. vehicle carrying straw.	1 (U.S.)	1 (U.S.)	0
August 28, 1967	DMZ	DPRK forces launched an armed attack on the UNCMAC Advance Camp .	2; 1 (ROK); (U.S.)	12; 9 (U.S.); (ROK)	0
August 29, 1967	DMZ	Two U.S. vehicles were destroyed by KPA-planted mines in the DMZ.	3 (U.S.)	5 (U.S.)	0
September 1967	Near Seoul	Two military trains were sabotaged near the DMZ. One was carrying U.S. military supplies.	?	?	?
October 7, 1967	Imjin River	A U.S. soldier drowned after being wounded by North Korean gunfire that struck a U.S. patrol boat on the Imjin River.	1 (U.S.)	0	0
November 1967	North Korea	South Korean infiltrators blew up KPA division headquarters without suffering any casualties.	? (DPRK)	0	0
January 21, 1968	Seoul	A thirty-one-member commando team, disguised as South Korean soldiers and civilians, infiltrated within striking distance of President Park Chung Hee's office/residence complex (The Blue House) before they were intercepted by South Korean police. Twenty-nine commandos were killed and one committed suicide. One who was captured revealed that their mission was to kill President Park and other senior government officials. Two South Korean policemen and five civilians were killed by North Korean infiltrators.	29; 68; 3 (DPRK); (ROK); (U.S.)	66; 3 (ROK); (U.S.)	1 (DPRK) captured
January 22, 1968	DMZ	A U.S. guard post was attacked by KPA infiltrators.	0	3 (U.S.)	0

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January 23, 1968	Sea of Japan/East Sea	DPRK gun boats seized the USS <i>Pueblo</i> in the Sea of Japan, over fifteen nautical miles off the DPRK coast. One American crewman was killed in the initial attack. The other eighty-two crew members who were captured were released on December 23, 1969.	1 (U.S.)	4 (U.S.)	0
January 25, 1968	DMZ	KPA soldiers mounted raids in the DMZ in an area defended by the U.S. Second Infantry Division.	1; 2 (U.S.); (ROK)	0	0
January 26, 1968	DMZ	A U.S. soldier was killed by North Korean agents.	1 (U.S.)	0	0
January 29, 1968	DMZ	Members of the U.S. Second Infantry Division repelled four separate North Korean agent teams attempting to infiltrate.	?	?	?
April 12, 1968	JSA	Fifteen KPA guards armed with clubs hit UNC Joint Duty Office personnel who were inspecting the perimeter on the northern edge of the MDL in the JSA.	0	1 (U.S.)	0
April 14, 1968	JSA	DPRK intruders ambushed a UNC JSA security guard truck en route to JSA.	2 (U.S.)	2 (ROK)	0
April 21, 1968	DMZ	A U.S. patrol and North Korean force of fifty to seventy-five men clashed in the southern portion of the DMZ	1; 4 (U.S.); (DPRK)	3 (U.S.)	0
April 27, 1968	DMZ	Two U.S. soldiers were wounded when their patrol was ambushed by North Koreans near Panmunjom.	0	2 (U.S.)	0
July 20, 1968	DMZ	Two U.S. servicemen were killed in two separate incidents along the DMZ.	2 (U.S.)	0	0
July 30, 1968	DMZ	Two clashes occurred between U.S. and North Korean forces south of the DMZ.	1 (U.S.)	3 (U.S.)	0
August 5, 1968	DMZ	North Korean troops attacked a U.S. patrol.	1 (U.S.)	4 (U.S.)	0
August 18, 1968	South of DMZ	KPA forces mounted a surprise raid on the U.S. Seventh Infantry Division.	2 (U.S.)	0	0
August 20, 1968	Cheju Island	A DPRK agent boat was intercepted off Cheju Island.	12 (DPRK)	0	2 (DPRK) captured
August 26, 1968	JSA	KPA guards dragged a UNC security officer off a UNC jeep and attacked him near KPA Guard Post No. 5 in the JSA.	0	1 (U.S.)	0
September 2, 1968	JSA	Fifteen to twenty North Korean workers assaulted U.S. officers in the JSA after they attempted to return a dropped hat to a North Korean guard.	0	1 (U.S.)	0
September 19, 1968	DMZ	Four North Korean troops were killed in a firefight in the U.S. Second Infantry Division area of responsibility.	4 (DPRK)	0	0

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September 27, 1968	South of MDL	Two U.S. soldiers were ambushed in their jeep south of the MDL.	2 (U.S.)	0	0
October 1, 1968	Ulchin/Samchok	One hundred and thirty seaborne commandos infiltrated South Korea.	107; 20 (DPRK); (ROK)	2 (DPRK)	0
October 5, 1968	DMZ	A U.S. patrol was ambushed.	1 (U.S.)	2 (U.S.)	0
October 18, 1968	?	A U.S. vehicle was attacked and four servicemen were killed.	4 (U.S.)	0	0
October 23, 1968	DMZ	U.S. and North Korean forces engaged in a firefight.	1 (U.S.)	5 (U.S.)	0
December 1968	JSA	One UNC officer and one enlisted member were attacked and beaten by at least fifteen KPA guards in the JSA.	0	2 (U.S.)	0
January 1, 1969	?	More than one 150 DPRK agents were killed while attempting to infiltrate from the sea.	150 (DPRK)	0	0
March 15, 1969	DMZ	DPRK forces fired upon a UNC work party that finished replacing MDL marker 0023.	1 (U.S.)	2; 1 (U.S.); (ROK)	0
March 1, 1969	Chumunjin, Kangwon Province	Six North Korean infiltrators killed a South Korean policeman on guard duty.	1 (ROK)	0	0
April 7, 1969	DMZ	North Korean soldiers fired some three hundred rounds in forty minutes into UNC positions in the central sector of the DMZ.	0	0	0
April 15, 1969	Sea of Japan/East Sea	A U.S. Navy EC-121 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by two DPRK MiGs ninety miles off the DPRK east coast.	31 (U.S.)	0	0
June 1, 1969	Huksan Island	Fifteen North Korean agents attempted to infiltrate by sea and were shot dead.	15 (DPRK)	0	0
July 21, 1969	DMZ	A North Korean infiltration attempt was repulsed by U.S. troops from the Second Infantry Division.	?	?	?
July 30, 1969	DMZ	Forty-five North Korean guards attacked fifteen UNC personnel in the JSA.	0	0	0
August 17, 1969	North Korean airspace	A U.S. OH-23 helicopter with three crew members was shot down. Captured personnel were released on December 3, 1969.	0	0	3 (U.S.) captured and released
September 22, 1969	DMZ	North Korean Howitzers and recoilless guns opened fire on an ROK Army guard position in the central sector of the DMZ.	0	0	0
October 18, 1969	DMZ	A U.S. vehicle was attacked during daylight hours in the western DMZ.	4 (U.S.)	0	0
October 1968	DMZ	Four U.S. soldiers were ambushed and killed by North Korean intruders.	4 (U.S.)	0	0

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December 11, 1969	South Korean airspace (between Gangneung and Seoul)	North Korean agents hijacked a South Korean airliner YS-11 to Wonsan en route from Kangnung to Seoul with fifty-one persons aboard. Thirty-nine of the crew and passengers were released.	0	0	268 (ROK civilian) captured
April 1, 1970	Kumchon, Kyonggido	Three North Korean infiltrators were shot and killed at Kumchon, Kyonggido. Five South Korean soldiers were wounded during the encounter.	3 (DPRK)	5 (ROK)	0
June 4, 1970	DMZ	U.S. personnel shot and killed an attempted infiltrator in Panmunjom.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
June 5, 1970	West Sea	A ROK Navy "1-2" ship was fired on and sunk by DPRK naval vessels in the Western Sea.	20 (ROK)	0	0
June 1970	West Sea	DPRK patrol boats seized an ROK broadcast vessel and its twenty crew members near the NLL.	0	0	20 (ROK civilian) captured
October 1, 1970	DMZ	A U.S. Army helicopter flying over the DMZ was fired upon by North Koreans AA guns.	0	0	0
October 12, 1970	DMZ	UNC personnel in the JSA were attacked by club-wielding North Korean guards.	0	7 (U.S. and ROK)	0
January 23, 1971	South Korean airspace (between Gangneung and Seoul)	A scheduled Korean Airlines passenger flight between Gangneung and Seoul was hijacked by a man armed with hand grenades. The aircraft crash-landed on a deserted beach near Sokcho, South Korea. The grenades exploded, killing the hijacker and co-pilot.	1; 1 (ROK); (DPRK)	0	0
March 7, 1973	DMZ	DPRK soldiers launched an armed attack on a UNC work party replacing MDL marker 0655.	2 (ROK)	1 (ROK)	0
February 15, 1974	West Sea (north of NLL and within 30 Nm of Baengnyeongdo island)	DPRK naval vessels attacked two ROK fishing boats in international waters. One vessel was sunk and the other seized.	12 (ROK)	0	0
March 3, 1974	JSA	One hundred and twenty North Korean guards attacked thirty U.S. personnel.	?	?	?
May 9, 1974	Imjin River	Two U.S. helicopters conducting a patrol over the Imjin River were fired upon by North Korean batteries.	0	0	0
June 28, 1974	West Sea (north of the NLL and outside 12 Nm limit)	Three DPRK gun-boats attacked and sank a ROK Maritime Police craft.	26 (ROK)	0	2 (ROK) captured
August 1, 1974	Seoul	ROK President Park's wife was shot and killed during an attempt on the president's life by a pro-North Korean group.	1 (ROK)	0	0

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February 26, 1975	West Sea	A South Korean destroyer rammed a North Korean fishing vessel loitering south of the NLL and sunk it.	? (DPRK)	0	0
June 30, 1975	JSA	DPRK guards attacked the acting commander of UNC Joint Security Force in JSA.	0	1 (U.S.)	0
September 1975	Kochang, Cholla Pukdo	Two North Korean infiltrators were intercepted.	1; 2 (DPRK); (ROK)	2 (DPRK)	0
June 1976	DMZ	Three North Korean infiltrators were shot to death in the eastern sector south of the DMZ.	3; 6 (DPRK); (ROK)	6 (ROK)	0
August 18, 1976	JSA	DPRK guards attacked UNC guards during "tree-trimming incident" in the JSA.	2 (U.S.)	4; 4; 5 (DPRK); (U.S.); (ROK)	0
May 3, 1977	DMZ	DPRK intruders attacked ROK Army personnel in the central sector.	1 (ROK)	1 (ROK)	0
July 14, 1977	DMZ	A U.S. Army CH-47 was shot down after it accidentally crossed the MDL near on the east coast of the peninsula. U.S. casualties were returned at Panmunjom several days later.	3 (U.S.)	1 (U.S.)	0
April 28, 1978	?	A DPRK agent boat was attacked by an ROK National Police maritime patrol boat.	4; 1 (DPRK); (ROK)	4 (ROK)	0
July 21, 1978	?	A DPRK agent boat was attacked by an ROK National Police patrol boat.	6; 2 (DPRK); (ROK)	1 (ROK)	0
October 1979	DMZ	Three North Korean intruders tried to infiltrate the eastern DMZ.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
December 7, 1979	DMZ	A U.S. DMZ patrol accidentally crossed the MDL and stepped on DPRK mines. The body of the deceased U.S. soldier was returned by DPRK at the 461st MAC Secretaries meeting. The wounded U.S. soldiers were returned safely to the UNC.	1 (U.S.)	2 (U.S.)	0
March 23, 1980	Han River Estuary	Three DPRK agents infiltrating through the Han River Estuary were killed by ROK soldiers.	1; 3 (U.S.); (DPRK)	0	0
March 27, 1980	DMZ	DPRK intruders fired on an ROK Army patrol in the central sector of the DMZ.	1; 1 (ROK); (DPRK)	1; 1 (ROK); (DPRK)	0
June 21, 1980	?	A DPRK agent boat attacked an ROK Navy patrol boat.	9 (DPRK)	2 (ROK)	1 (DPRK) captured
November 3, 1980	East Sea (Hoenggan Island)	DPRK agents landed on Hoenggan Island, killing one ROK civilian and wounding five others before being caught.	3 (DPRK)	0	0
December 1, 1980	East Sea (Namhae Island)	DPRK agents landed and were engaged by ROK forces.	3; 3 (ROK); (DPRK)	3 (ROK)	0



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March 1981	Kumhwa, South Korea	Three North Korean infiltrators were discovered. One was shot dead.	1 (DPRK)	2 (DPRK)	0
June 1, 1981	West Sea (near Sosan)	A DPRK spy boat was sunk.	3; 9 (ROK); (DPRK)	0	1 (DPRK) captured
July 4, 1981	Imjin River	Three North Korean agents were shot to death in the upper stream of the Imjin River.	2; 1 (ROK); (DPRK)	0	0
May 1982	East Sea (on the coast)	Two North Korean infiltrators were spotted.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
May 15, 1983	East Sea (on the coast)	DPRK agents landed on South Korea's east coast.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
June 19, 1983	DMZ (near Munsan)	DPRK agents were discovered.	3 (DPRK)	0	0
August 5, 1983	East Sea (near Kampo)	DPRK agents attempting to make an amphibious landing were killed.	5 (DPRK)	0	0
August 13, 1983	East Sea (near Ullung island)	A DPRK agent boat was sunk.	5 (DPRK)	0	0
December 3, 1983	Pusan/Tadaepo Beach	DPRK agents landed at Tadaepo beach near Pusan.	3 (DPRK)	0	2 (DPRK) captured
September 1984	Taegu, South Korea	A North Korean agent killed two South Korean civilians and severely wounded another before committing suicide.	3; 1 (ROK civilian); (DPRK)	1 (ROK civilian)	0
November 23, 1984	JSA	DPRK guards fired on a Soviet defector and UNC JSA guards in Panmunjom.	1; 3 (ROK); (DPRK)	1; 1 (U.S.); (DPRK)	0
October 20, 1985	Pusan/Tadaepo Beach	A DPRK agent boat was sunk near Pusan.	At least 2 (DPRK)	0	0
April 24, 1986	East Sea	An armed DPRK vessel failed to stop after crossing the MDL extension line in the East Sea. The vessel sunk in an exchange of fire with ROK Navy forces.	2 (DPRK)	4 (DPRK)	0
September 1, 1986	Kimpo Airport	A bomb blast at Kimpo International Airport in Seoul killed five and wounded over thirty. The chief of the South Korean national police believed that North Korean agents, or individuals under North Korean direction or influences, planted the bomb.	5 (ROK civilian)	30 (ROK civilian)	0
January 1987	Baek Ryung Island	A South Korean fishing boat was abducted along with twelve crewmen.	0	0	12 (ROK civilian) captured

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November 21, 1987	DMZ	A DPRK guard fired on an ROK Army post in the central sector of the DMZ.	0	1 (ROK)	0
May 22, 1992	South of DMZ	Three North Koreans in South Korean uniforms were shot dead south of the DMZ.	3 (DPRK)	2 (ROK)	0
December 17, 1994	DMZ	A U.S. Army OH-58A+ helicopter accidentally strayed across the MDL about six miles into DPRK territory and was shot down by DPRK forces. Of the crew of two, one was killed; the other was held for thirteen days.	1 (U.S.)	0	1 (U.S.) captured and released
May 1, 1995	?	A DPRK patrol boat fired on a South Korean fishing vessel.	3 (ROK civilian)	0	5 (ROK civilian) captured and released
October 17, 1995	Imjin River	KPA soldiers attempted to infiltrate the South near the Imjin River. One infiltrator was killed and one is believed to have made his way back to North Korea.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
October 1995	Puyo, South Korea	Two North Korean agents were intercepted; one was shot to death and the other was taken alive. The captured agent disclosed that he had infiltrated two months earlier with a mission to contact anti-government dissidents, politicians, and an organization of underground cells.	1 (DPRK)	0	1 (DPRK) captured
April 6, 1996	JSA	More than one hundred North Korean troops entered the northern sector of the JSA the day after North Korea announced it had "dismissed" the armistice with the South.	0	0	0
May 1996	DMZ	Seven North Korean soldiers crossed the MDL but withdrew when South Korean troops fired warning shots	0	0	0

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September 15, 1996	Gangneung, South Korea	A North Korean Sang-O class submarine landed a three person special operations reconnaissance team on the shores near Gangneung. Their mission was to spy on the naval installations in the area and then return. The submarine made a failed attempt to collect the team on September 17 and returned the following day. The submarine, however, ran aground in the attempt, and all efforts to try to make it free were in vain. The crew split up in several groups but one was soon spotted by a civilian. A forty-nine-day long manhunt ensued, from September 18 to November 5. Sixteen South Korean soldiers and civilians died and twenty-seven were wounded. Of the twenty-six North Korean infiltrators, one was captured, eleven were murdered by the other members or died from a murder-suicide, thirteen were killed in firefights with the ROK Army, and one reportedly escaped back to North Korea. Some analysts suspected that the motivation behind the assassination of Choe Deok-geun, South Korean consul for the Russian Far East, was retaliation for these killings. North Korea was at first reluctant at taking responsibility , but did issue an official apology.	12; 16 (DPRK); (ROK)	27 (ROK)	11; 1 (DPRK) fratricide (DPRK) escaped
February 1997	Seoul	The nephew of Kim Jong Il's former wife, who had defected to the South in 1982, was shot and killed by two hit men believed to be North Korean agents. The shooting took place three days after Hwang Jang-yop, a high-ranking North Korean party official, defected to the South. The shooting was believed to be a warning to other would-be defectors.	1 (ROK)	0	0
April 1997	DMZ	Five North Korean soldiers opened fire at South Korean positions after crossing the MDL	0	0	0
June 1997	West Sea (south of NLL)	Three North Korean patrol boats slipped into South Korean-controlled waters in the West Sea, about two miles south of the NLL, and opened fire at South Korean patrol boats.	0	0	0
July 16, 1997	DMZ	Fourteen North Korean soldiers intruded south of the MDL, ignoring South Korean broadcast warnings to withdraw. The incursion led to a twenty-three-minute exchange of heavy gunfire	0	0	0
September 9, 1997	DMZ	A DPRK soldier intruded south into the ROK, threatened a ROK guard, and was shot in self defense.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
June 11, 1998	DMZ (near UNC GP247)	The KPA fired three or four rounds at a UNC guardpost	0	0	0

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June 22, 1998	East Sea	A North Korean midget submarine was seized after it was spotted entangled in South Korean fishing nets off the South Korean town of Sokcho, south of the DMZ. When brought to shore three days later, the nine crew aboard were found dead inside from an apparent group suicide.	0	0	9 (DPRK) murder-suicide
July 12, 1998	?	A body of a North Korean frogman was found on a beach south of the DMZ along with paraphernalia suggesting an apparent infiltration/espionage mission.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
November 1, 1998	West Sea (near Kangwha island)	A North Korean high-speed spy boat got away from pursuers in South Korean waters, aborting an apparent operation to infiltrate agents into or ferry agents back from South Korea.	0	0	0
December 18, 1998	East Sea (near Yosy-do and 95 miles southwest of Pusan)	In a firefight, the South Korean Navy sank a North Korean Improved Semi-Submersible Landing Craft. The body of a North Korean frogman was recovered near the site. The vessel was first spotted two miles off the port city of Yosy.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
June 4, 1999	West Sea	Several North Korean ships provoked a nine-day naval confrontation off South Korea's western coast. One North Korean torpedo boat caught fire and sank with its entire crew on board while five others were heavily damaged. Two of the more modern South Korean vessels sustained minor damage.	30-34 (DPRK)	5 (ROK)	0
February 5, 2001	West Sea	North Korean boats crossed NLL and retreated when they were pursued.	0	0	0
March 3, 2001	West Sea	North Korean boats crossed the NLL and retreated when they were pursued.	0	0	0
April 9, 2001	West Sea	North Korean patrol boats briefly entered ROK waters, on the southern side of the NLL. The boats, which ostensibly were guiding North Korean fishing vessels, retreated after being challenged by ROK naval ships.	0	0	0
April 10, 2001	West Sea	North Korean patrol boats again briefly entered ROK waters on the southern side of the NLL.	0	0	0
May 27, 2001	West Sea	A North Korean patrol boat infiltrated into the southern side of the NLL and stayed for forty-seven minutes before returning to the North. South Korea said that the violation took place in the process of North Korea cracking down on Chinese fishing boats which were operating nearby. The incident was the second one in May and the seventh of its kind in 2001.	0	0	0

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June 4, 2001	West Sea	Three DPRK cargo vessels crossed into ROK territorial waters and returned to international waters after being challenged by ROK naval vessels.	0	0	0
July 6, 2001	West Sea	A North Korean patrol boat crossed the NLL by about two nautical and maneuvered for some forty minutes before returning to North Korea's territorial waters. This was the eleventh intrusion by a North Korean naval vessel in 2001.	0	0	0
September 19, 2001	DMZ	A three-man KPA patrol armed with AK-47 rifles was observed passing through the KPA forward fence line. A UNC guard post issued two verbal warnings and fired twenty-four warning shots before the KPA soldiers returned to the North.	0	0	0
September 20, 2001	DMZ	Ten KPA soldier walked fifty meters south of the MDL. UNC forces issued thirteen voice warnings and fired five warning shots before the KPA soldiers returned.	0	0	0
November 18, 2001	West Sea (6.5 Nm west of Baekryong Island)	A North Korean patrol boat crossed the NLL (the twelfth such incident in 2001).	0	0	0
November 27, 2001	DMZ	North and South Korean troops briefly exchanged fire in the DMZ. North Korean troops fired three rounds toward a UNC guardpost prompting the engaged ROK Army unit to return fire. One bullet hit and shattered a windowpane of a South Korean bunker that serves as a guardpost.	0	0	0
June 29, 2002	West Sea	A gun battle erupted between South and North Korean naval vessels in the West Sea. North Korean patrol boats allegedly crossed the NLL and opened fire on a South Korean patrol boat.	6; 13 (ROK); (DPRK)	0	0
January 14–23, 2003	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-West)	ROK and DPRK soldiers exchanged machine gun fire.	0	0	0
20 February 2003	West Sea (near Yongpyong Do)	A North Korean fighter jet briefly crossed seven miles into South Korean airspace over the West Sea prompting the South Korean air force to send six fighter planes of its own and put ground-to-air missiles on alert.	0	0	0
March 10, 2003	DMZ (near KPA GP 218)	KPA soldiers were caught establishing a mortar position in the DMZ.	0	0	0
May 17, 2003	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-West)	KPA guards made an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
June 17, 2003	East Bank of the Imjin River	A deceased KPA soldier was discovered in the water.	1 (DPRK)	0	0

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July 3-4, 2003	West Sea (Yongpyong Do)	A DPRK fishing boat entered ROK territorial waters and returned across the border.	0	0	0
July 17, 2003	DMZ (near UNC GP 519 and KPA GP 502)	North and South Korean soldiers exchanged machine-gun fire near Yonchon, thirty-five miles north of Seoul. The North Koreans fired four rounds from a distance of 1,200 yards at ROK soldiers who responded with seventeen shots. Warning announcements were made on ROK loudspeakers and ROK soldiers along the DMZ were put on alert. Three of the four DPRK rounds struck an ROK guard post.	0	0	0
August 27, 2003	DMZ (near UNC GP 369 and KPA GP 175)	KPA soldiers fired rounds that struck a UNC guardpost.	0	0	0
October 8, 2003	West Sea (SE of Seoyongpyong Do)	A deceased KPA soldier was discovered in the water.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
November 24, 2003	?	The ROK Navy fired five warning shots after a North Korean patrol boat crossed the NLL.	0	0	0
April 13, 2004	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-East)	Armed KPA soldiers made an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
July 11, 2004	East Sea	A deceased KPA soldier was discovered.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
July 14, 2004	West Sea	An ROK Navy ship fired two warning shots at a North Korean patrol boat near the NLL.	0	0	0
July 20, 2004	Han River (Puk Han Gang)	A deceased KPA soldier was discovered.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
August 8, 2004	North Korea-China border	North Korean agents operating along the Chinese border reportedly kidnapped a former North Korean refugee and current South Korean passport holder while she was retrieving her camcorder along the Tumen River. The North claimed she was spying.	0	0	1 (ROK civilian) captured
October 19, 2004	West Sea (14 Nm southwest of YP-Do)	A DPRK fishing boat was discovered in ROK territorial waters.	0	0	0
November 1, 2004	West Sea (near Vic Wallae-Do and Kirin-Do south of NLL)	Three KPA Navy ships entered in ROK territorial waters. Warning shots were fired.	0	0	0
November 7, 2004	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-East)	North Korean workers made an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
March 25, 2005	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-East)	North Korea alleged that an ROK soldier pointed his weapon north.	0	0	0

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June 1, 2005	DMZ (near UNC outpost 502 & UNC guardpost 915)	Nine KPA soldiers made an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
June 19, 2005	DMZ (near UNC GP 530)	An ROK soldier provoked by his fellow soldiers detonated a grenade near an ROK encampment.	8 (ROK)	2 (ROK)	0
July 12, 2005	East Sea (one mile from Samchok)	The remains of a KPA soldier were recovered in a fishing net.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
August 11, 2005	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-West)	North Korean(s) make an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
August 24, 2005	Hantan River (near Chiktang Waterfall)	A KPA soldier's body was discovered in the water.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
October 28, 2005	DMZ (near UNC GP 366)	A KPA unit allegedly fired one tracer round. UNC forces responded with three shots.	0	0	0
March 18, 2006	East Sea (near Gosong)	The ROK Coast Guard discovered a boat drifting with five deceased people identified as KPA agents on board.	5 (DPRK)	0	0
May 26, 2006	DMZ (near UNC GP 915)	2 KPA soldiers made an unauthorized entry into the DMZ.	0	0	0
July 18, 2006	West Sea (2 Nm northwest of Woo-Do)	A body was found floating in West Sea. The individual's clothing, age, and haircut indicated he was a KPA soldier.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
July 20, 2006	DMZ (Transportation Corridor-West)	Eleven ROK Army troops made an unauthorized entry into the DMZ.	0	0	0
July 31, 2006	DMZ (ROKA 21st ID Checkpoint 26)	DPRK and ROK forces exchanged fire.	0	0	0
October 7, 2006	DMZ (near UNC GP 915)	KPA soldiers made an unauthorized MDL crossing.	0	0	0
June 25, 2007	13 Nm southeast of Yonpyeong-Do	The remains of a KPA soldier were discovered.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
August 6, 2007	DMZ (12th Infantry Division GP)	KPA soldiers and 12th Infantry Division troops exchanged fire.	0	0	0
July 11, 2008	Mt. Kumgang	A fifty-three-year-old female South Korean tourist was shot dead by a North Korean soldier.	1 (ROK civilian)	0	0
July 27, 2008	Imjin River (Pukjin Bridge)	The remains of a KPA soldier were discovered in the river.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
September 2, 2008	Pukhan River (CH9638)	A deceased KPA soldier was discovered in the water.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
September 2, 2008	DMZ (12th Infantry Division GP)	ROK forces fired shots at a suspected infiltrator that was actually a deceased KPA soldier.	1 (DPRK)	0	0

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July 20, 2009	Hantan River (CH 563411)	A KPA soldier's remains were discovered in the water.	1 (DPRK)	0	0
November 10, 2009	West Sea (3.9 Nm off of SC-Do)	A North Korean naval vessel crossed the NLL and was heavily damaged by South Korean frigates before returning.	0	0	0
November 29, 2009	West Sea (0.5 - 1 nm off of YP-Do)	A KPA soldier was rescued in ROK Waters.	0	0	1 (DPRK) rescued
December 21, 2009	West Sea (near Guleob-Do)	Seven DPRK fishermen were rescued in ROK Waters.	0	0	7 (DPRK civilian) rescued
January 27, 2010	West Sea	Around thirty North Korean artillery shells were shot into the DPRK's coastal waters.	0	0	0
January 28, 2010	North Korea-China border	A U.S. citizen was detained for illegally crossing from China into the DPRK.	0	0	1 (U.S. civilian) captured and released
March 17, 2010	North Korea-China border	Two U.S. filmmakers were apprehended.	0	0	2 (U.S. civilian) captured and released
March 27, 2010	West Sea (near PY-Do)	A North Korean midget submarine launched a torpedo that sank the PCC <i>Cheonan</i> .	46 (ROK)	0	0
April 22, 2010	South Korea	Two North Korean agents were arrested for plotting the assassination of Hwang Jang-yop.	0	0	2 (DPRK) arrested
April 8, 2010	DMZ (near 22nd Infantry Division OP and GP 369)	A KPA incursion across MDL prompted an ROK Kinetic Response.	?	?	?
June 8, 2010	North Korea-China border	Four Chinese citizens believed to be entering North Korea to conduct illicit trade were attacked by North Korean border guards.	3 (China civilian)	1 (China civilian)	0
August 8, 2010	West Sea	A South Korean fishing vessel and its crew were seized for operating north of the NLL.	0	0	4; 3 (ROK civilian); (China civilian)
August 9, 2010	West Sea	North Korean artillery shells were again shot into the DPRK's coastal waters.	?	?	?