## SUPREME LEADER KIM JONG UN PROPOSES <u>A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP</u>

## Der mensch denkt, Gott lenkt

(Man Proposes; God Disposes)

It is well accepted that a person, who is found guilty in a criminal court of justice, of perpetrating an act, contrary to the laws/customs of the land, is dubbed a criminal.

It is, also, well accepted that the criminal mind weighs the risk-reward ratio, prior to the perpetration of a crime, and, if he/she determines that the reward far outweighs the risk, then that person may well consider perpetrating that which is considered, inter alia, an antisocial act – an act that is contrary to the laws/customs of the society in which he is a member.

In penology, it is, also, an accepted fact that recidivism by felons remains a bane for which there appears to be no antidote.

The concept of a felon '*having learned his lesson*' and, as a result, may be returned to the bosom of society, once again, has proved to be no more than an airy-fairy concept: The felon is more than likely, on his release from custody, to continue to weigh risk against reward and to act accordingly.

The rehabilitation of felons is, today, as it was, yesterday, the ultimate goal of societies, but it has yet to bear fruit.

Try as the penologists of the most-advanced societies of the world have donned their respective thinking

caps to find a solution, they have failed, abjectly, to find an enduring answer to the problem of restoring someone to former privileges or reputation after a period of disfavour.

The definition of rehabilitation is defined in the Oxford English dictionary as being:

'The action of restoring someone to health or normal life through training and therapy after imprisonment, addiction, or illness.'

## Let's Talk

Recently, one is told that the President of The United States of America has agreed to meet the Supreme Leader of the **D**emocratic **P**eople's **R**epublic of **K**orea (**DPRK**), the conventional short form of the country is, simply, North Korea.

Mr Kim Jong Un () has obliquely indicated his eagerness to meet President Donald John Trump, according to the terse statements, uttered by Mr Chung Eui Yong, National Security Advisor of The Republic of Korea, the conventional short form of this country is, simply, South Korea.

Mr Kim Jong Un is 36 years old and has held his present position in the country since May 9, 2016.

Since taking over the official reins of the Government of North Korea, he has instructed the head of his military to prepare for war and, to that end, he has ordered the spending of massive sums of money on experimentation in the field of nuclear fission and in the creation of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM), capable of carrying conventional or nuclear explosives.

North Korea has, to date, carried out six nuclear test detonations, much to the consternation of governments of the most-advanced countries of the world.

(Since 2003, North Korea ceased to be a party to The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.)

The latest nuclear explosion, the most powerful detonation to date, was on September 3, 2017, when the country exploded a nuclear device that had the force of about 250 kilotons.

(A kiloton is a unit of explosive power, equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT – trinitrotoluene).

By contrast to the nuclear detonation by North Korea on September 3, 2017, the atom bomb, dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, had the force of 15 kilotons of TNT.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has not been averse from warning President Donald John Trump, on numerous occasions, that North Korea has the ability to attack, not only the countries of Asia, but also Guam, an island, located in the Western Pacific that is an unincorporated, organised territory of The United States of America upon which about 200,000 Americans call it home.

Naval Base Guam is home of Commander Submarine Squadron 15, Coast Guard Sector Guam and Naval Special Warfare Unit One and supports 28 other tenant commands.

It is the home base to dozens of Pacific Command, Pacific Fleet, Seventh Fleet, and Seabee units.

Bellicose jingoistic propaganda, uttered by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un in his verbal attacks on The United States of America, have been met by President Donald John Trump, telling North Korea that it had the ability to annihilate country, once and for all, if push came to shove.

For many years, the dictatorial government of North Korea and the theocratic government of The Islamic Republic of Iran have been more than a little burdensome, as far as the Western World is concerned.

It is held by many people that Iran has been '*tamed*' in that it has, at least for the time being, abandoned important aspects of its former nuclear programme, but this was only achieved under pressure from the United Nations.

Few people believe that the country does not, still, have nuclear ambitions, however.

This Islamic country continues to fund certain terroristic entities, one of the better known is HAMAS, an acronym from the official name of this organisation, Harakat al-Muqāwama al-Islāmiyya – 'Islamic Resistance Movement'.

The State of Israel has presented proof to the United Nations that missiles, fired by the HAMAS military wing, The Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigade, into Israeli territory, were manufactured and sent to Gaza by Iranian entities.

HAMAS, as with the theocratic government of Iran, desire to obliterate the Jewish State of Israel – and the leaders of both governments make no bones about their joint, most-fervent political wish.

The United States of America has, repeatedly, called upon The Security Council of The United Nations to take definitive action against North Korean with regard to its bellicose threats and, when President Donald John Trump's entreaties did not meet with the approval of the world body, The United States of America, unilaterally, imposed sanctions on the government of what has come to be known as a pariah state.

Over time, it appears that these sanctions have spawned the present situation whereby Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un has asked for a meeting with the President Donald John Trump, the elected leader of the most-powerful country of the world.

As a candidate for the post of the President of The United States of America in 2016, Mr Donald John Trump went on record, stating that he would be pleased to have a chat with Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

That which President Donald John Trump wants to achieve in his tête-à-tête with Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un is, firstly, the complete and permanent denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

Secondly, he wants North Korea to put a halt to its ICBM programme.

If these two objectives can be achieved without too much angst and no bad blood is spilt, it is quite likely that the sanctions, imposed by The United States of America, can be lifted.

Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, no doubt, realises that a war with The United States of America is in nobody's best interests; and, that North Korea would suffer greatly at the hands of the most-powerful, military might that the world has ever been witness.

However, as it has come to be appreciated, inter alia, crimes are more likely when the perpetrator is strained, often due to circumstance more than greed.

A person may well be cognisant that such an act, if carried out, would be contrary to the law, but, nevertheless, he/she feels compelled so to do.

That is to state that exasperation in respect of a certain situation, or annoyance of the inability to achieve a certain goal, excluding financial gain or artistic success, in many cases, may cause one to resort to crime in order to achieve solace.

In the past few years, shocking acts upon individuals at the insistence of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un have sickened reasonable men and women, leading to some of the harshest words, having been uttered by the leaders of the free world.

North Korea has been branded as a reclusive, dictatorial regime in which profoundly immoral and wicked deeds have, only too often, become common-day occurrences.

Case in Point:

In December of 2013, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un is known to have ordered the public execution of General Jang Song Thaek, his uncle, for allegedly proposing to the Government of the People's Republic of China that it support a proposed coup d'état in order to replace Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un with his half-brother, Mr Kim Jong Nam ().

(Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un took over the reins of Government of North Korea in December 2011, following the death of his father.)

Mr Kim Jong Nam, who had been living in the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China for some time, was subsequently murdered at the Kuala Lumpur Airport (in Malaysia) in February of 2017 when two girls, allegedly, spread VX gas on his face.

An account of the death of General Jang Song Thaek describes how he and five of his aides were stripped naked and fed to 120 hungry dogs that had been starved for three days.

The entire process, of General Jang Song Thaek (), along with his five aids, being killed and, then, eaten by the dogs, lasted for about an hour and, as the six accused were eaten alive, hundreds of North Korean officials watched ... in silence and, no doubt, in fear.

The North Korean Government has never denied the above account of the execution or of any trail of the accused, having been convened.

In late January 2014, the official account of the execution of General Jang Song Thaek and his aids was that they had been killed by a missile that, when it exploded, there were nothing left of the bodies.

One matter that, no doubt, will be brought up by Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un in his deliberations with President Donald John Trump is the matter of the legitimacy of the **D**emocratic **P**eople's **R**epublic of **K**orea on the world stage.

This, above all, if achieved, would be the jewel in the crown, so to speak, of Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

The question would be, of course:

'What would be the going rate for such a precious jewel?'

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