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In stunning summit concession, Trump says he will halt Korea war games

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump made a stunning concession to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday about halting military exercises, pulling a surprise at a summit that baffled allies, military officials and lawmakers from his own Republican Party.

At a news conference after the historic meeting with Kim in Singapore, Trump announced he would halt what he called "very provocative" and expensive regular military exercises that the United States holds with South Korea.

That was sure to rattle close allies South Korea and Japan. North Korea has long sought an end to the war games.

The two leaders promised in a joint statement after their meeting to work toward the "denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula and the United States promised its Cold War foe security guarantees, but they offered few specifics.

The summit, the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader, was in stark contrast to a flurry of North Korean nuclear and missile tests and angry exchanges of insults between Trump and Kim last year that fueled worries about war.

Noting past North Korean promises to denuclearize, many analysts cast doubt on how effective Trump had been at obtaining Washington's pre-summit goal of getting North Korea to undertake complete, verifiable and irreversible steps to scrap a nuclear arsenal that is advanced enough to threaten the United States.

Critics at home said the U.S. president had given away too much at a meeting that gave international standing to Kim. The North Korean leader is deeply isolated, his country accused by rights groups of widespread human rights abuses and under U.N. sanctions for its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

If implemented, the halting of the joint military exercises would be one of the most controversial moves to come from the summit. The drills help keep U.S. forces at a state of readiness in one of the world's most tense flashpoints.

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"We will be stopping the war games which will save us a tremendous amount of money, unless and until we see the future negotiation is not going along like it should. But we'll be saving a tremendous amount of money, plus I think it's very provocative," Trump said.

His announcement was a surprise even to President Moon Jae-in's government in Seoul, which worked in recent months to help bring about the Trump-Kim summit. The presidential Blue House said it needed "to find out the precise meaning or intentions" of Trump's statement, while adding that it was willing to "explore various measures to help the talks move forward more smoothly".

Pentagon officials were not immediately able to provide any details about Trump's remarks about suspending drills, something that the U.S. military has long resisted.

A spokeswoman for U.S. military forces in Korea said it had not received any direction to cease joint military drills.

"USFK has received no updated guidance on execution or cessation of training exercises - to include this fall's scheduled Ulchi Freedom Guardian," U.S. Forces in Korea spokeswoman Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Lovett said in a statement.

One South Korean official said he initially thought Trump had misspoken.

"I was shocked when he called the exercises 'provocative,' a very



U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un leave after signing documents, at their summit in Singapore

unlikely word to be used by a U.S. president," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because it was a politically sensitive issue.

Current and former U.S. defense officials expressed concern at the possibility that the United States would unilaterally halt military exercises without an explicit concession from North Korea that lowers the threat from Pyongyang.



The U.S.-South Korean exercise calendar hits a high point every year with the Foal Eagle and Max Thunder drills, which both wrapped up last month. "The Republican chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Bob Corker, said it

was difficult to assess what had happened at the summit.

"While I am glad the president and Kim Jong Un were able to meet, it is difficult to determine what of concrete nature has occurred," Corker said in a statement.

Speaking about the military exercises, Corker told Reuters: "I don't know if that's an agreement or an ad hoc statement that was made. It wasn't in the agreement and sometimes things are said and walked back after talking to people at the Pentagon and other places."

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan, a Republican, called North Korea a "brutal regime" and urged Trump to continue "maximum economic pressure" as negotiations advance.

U.S. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer faulted Trump's agreement with Kim as short on details, saying the United States gave up "substantial leverage."

World stock markets were little changed on Tuesday while the U.S. dollar fell slightly against an index of major currencies, as investors brushed aside the summit.

The two leaders smiled and shook hands at their meeting at the Capella hotel on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa, and Trump spoke in warm terms of Kim at his news conference afterward.

Just a few months ago, Kim was an international pariah accused of ordering the killing of his uncle, a half-brother and hundreds of officials suspected of disloyalty. Tens of thousands of North Koreans are imprisoned in labor camps. The leaders' joint statement did not refer to human rights, although Trump said he had raised the issue with Kim, and he believed the North Korean leader wanted to "do the right thing".

Trump said he expected the denuclearization process to start "very, very quickly" and it would be verified by "having a lot of people in North Korea".

He said Kim had announced that North Korea was destroying a major missile engine-testing site, but sanctions on North Korea would stay in place for now.

It was unclear if negotiations would lead to denuclearization, or end with broken promises, as happened in the past, said Anthony Ruggiero, senior fellow at Washington's Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank.

"This looks like a restatement of where we left negotiations more than 10 years ago and not a major step forward," he said. The joint statement said Trump "committed to provide security guarantees" to North Korea and Kim "reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula".

North Korea has long rejected unilateral nuclear disarmament, instead referring to the denuclearization of the peninsula. That has always been interpreted as a call for the United States to remove its "nuclear umbrella" protecting South Korea and Japan.

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Roundup: Xi's memorable remarks on Shanghai Spirit, SCO cooperation

BEIJING, June 8 (Xinhua) -- In his remarks delivered at the 2015-17 summits of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Chinese President Xi Jinping called on SCO members to uphold the Shanghai Spirit, embrace openness and enhance cooperation in various fields.

The following are memorable quotes from Xi's remarks.

UPHOLDING SHANGHAI SPIRIT

Speaking at the 17th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Astana, Kazakhstan in 2017, Xi said: "Firmly committed to the Shanghai Spirit, SCO member states are making solid progress on the road of building a community of shared future, thus establishing a fine example of the new type of international relations featuring win-win cooperation."

"The Shanghai Spirit has inspired a strong sense of solidarity which ensures the growth of the SCO. We should carry forward this fine tradition of solidarity and coordination," Xi said.

Speaking at the 16th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the SCO in the Uzbek capital Tashkent in 2016, Xi praised the remarkable achievements of the regional bloc since its establishment 15 years ago.

The first of the achievements is that the SCO has advocated and put into practice the Shanghai Spirit, which features mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respect for diverse civilizations and pursuit of common development, said the Chinese president.

Speaking at the 15th Meeting of Council of Heads of State of the SCO in Ufa, Russia in 2015, Xi said: "Featuring mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality, consultation, respecting diverse civilizations and seeking common development, the Shanghai Spirit has over the past 15 years underpinned the SCO's development and represents the trend in contemporary interna-

tional relations."

"It is my conviction that by upholding the Shanghai Spirit and acting with unity and mutual support, we will surely enable the SCO to grow from strength and make new strides in a new historical stage," he said.

EMBRACING OPENNESS

"Openness has been a defining feature of the SCO since its inception. China supports the SCO in carrying out cooperation of various forms and in a broad range of areas with its observer states and dialogue partners as well as other countries, and in further reviewing the applications from the related countries for legal status in the SCO in accordance with its regulations and the principle of consensus," said Xi at the 2017 summit.

In 2016, Xi said that members of the SCO have worked to build political mutual trust and firmly supported each other's independent development paths.

The SCO should remain open and transparent without targeting any third party, engage all like-minded international partners in wide-ranging cooperation and act as a constructive force for the healthy development of the international order, said the Chinese leader.

The SCO should continue to uphold openness and inclusiveness and get more parties on board, Xi said.

In 2015, Xi said: "We should uphold international equity and justice, promote multilateralism and openness, respect each other's interests, refrain from interfering in other country's internal affairs, settle disputes through peaceful means and seek common development and prosperity with a win-win approach."

ENHANCING SECURITY AND OTHER COOPERATION

At the 2017 meeting, Xi said: "At present, the international and regional situation is undergoing profound and complex changes. Destabilizing factors and uncertainties are on the rise. Only through co-

operation can countries properly meet threats and challenges. China is willing to work together with all parties to strengthen the sense of community with a shared future, and build a common home of security, stability, development and prosperity."

"It is important for SCO countries to bring our people, youth in particular, closer to each other, so that the good-neighborliness and cooperation between us will be carried forward by the future generations," said Xi.

In 2015, Xi said: "Upholding security and stability in our region is a common concern for all member states. The SCO has the responsibility to prevent instability, forestall the spread of terrorist and religious extremist ideologies and stop forces with hidden agenda from undermining peace and stability in our region."

"We should take strong measures to advance counter-terrorism, drug control and defense cooperation, increase SCO security operation capacity, and strengthen the network of law enforcement cooperation," Xi said.

"To seek new growth areas and improve people's livelihood is a major task for SCO member states. On the basis of promoting mutual benefit, the SCO should encourage its member states to create more cooperation opportunities and strive for early harvest in regional economic cooperation," he said.

"We should take even bigger steps to promote trade and investment facilitation and liberalization. It is important for us to expand trade volume, improve trade structure, adopt common measures, and harmonize business, customs, quality inspection and transport policies," he added.

At the 2016 summit, Xi said the SCO countries have also greatly strengthened their cooperation in trade, business, finance, energy and transportation, among other areas.

The SCO also needs to enhance cultural and people-to-people exchanges as the foundation for future development, Xi said, adding that China is willing to support other member states in archaeology studies and restoring historical sites, as well as communicate and cooperate in such fields as youth, health care and environmental protection.

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U.S. President Donald Trump meets North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa island in Singapore



U.S. President Donald Trump smiles next to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa island in Singapore



U.S. President Donald Trump meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa island in Singapore



U.S. President Donald Trump reacts after a news conference in Singapore



North Koreans watch news report on North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un's Singapore visit in front of an electronic screen at Pyongyang station in Pyongyang



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and White House Chief of Staff John Kelly listen as U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference after his meeting with North



U.S. President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference after his meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa island in Singapore



The motorcade of U.S. President Donald Trump leaves Sentosa island, Singapore

HOUSTON (March 13, 2018) - A \$4.4 million grant awarded to Texas A&M University from the National Science Foundation will provide a boost to Houston Community College students pursuing careers in cybersecurity.

With the award from the NSF Foundation CyberCorps Scholarships for Service Program, the Texas A&M Cybersecurity Center will administer the Cyber Leader-Scholars Program in partnership with HCC.

The program will combine the academic experience at both institutions to develop and mentor a group of students over a five-year period. In return for their scholarships, which include generous stipends, the students agree to work for a government agency for a period equal to the length of the scholarship.



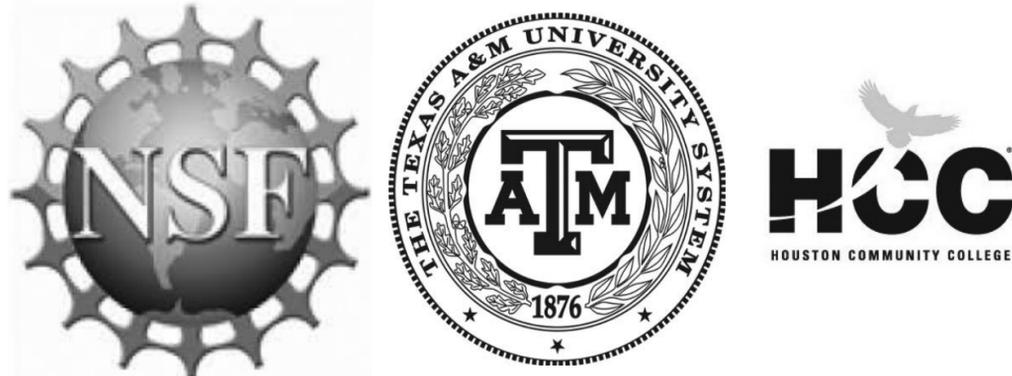
"We are fortunate to have highly motivated partners from Houston Community College who will administer the program on their campus," said Daniel "Rags" Ragsdale, director of the Texas A&M Cybersecurity Center. Doug Rowlett, dean of HCC Digital and Information Technology Center of Excellence, said the grant is a big boost for HCC.

"We are very pleased to be working closely with Dr. Ragsdale," he said. "Our two programs complement each other, and the foundation we can give students transferring to A&M will help them be successful as they pursue their careers."

HCC's designation by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Agency insures that the com-

NSA \$4.4 Million Grant To Help HCC Cybersecurity Students

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community college's programs meet the highest federal standards for cybersecurity, Rowlett said.



"It is one of the reasons we were chosen to partner with A&M on this NSF grant, and it opens a wonderful opportunity for our students to move forward with their studies in a prestigious cybersecurity center like the one at A&M," he said. In today's world, computer networks are an essential part of business operations. With accessing information over

the network and the high availability of multiple resources, administrators of enterprise networks have to be aware and understand all potential threats to the network.

Cyber security, also referred to as information technology security, focuses on protecting computers, networks, programs and data from unintended or unauthorized access, change or destruction.



The courses offered at HCC through the Cyber Leader-Scholars Program will include Security Certification, CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner and Enterprise Network Security (Firewalls & Network Security).

Cybersecurity, also known as computer security or information technology security, is a field that covers the tools and systems used to monitor, mitigate, and prevent online threats. Cybersecurity professionals use innovative technology to combat hackers, cyberterrorists, network outages, and other technical problems that could compromise network security. Due to our growing reli-

ance on web-based technology at home and in the workplace, this fast-paced profession has grown quickly over the past two decades. Today, the U.S. government maintains a National Cybersecurity Division under the Department of Homeland Security; additionally, the



Internet Crime Complaint Center is comprised of personnel from the FBI, the National White Collar Crime Center, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Most careers in cybersecurity are attainable with a bachelor's degree. While some schools offer standalone cybersecurity programs, most students pursue a cybersecurity specialization or concentration as part of a larger major, such as criminal justice, information technology, or network administration. Often, cybersecurity programs facilitate internship opportunities for their students, allowing them to spend time at a practical worksite, where they receive supervised training from experienced

professionals. Today, many students are choosing to earn their bachelor's in cybersecurity online. The best online cybersecurity degree programs equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to launch a career in this dynamic field. The asynchronous format used by most web-based programs is particularly convenient for students with part-time jobs, childcare responsibilities, or other commitments that make it difficult to attend class on campus. Students who graduate with a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity will be qualified for most entry-level positions in the field, along with some managerial roles normally reserved for candidates who have completed a four-year education. Common careers for cybersecurity degree recipients include data analysts, software development, network administration, and digital forensics.



For more information about the Cyber Security program at HCC, go here: http://www.hccs.edu/continuing-education/departments/information-technology-it/cyber-security/

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North Korea will denuclearize, President Trump declared in an exclusive interview with ABC News chief anchor George Stephanopoulos just hours after intense and historic negotiations with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Stephanopoulos asked how Trump could trust the brutal dictator. "I do trust him, yeah," Trump said. "Maybe in a year you'll be interviewing and I'll say I made a mistake. It's possible. We're dealing at a high level, a lot of things can change a lot of things are possible."

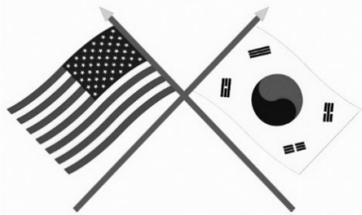
He pressed the president on his previous criticism of North Korea's human rights abuses including starving his people, running labor camps and assassinating members of his own family.

"George, I'm given what I'm given," Trump said. "This is what we have, this is where we are, and I can only tell you from my experience, and I've met him, I've spoken with him. I've met him. And this is, this has started early and it's been very intense. I think that he really wants to do a great job for North Korea. I think he wants to de-nuke, without that, there's nothing to discuss. It was on the table from the beginning, and you see a total denuclearization of North Korea - so important."



President Trump in an exclusive interview with ABC News chief anchor George Stephanopoulos just hours after intense and historic negotiations with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

What was gained in the historic summit Trump talked about the agreements that were reached at the summit in Singapore today, saying that he believes the North Korean leader "wants to do the right thing".



Singapore Summit Concludes

"If Kim keeps nuke promises and sanctions come off, he could develop condos and hotels." --President Trump

Trump Opens Up About Kim After Historic Summit: 'I Do Trust Him'

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"We have the framework for getting ready to denuclearize," Trump said. "He's de-nuking the whole place. I think he's going to start now."

Trump seemed to hold an optimistic take on Kim's intentions, saying that the dictator "really wants to do something I think terrific for their country."

Speaking about specifics When asked if there was talk of pulling U.S. troops out of South Korea, Trump said the topic didn't come up.

"We didn't discuss that, no. We're not going to play the war games... I thought they were very provocative. I also they're also very expensive," Trump said.

Another potential sticking point that didn't come up? The nuclear umbrella that the U.S. has over South Korea, that is intended to protect it from any missile strikes from the North.



When asked by Stephanopoulos if the removal of the nuclear umbrella was "on the table," Trump said no, saying the umbrella had not even been discussed.

Trump pointed to the international partners that he plans to work with in the pursuit of

a denuclearized North Korea, pointing to South Korea, Japan, and China as countries that he plans to work with moving forward. An underlying strain of Trump's takeaways from the interview was Kim's perceived willingness to do the right thing.

"Over my lifetime I've done a lot of deals with a lot of people and sometimes the people you most distrust turn out to be the most honorable ones and the people that you do trust turn out to be not the honorable ones," Trump said.

"I believe he wants to get it done." Donald Trump included a Hollywood-produced video in his presentation to Kim Jong-un during nuclear talks in Singapore

Part of the footage included a wide shot of a beach and an image of speedboats Trump said he saw the video and thought North Korea has 'great beaches' and is situated perfectly between the economic powers of China and South Korea

Trump encouraged Kim to consider a future that included condo and hotel developments in his country Trump suggested there could be another meeting of the two leaders in the future and that he would like to hold a gathering at the White House.

"I would love to have him at the White House. Whatever it takes," Trump said. "I've been up 24 hours now straight between phone calls and working it," he said.

"This is a very, look this is 72 years we're

talking about, and we put it into one very intensive day and some meetings beforehand."



The meeting in Singapore marked the first time a sitting U.S. president met face-to-face with a North Korean leader, but it almost didn't happen.

Only two weeks ago, Trump canceled the meeting, citing "open hostility" from North Korea. But after some last-minute diplomacy, the meeting was scheduled again and took place Tuesday at 9 a.m. Singapore time, at the exclusive Capella hotel on the secluded - and secure - resort island of Sentosa.

Trump entered the meeting confident, boasting during the buildup that he expected to "have a great discussion."

"I feel really great," Trump said just moments before the historic meeting. "We're going to have a great discussion, I think, a tremendous success, this will be tremendously successful. It's my honor and we will have a terrific relationship I have no doubt."

Kim smiled as the translator interpreted

Trump's comments, before issuing a brief statement of his own.

"It was not an easy path here," Kim said. "There's a history of holding onto our ankles, and it appeared there were times that there were unfortunate practices where they were trying to block our eyes and our ears, but we've overcome everything and come to this place."



Their first meeting this morning was one-on-one, with only the two leaders and their translators meeting for about 45 minutes. Trump told reporters that his one-on-one with Kim had been "very, very good" and said the two have an "excellent relationship." Kim did not respond to shouted questions about whether he will give up his country's nuclear weapons.

The two then sat down with their broader national security delegations for a second meeting at the Capella Hotel resort on Sentosa Island. The president was joined by a translator and his chief of staff John Kelly along with Secretary Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton.

Looking forward to a new relationship Trump gave some insights into his conversations with Kim and how the relationship between the U.S. and North Korea soured in the past.

He said that Kim described being "let down by the United States" in the past, though Trump brushed it aside saying "but that's irrelevant."

The president said that his newly formed relationship with the dictator is markedly different from the lesser relationships his predecessors had with Kim's relatives, saying "they've never gone this far, you know, they've never been at a level like this, and his father never dealt with a president."

And in Trump's mind, that could be a game changer.

"This is different, I believe you'll find in the years to come, George. I think you're going to find this different," Trump said. (Courtesy abcnews.go.com)

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