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ASTONISHING DOUBLE STANDARD AS US LAUNCHES LETHAL MISSILE FROM
VANDENBERG,
WHILE THREATENING ACTION AGAINST DPRK

As the US threatens to take military action of some kind against North Korea (DPRK) if it should dare to perform either a nuclear test or a missile test, it is testing a Minuteman-III missile today (if it goes according to schedule), from its usual test site, the Vandenberg Airforce Base.

US disarmament lobbyists have already pointed to the glaring double-standard involved.

According to UN disarmament lobbyist John Hallam of Sydney, who is leaving for the UN on Saturday,

“The disconnect is mind-blowing. In virtually the same breath as that in which it threatens the DPRK should they dare to test, the US is testing something far more deadly, and indeed, literally threatening the DPRK with its possible use. Unlike the DPRKs dodgy missiles that blow up on the launch pad much of the time, we know very well that the Minuteman-III works very well, and is quite capable of lofting a nuclear warhead from Vandenberg to Pyongyang.(or Beijing or Moscow).”

This doesn't excuse the DPRKs threatening behaviour or make it OK for the the DPRK to develop a nuclear program. But the fact remains that testing nuclear missiles is deemed to be somehow OK for the established nuclear weapons states, who are entirely capable of making the planet uninhabitable in one very bad afternoon, and of doing so by sheer miscalculation. Yet it is 'not OK' for nations like the DPRK, who surely look at the actions of the nuclear weapons states and say 'if its alright for them it is alright for us'.

Nuclear weapons are not something that is bad in some peoples hands and good in other peoples hands. As former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Mon once said 'there are no right hands for wrong weapons'.

The US should be joining the right-minded governments of the world who are negotiating a nuclear weapons ban at the UN between June15 and July7.”

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