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Paul's summary

This past Monday afternoon, the world was shocked to hear of the death of Kim Jong-il. The North Korean state media had made a special broadcast, reporting that the country's leader had died. The **reported cause of death** was a **heart attack due to overwork** though many speculate that the dictator's failing health had finally caught up to him. He was 69 at the time of his death.

Though he **is survived by** his two sons and daughter, Kim Jong-il's legacy will be remembered for his 17-year **oppressive rule** of the Communist state. With his death, many are concerned for the future of North Korea. Many believe there will be a **power vacuum** that will either be filled by the **28 year old heir**, Kim Jong-un, or various military generals. If there is a **power struggle**, many fear that **the region will continue to destabilize**.

The possibility of reunification has been coming up again but many fear decades of North Korean propaganda has created a cultural barrier that cannot be overcome. Also, the economic gap between the two nations has far surpassed any comparison. The UN recently estimated that over a quarter of North Koreans are starving and **in need of aid**. Reunification might cause **millions of refugees fleeing to South Korea** and require trillions of dollars of financial recovery. As of now, both North and South Korea's militaries have been **put on high alert**. With the death of one more dictator, the world breathes a sigh of relief but again holds its breath to the future of the Korean peninsula.

Key Words

1. 공식적인 사인 reported cause of death
2. 과로로 인한 심장발작 heart attack due to overwork
3. 철권통치를 하다 rule with an iron fist; oppress; repress; have a tight grip on the country
4. 권력의 공백 power vacuum
5. 후계자 heir
6. 권력투쟁 power struggle
7. 조문단 a delegation to pay the condolences
8. 남남갈등 internal conflict within South Korea
9. 미래가 불투명하다 outlook for North Korea is hazy; future is uncertain (unpredictable)
10. 중국의 한반도에 대한 영향력이 확대된다 China will have more political clout on the Korean peninsula
11. 권력 세습 Kim Jung-eun inherited his power from his father
12. 3대 세습 North Korean government leadership has been passed down for three generations (for the third generation)
13. 사망시점과 원인에 대해 의혹이 제기되고 있다 The reason and time of Kim's death are in question.
14. 애도 condolence
15. 김정은의 리더십이 불안하다 Kim's leadership is still in a shaky position; Kim has yet to solidify his power in the government; Kim's leader is still uncertain

More Key Words

1. 죽은 사람이 다스리는 것, 유신통치 necrocracy
2. 힐러리 클린턴의 조의 표현: We are deeply concerned with the well-being of the North Korean people and our thoughts and prayers are with them during these difficult times.
3. 상중 during a difficult time
4. 역사가 평가할 것이다 history will be my judge; history will judge me
5. 북한이 중국 원조에 의존하게 된다 North Korea turns to China for aid
6. 경계태세를 강화하다 be put on high alert
7. 도움이 필요하다 in need of aid
8. 한반도의 불안정 상태가 지속될 것이다 the region will continue to destabilize

9. 유족으로 ~가 있다 is survived by ~

10. 수백만의 난민이 발생한다 millions of refugees fleeing to South Korea