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summary

Last Saturday, North Korea announced it would attempt another **rocket launch**. The announcement has already **brought condemnation** from the international community and once again **raises tensions** in the Asian region. Already, the North Korean rocket has been confirmed to be **fully assembled** and waiting to be fired at a launch site, located in the northwestern part of the Korean peninsula.

North Korea claims that the rocket is merely intended to **place a science satellite into space**. But many believe the irresponsible show of power is a disguise to test its **long-range ballistic missile** technology, which could be capable of carrying **nuclear warheads** as far as to the U.S. The North Korean space agency declared that the rocket may take off as early as next week between December 10th and the 22nd, **in time with** South Korea's upcoming presidential election. Only time will tell if North Korea's leader Kim Jung-un will reconsider, as the isolated communist nation now risks even tougher sanctions from the U.N. while further alienating **its handful of allies**.

Key Words

1. 한반도에 긴장이 고조되다 tensions are rising on the Korean peninsula
2. 주변국의 움직임이 긴박해지다 neighboring countries are put on a high(er) alert; neighboring countries are on their toes
3. 궤적을 이탈하면 요격하다 the rocket will be shot down if it goes off course; if it go off its trajectory
4. 고강도의 제재가 이루어지다 impose heavier sanctions on North Korea; North Korea will be imposed heavier sanctions
5. 외교적 수단을 통해 압력을 가하다 put more pressure on North Korea through diplomatic means
6. 로켓의 발사를 막다 stop the launch; prevent the launch; dissuade North Korea from launching the rocket
7. 리더십을 공고화하다 cement the leadership
8. 미국에서 더 많은 양보를 얻어내다 gain more concessions from the US; extract more concessions from the US
9. (북한) 주민들을 안심시키다 reassure its people
10. 탄도미사일 ballistic missile
11. 핵탄두 nuclear warhead
12. 추진체 booster

More Key Words

1. 국제 사회의 비난을 사다 bring condemnation from the international community
2. 긴장을 고조시키다 raise tensions
3. 조립이 끝난 fully assembled
4. ~에 때맞춰 in time with ~
5. 몇 안 되는 동맹국 its handful of allies