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## Who Knows What They Believe?

A train in North Korea exploded killing 160 people and injuring 1,300. South Korea offered train loads of aid but the North Korean thugocracy **refused** to let it across the demilitarised zone. Why?

Does the North Korean government believe its own **propaganda** that the South is an American colony? Do they think that the South might use this as an opportunity to attack?

Or is it even worse than that? Are they turning the aid down despite knowing that South Korea only wants peace and is willing to help the North to cope with this disaster?

The North Korean regime is so closed and irrational that we can't tell what they're really thinking, and this is a problem. They might already **have** nuclear weapons and they have certainly been trying to **acquire** them. Crazy communists and nuclear weapons don't mix well. The West needs to come up with a policy to make sure that we don't find out the hard way that the rulers of North Korea have both nuclear weapons and irrational beliefs.

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