

# The emperor's new clothes from Singapore

## Trump and the mouse that roared

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What happened in Singapore?

Kim Jong-un, one of the most ruthless dictators and human rights despiser of our time, was friendly to one of his main opponents in Singapore. Kim had initially made himself unassailable through consistent nuclear armament, which was to serve the security of his family clan as a quasi-monarchic dynasty, not the security of his country. With the assertion that the USA wanted to attack his country, he, like his father, justified the economic impoverishment of his subjects by the absolute priority of the military and of nuclear and rocket armament as well as by the resulting sanctions of the rest of the world, most recently also of his protective power China.

Kim doesn't seem to be stupid or narrow-minded, but he may have analysed his situation with sobriety all the time. He seems to have weighed up what benefits his very personal security interests more: the continuation of extreme confrontation with ever stricter economic sanctions or a strategy of verbal disarmament.

Four aspects were probably essential:

- 1 China's pressure to end the nuclear escalation
2. A less confrontational, peace-seeking president in South Korea
3. The narcissistic personality of the American president, that offered good chances of success for a charm offensive with beautiful images and vague concessions.
- 4) An easy to impress world press that likes to turn a mass murderer into a rock star when he smiles and comes across as "human" and relaxed.

Perhaps American consultancies have contributed to these strategic considerations for good money.

Under these conditions, the young dictator, who had been so successful until then, found it worthwhile to try to meet the US president for a dinner and a peaceful walk under garden trees with a lot of physical contact. What was decisive for Kim's trip to Singapore was that he had nothing to lose. Trump was supposed to knock a few hair scales off his shoulder; other presidents had to accept such humiliations before without damage.

And so it happened: the man from Washington became so enthusiastic about himself within a very short time, the world press had the word "historic" on its foamy lips, Kim was so nice and Trump so proud to have won this friends too, that Kim's dearest wishes seemed to be fulfilled: Guarantees for his inhuman regime through the former "supremacy of the West", removal of the American protective power from South Korea. It was important to wrap this narcissist in such a way that he forgot all his goals of nailing down Kim to a "complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization" (Trump's goal, announced in advance by Mike Pompeo). He only had to pay with disarmament promises, as they had already been made earlier - whether by his predecessors or by all recognized nuclear powers, including the USA.

While Kim was apparently not asked to make any excuses for his policy of extreme confrontation<sup>1</sup>, Trump completely voluntarily humiliated his own policy of joint manoeuvres in the South as "provocative", "inappropriate" and a waste of money, so Kim's previous assessment of these manoeuvres being confirmed by the USA.

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<sup>1</sup> Some things remind us of an old film "The Mouse that roared" (1959), in which a small country like Liechtenstein comes into possession of an nuclear bomb with all kinds of bizarre consequences (read more in Wikipedia).

Perhaps this selfless self-humiliation gives Trump decisive points in the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize. His tweed, one may now sleep peacefully, may have applied above all to Kim Jong-un, who, incidentally, according to all reports, should not have had any hair scales on his dictator's dress.

Trump, however, is said to have slept well as he had not only defeated North Korea, but at the same time "in hard work" blackmailed FIFA members to award the next but one World Cup to North America, where it will then partly also take place south of the "Trump Wall" in Mexico and in Canada, which recently threatened the security of the USA with steel supplies.