

# Fears of futuristic North Korea drone wars sparks South to invest in electromagnetic pulse weapons

**Kim Jong-un is believed to have developed an army of over 310 unmanned military drones worrying his enemies across the border**

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Kim Jong-Un

inspecting the landing and anti-landing drills of KPA Large Combined Units (Photo: KCNA)

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North Korea is building a hi-tech army of hundreds of killer drones sparking fears of a Star Wars-style attack on the South.

Kim Jong-un has already developed over 310 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), many armed with machine guns, radar and long-range weapons, according to South Korea military advisors.

And the despot vowed on national TV today to invest in more durable remote control craft than can fly for longer distances and carry heavier machinery.

In response, government officials in the South have asked scientists to create new electromagnetic pulse (EMP) devices to disable and bring the drones down.

An EMP is a powerful burst of particles used to disable electronics and was used in the Star Wars: Clone Wars series as a method of killing fictional droids.



South Korea fears the North will turn many of their UAVs into weapons (stock picture) (Photo: Reuters)



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North Korean military drill (Photo: Getty)



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un talks with officers at a guard post during his visit to the Jangjae Islet Defence Detachment and Mu Islet Hero Defence Detachment on the front, near the border with South Korea (Photo: Reuters)

The North's Chosun Central TV news did not provide clear images of the actual drone but claimed it had real-time observation and tracking capabilities.

It also said the machine can be used to check the atmosphere, detect forest fires and observe fishing grounds.

But government officials in Seoul fear this is a smokescreen for Kim Jong-un upgrading the military capability of drones brought in from China and the Soviet Union.

An official from Seoul's defense ministry told [YonHap News Agency](#): "The North is building larger drones with greater range and with the capability to be flown remotely by flight controllers."



Rockets fired during a North Korean military drill (Photo: Getty)



Kim Jong-Un inspecting the landing and anti-landing drills (Photo: KCNA)



North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un (C) using binoculars to inspect the Jangjae Islet defence detachment and the Mu Islet defence detachment to guide a live shell firing drill (Photo: AFP/Getty Images)

He declined to go into detail but said Seoul has detected numerous test flights by such aerial vehicles since early this year.

South Korea estimates that the North has some 300 observation drones and around 10 machines capable of conducting attacks with weapons.

A Korea Defense and Security Forum source told YonHap News: "The North clearly seems to be interested in building its own UAV to replace the old imported machines and copies of these drones that have crashed in South Korean territory in the past."