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LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) Democratic People's Republic of Korea state news agency referred to Kim Jong-il's son, Kim Jong-un, as the "great successor." (*Reuters*)
- (U) Kim Jong-il's funeral will be held December 28, and Kim Jong-un will lead the National Funeral Committee. Foreign mourning delegations will not be received. (*AP, Xinhua News*)
- (U) The Republic of Korea defense ministry detected no indications of unusual movement by DPRK military. (*Reuters*)
- (U) A ROK/DPRK jointly-run factory park located in DPRK is operating normally according to business officials. (*Reuters*)

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

- (SBU) ROK placed its military on high alert following the announcement of Kim Jong-il's death, according to press. Embassy Seoul comments ROK President Lee convened an emergency meeting of the National Security Council to review the internal and external security situation and ensure appropriate response measures were in place.
(Ops/Embassy Seoul e-mail, Reuters)
- (U) ROK President Lee called for calm following the announcement of Kim Jong-il's death, asking residents of the country to carry on with daily life. (*Reuters*)
- (SBU) China offered its deep condolences on the death of Kim Jong-il, media report. Embassy Beijing comments ROK diplomats in Beijing have not been in contact yet with Chinese officials. (*Ops/Embassy Beijing e-mail, Xinhua News*)
- (SBU) The Japanese government expressed their condolences on the death of Kim Jong-il, and PM Noda cancelled a speaking engagement, according to press. Embassy Tokyo comments Noda instructed ministers to monitor the situation carefully and be ready to respond to developments. (*Ops/Embassy Tokyo e-mail, Telegraph*)

- (SBU) The Russian MFA currently has no plans to issue a statement or offer condolences. Russian media outlets are reporting neutrally on the death. *(Ops/Embassy Moscow e-mail)*
- (U) UK Foreign Secretary Hague expressed his condolences and said this could be a turning point for DPRK as Kim Jong-un takes over as leader. *(AP)*

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