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US FEARS NORTH KOREA WILL TORTURE PVT. KING, HOPING KIM RESPECTS MILITARY

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(SCROLL FOR LIVE UPDATES:) America, Let's hope the worst doesn't happen to PVT. King, the US Soldier who defected to North Korea during a tour recently. Perspective: When North Korea tortured US Citizen Otto Warmbier his injuries were so severe experts question whether Kim was experimenting with directed energy weapons. 'US doctors described Mr. Warmbier as being in a state of "unresponsive wakefulness" (Brain Dead) but the Warmbier family said calling this just a coma was "unfair". His father said when they saw his son he was "moving around, and jerking violently, making these howling and

inhuman sounds". His head was shaved, he was blind and deaf, his arms and legs were "totally deformed" and he had a huge scar on his foot, he said. It "looked like someone had taken a pair of pliers and rearranged his bottom teeth".'

News broke of China perfecting their new energy weapon "NeuroStrike" – This attacks the target's brain waves and bodily functions. Testing for this weapon likely takes place in North Korea, per reporting.

There has been contact made by the US Government, Military with channels in North Korea but so far Kim has stonewalled negotiators. This opens up an "opportunity" for Kim, experts say. Given that this is a member of the US Armed Forces, it's possible Kim could seek the unfreezing of assets, sanction relief, prisoner swaps or something in return from US President Joe Biden, opposed to unrestricted torture like Otto. The 'top priority' for the US is the well being of PVT. King. I would like to think North Korea wouldn't treat a US Soldier in the same fashion it does a regular US citizen. However, this isn't the case. Reports suggest NK hasn't provided Pvt. King much food.

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Kim continues to disrespect Biden. North Korea tortures and forces PVT. King to denounce the US and No deal is struck between the Governments in Washington and North Korea. With communication cut off, tensions could rise as members of Congress could escalate rhetoric and threaten action. Like Otto's unfortunate case, years could go by, a Presidential election could pass– we could have a new President.

If this happens, it's safe to assume the worst for PVT. King. Officials in Pyongyang are tight lipped and haven't even revealed his exact whereabouts as of this reporting. This type of treatment of a US Soldier would certainly tank relations to a new low, this would mark a historic act of war as Kim would hail this as retaliation from the Korean War.

It remains unclear why PVT. King dashed into North Korea, let's pray this isn't a generation of pranks, clicks and Tik-Tok videos coming to a culmination. Can you imagine? Causing such turmoil. Getting tortured and experimented on by Kim's regime over such stupidity?

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Update 1 - Per reporting, Thomas King of Kenosha, the father of a Wisconsin soldier who crossed into North Korea, asserts that his son is an ardent patriot and a committed member of the military. However, he speculates that his son's actions were likely the result of a mistake made after a prolonged night of drinking. Before enlisting in the Army, Travis King was not known to consume alcohol, but it appears that he may have indulged in celebration upon his unit's return to the United States after a lengthy two-year deployment on the Korean Peninsula.

During an interview on Tuesday, Thomas King expressed his belief that intoxication was likely the primary factor behind his son's actions. He maintains that Travis King's status as a responsible drinker before his military service further supports the notion that excessive alcohol consumption on that particular occasion might have led him to cross into North Korea inadvertently.

Update 2 - According to a report, the U.S. Army soldier who recently fled to North Korea triggered an international incident and had previously stated that he had no intentions of returning to his post or to America. The Messenger obtained Army documents that reveal Private Travis King's disciplinary and legal troubles leading up to his border crossing on Tuesday. One such incident occurred on September 4, 2022, where King allegedly failed to report to an accountability formation—a military muster used to verify the presence of troops and their readiness for the day. The documents indicate that the now 23-year-old King explicitly expressed his refusal to return to his post or America and claimed to be in the South Korean city of Uijeongbu.

Update 3 - Deemed as propaganda: In its first public statement on detained US soldier Travis King, North Korea claimed the private was fleeing "inhuman maltreatment and racial discrimination within the US Army." The statement, carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), added that King "expressed his willingness to seek refuge in the DPRK or a third country, saying that he was disillusioned at the unequal American society."

North Korean investigators have also concluded that King crossed deliberately and illegally, with the intent to stay in the North or in a third country, state news agency KCNA said.

"During the investigation, Travis King confessed that he had decided to come over to the DPRK as he harbored ill feelings against inhuman maltreatment and racial discrimination within the U.S. Army," KCNA said, using the North's official name. "He also expressed his willingness to seek refugee in the DPRK or a third country, saying that he was disillusioned at the unequal American society."

King was "kept under control by soldiers of the Korean People's Army" after his crossing and the investigation was still active, the agency added.

Update 4 - US President Joe Biden is ready to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in direct talks about the denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula, bypassing any preconditions, according to a senior White House official.

"They have not responded positively to that offer, but it's still on the table. We are willing to sit down and negotiate without preconditions," White House national security spokesman John Kirby told Japanese media.

This announcement came just ahead of the most recent trilateral summit, where Biden will meet the leaders of Japan and South Korea.

Update 5: He has “so many reasons to come home,” his mother, Claudine Gates, said to NTD NEWS as she cast doubt on recent statements from North Korea alleging that her son, Travis King, is a willing defector.

Update 6: Breaking News: PVT. King, US Soldier Who Defected to North Korea, Now in US Custody

Recent and dramatic developments have brought PVT. King, the US soldier who defected to North Korea during a recent tour, back into the spotlight. According to verified reports, PVT. King is now in US custody, marking a significant shift in this ongoing international incident.

The news of PVT. King's defection to North Korea had sent shockwaves through diplomatic circles, leaving many questioning the motives and circumstances behind such a daring move. His sudden return to US custody raises several pressing questions regarding the events that transpired during his time in North Korea and the subsequent circumstances that led to his return.

North Korea's state news agency had said earlier Wednesday the country would expel King, claiming he had "confessed that he illegally intruded" into the country.

U.S. officials said King was transferred to China where he was handed over to the United States.

US authorities are yet to release if comprehensive deals or exchanges were made surrounding the operation that facilitated PVT. King's return. Speculations abound regarding the methods and negotiations involved in his safe repatriation. Many are eager to learn about the diplomatic efforts that transpired behind the scenes and the future steps that will be taken to ensure PVT. King's well-being and safety.

The return of PVT. King is a turning point in this perplexing story, with the nation hopeful for a transparent investigation and clarity regarding the events leading to his defection and eventual return. The US government's handling of this delicate situation and its subsequent actions will be closely observed as the world awaits further updates and revelations.

This development holds broader implications for international relations and may prompt a reevaluation of security protocols and strategies to prevent similar incidents in the future. It also serves as a reminder of the delicate nature of diplomatic relations and the imperative to address any underlying concerns that may have motivated such actions.

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