

# Mac Thornberry on war with North Korea: 'We can win, but it will be ugly'

House Armed Services Committee chairman Mac Thornberry said the U.S. would win in a war against North Korea, but the end result would be "ugly."

North Korea will mark the founding day of its ruling Korean Workers' Party on Tuesday, stoking concern that the communist regime could launch another missile, thus heightening tensions with the U.S. and the international community.

"The No. 1 answer is we need more missile defense right now to protect ourselves and our allies," Thornberry, R-Texas, said on "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo."

Thornberry said the U.S. should put more military ships and aircraft "on China's doorstep" to encourage that country to be more aggressive with North Korea as Pyongyang threatens nuclear war against the U.S.

"Look, it may come to military confrontation. We can win, but it will be ugly," he said. "But the way to prevent war is to be strong."

The congressman argued that the U.S. has fewer Navy destroyers in the Pacific than it should because of recent accidents.

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