

North and South Korea fire hundreds of artillery shells along tense sea border

North Korea launched over 200 rounds of artillery shells off its west coast toward South Korea's Yeonpyeong island between 09:00 to 11:00 local time, said Seoul's military, the BBC reports.

South Korea responded by ordering civilians on the island to seek shelter and conducting live-fire drills as a countermeasure.

Yeonpyeong island, home to a military base and 2,000 people, is a few miles from the North Korean coast. It was a conflict flash point in 2010 when a North Korean artillery barrage killed two soldiers and two civilians.

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