

North Korean troops' involvement in Russia's illegal war confirmed by European Intelligence Centre, Borrell says

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Recent reports on the presence of troops from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Russian soil in support of Russia's illegal war have been confirmed by the European Intelligence Centre (INTCEN), EU High Representative Josep Borrell announced on Wednesday.

"The DPRK has been providing weapons and ammunition to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine. The presence of several thousand troops cooperating with the Russian military represents a flagrant violation of the UN Charter and of multiple UN Security Council resolutions," Borrell said. "It is a unilateral hostile act by the DPRK with serious consequences for

European and global peace and security.”

He called on the DPRK to stop providing this support, which will be met with “*an appropriate response*”.

Borrell also said the EU was coordinating with international partners on the matter, including on responses. This week he will be traveling to Japan and the Republic of Korea to discuss, among other topics, these “*worrying developments*” ahead of the next EU Foreign Affairs Council on 18 November.

The EU Intelligence and Situation Centre (EU INTCEN) is a civilian intelligence function of the European Union. Structurally, it is a directorate of the External Action Service (EEAS) and reports directly to the EU’s High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

