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SUBJECT: The UAE's Seizure of Arms
delivered from North Korea to Iran

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- The vessel titled 'Song Hoa 2,' loaded with ten containers departed from Nampo port on June first, 2009 for the Dalian port in China, and changed container B/L at the Dalian port. (The containers were not changed.)
- At the Dalian port, this containers were loaded onto the vessel named 'XIN YAN TIAN,' owned by the Chinese company CSCL, and then departed for the Shanghai port for transshipment.
 - o At the Shanghai port, the containers were transshipped once again to the vessel titled 'ANL AUSTRALIA,' owned by the Australian company ANL Container Line, and then departed for the final destination, Bandar Abbas port in Iran.
- The UAE authorities conducted a physical check of the 'ANL AUSTRALIA,' when the vessel called at Khor AL-Fakkan port in the UAE on her route to Iran, and discovered ten suspicious containers. So, the authorities unloaded the containers on July 22 and conducted a through check.

- o The check disclosed that the containers contained anti-tank rockets (RPG-7) and various types of ammunitions and parts, so the UAE authorities seized all of the items.

- The UAE authorities notified the UN Sanctions Committee of the result of the container check since North Korea's arms export to Iran is in breach of the UN resolution 1874. And the Committee sent a letter on August 25 to Iran and North Korea respectively requesting explanation of the illegal arms delivery.

- In response to the UNSC request, North Korea sent a letter to the President of the UNSC under the name of the North Korean Ambassador to UN, stating that it felt no need to answer to such request because it had never approved the UNSC resolution 1874 from the first place and threatening to reinforce its nuclear capacity and to further deteriorate the situation.

- o In the meantime, Iran denied its involvement saying it was a conspiracy of Zionists.

- The UAE's seizure of the containers heading to Iran with North Korea-produced arms is the first of its kind to have been disclosed and seized since the UNSC adopted the resolution 1874, and clearly demonstrates that North Korea continues to illegally export its arms in spite of the UNSC sanctions.

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