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South Korea seeks 'truth'

Nation wants North to comply with DMZ shooting probe

BY JIM LEA

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Tuesday's shooting incident in the Demilitarized Zone "could result in escalation of tension and a military collision between" South Korea and North Korea, the South warned Thursday.

In a statement issued by spokes-

man Hwang Eue-don, the Defense Ministry in Seoul called on the North to immediately respond to a proposal by the U.N. Command's Military Armistice Commission for a meeting to discuss the incident. The "truth" should be revealed as soon as possible, Hwang said.

In Tuesday's incident, North Ko-

rean troops at a guard post about 10 miles northeast of Panmunjom fired two or three shots at a South Korean guard post about a half-mile south. South Korean troops returned fire and broadcast a warning by loudspeaker. One of the North Korean rounds broke a window in the South Korean guard post, but no South Korean

soldiers were injured.

Hwang said the shooting was "a clear violation of the [Korean War] Armistice." He urged the North to "completely stop such violations," and said Pyongyang would be held "responsible for any results caused by such incidents."

Steve Oertwig, a U.N. Com-

mand spokesman, said Military Armistice Commission officials launched an investigation and sent a message Tuesday evening to North Korean army officials at Panmunjom, proposing a colonel-level meeting for 10 a.m. Thursday to discuss the incident.

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Putting on the heat



BY ANDY DUNAWAY/Stars and Stripes

Army Spc. Dustin Lee, an ordnance specialist, wires a practice target missile at Chulmae Range, South Korea, during a training exercise. Soldiers practice firing Stingers, transportable anti-aircraft missiles. See story on Page 6.

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