

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND
MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION
APO 301

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES

HELD AT MAC HQ AREA, KOREA

23 DECEMBER 1960

MEMBERS PRESENT

UNITED NATIONS COMMAND

LT COL ELDEEN H. KAUFFMAN, USA

KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY
CHINESE PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL RIM GI JE, KPA
LT COL HAN JU KYONG, KPA

Meeting convened at 1030 hours

KPA/CPV:

On the morning of December 19, 1960, two fishing boats of our side were seized by your naval vessels on the sea in the vicinity of 37 degrees 40 minutes 50 seconds North, 125 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds East, approximately 3 kilometers south-east of SOONWI Island, one of our offshore islands, on the way back to their port after finishing their fishing operations.

As was admitted by your side also, our persons aboard the above-mentioned fishing boats were mere fishermen who were engaged in fishery in our coastal waters.

It is totally unjustified for your side to have abducted them in the coastal waters of our side, and this is an action running counter to paragraph 15 of the Armistice Agreement.

Your side should have repented of its wrong and returned to our side immediately our fishermen who were illegally abducted. Your side has, however, not returned them until now, several days after the incident.

Our fishermen and their fishing boats, now under detention by your side, must be returned to our side without delay.

I have been directed to lodge a protest with your side against its illegal seizure of our fishing boats and fishermen and its failure to return them to our side yet.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

At the same time, I vigorously demand that the aforesaid fishermen be sent back to our side along with their fishing boats and cargoes, and that responsible action be taken to prevent a recurrence of a similar incident in the future.

When will your side return our fishermen and their boats to our side?

UNC:

Your statement is noted.

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command will conduct an investigation into the alleged violation charged by your side.

KPA/CPV:

You have just stated that an investigation will be made into the violation of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side.

What on earth does your side intend to investigate?

Isn't it a fact that your side has admitted the recent violation of the Armistice Agreement, and that you are also well aware of it?

Yet, what necessity does arise here for any investigation?

Instead of trying to delay compliance with our just demand under the plea of investigation, your side should return to our side the illegally abducted fishermen of our side and their fishing boats without delay.

When will your side return to our side our personnel together with their fishing boats and their cargoes?

UNC:

Your statement is noted.

I stated that the United Nations Command will investigate the alleged violation, which your side has charged against our side. Unlike your side, the United Nations Command is not in the habit of making premature statements concerning an incident

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prior to a full and complete investigation. When an investigation has been completed and the true facts are known, then the United Nations Command will be willing to discuss this alleged violation with your side.

I now go to another subject.

The United Nations Command in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, has conducted an investigation into the two alleged air violations reported by your side at the 220th meeting of the Secretaries.

Results of the investigation of the 31 October 1960 air violation reveal that an unarmed transport aircraft of our side while on an administrative flight to the island of PAENGYONG-DO did violate the air space of your side. Appropriate action has been taken as required by paragraph 13e of the Armistice Agreement.

A thorough investigation of the 2 November 1960 air violation revealed that no aircraft of our side was in the vicinity of the Demilitarized Zone on that date. Therefore, no violation occurred as alleged by your side. Your false charge is denied.

At the direction of the Senior Member of our side, I protest this attempt by your side to defame the United Nations Command by making false accusations against it.

Again, in keeping with the high regard the United Nations Command maintains for the Armistice Agreement, a thorough and careful investigation has been made of the alleged United Nations Command air violation of 21 November 1960 which your side charged at the 221st meeting of the Secretaries. No United Nations Command aircraft flew over the territory under your control on that date. Your false charge is therefore denied.

The United Nations Command has conducted a full investigation of the alleged QUOTE intrusion UNQUOTE of our personnel

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into your territory on 15 October 1960, charged by your side at the 219th meeting of the Secretaries, and finds no truth whatsoever in the allegation. This investigation into your fabrication is another example of the United Nations Command's respect for the Armistice Agreement and is in direct contrast to your side's attitude towards investigating United Nations Command charges.

Your charge is rejected and I demand you cease these false charges.

KPA/CPV:

The truth about the violation of the Armistice Agreement by your side has long been made clear.

The puppet naval authorities under the command of your side have more than once announced officially that they have seized two fishing boats of our side.

What further investigation does your side intend to make concerning the incident which has already been admitted by your side and how can you allege that the true facts of the incident have not yet been made clear?

What is required of your side is to return to our side immediately the fishermen and fishing boats of our side taken away by your naval vessels.

Our fishermen abducted by your side are ardently wishing to return home at an early date, and their families, relatives and friends are impatiently looking forward to their return.

The return by your side of our fishermen and their fishing boats to our side is a very urgent matter which brooks no moment's delay.

I once again demand that your side immediately return to our side our fishermen abducted by your side together with their fishing boats and cargoes.

When and where will your side deliver them to our side?

UNC:

As I have already informed you, our side will conduct an investigation into the incident alleged to have occurred by your side. This is in keeping with both the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement.

I now go to another subject.

In the hope that your side will fulfill its obligation as required by the Armistice Agreement, I pass to you a list of violations committed in the Demilitarized Zone by personnel of your side between 16 October 1960 and 19 December 1960.

I demand that your side properly investigate these violations, punish the personnel who were involved and take action to stop these continual violations in the Demilitarized Zone.

KPA/CPV:

The true state of affairs surrounding the action of your side having dispatched its naval vessels to intrude into the coastal waters of our side and seize upon the fishing boats of our side has long been laid bare before the whole world. Not only that, your side itself has more than once recognized it.

In spite of the fact that it has been admitted by your side itself, and is known to the whole world that the naval vessels of your side, as mentioned above, has intruded into the coastal waters of our side and seized our fishing boats. Why do you alone feign ignorance of this, unable to afford to give a precise account of the actual facts of the criminal act committed by your side?

However hard you may assume ignorance, shaking your head at this time, when the criminal action of your side has already been brought to broad daylight, it is in vain.

I again demand vigorously that your side return to our side immediately our fishermen illegally abducted along with their fishing boats and all of their cargoes, desisting from its improper attitude.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

Your side should indicate its faithfulness toward the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement through its actual deeds of returning to our side our fishermen and their fishing boats as soon as possible.

You should give a direct answer concerning the demand of our side.

UNC:

The KPA/CPV side has always demanded and has the right to expect a complete and thorough investigation of alleged violations of the Armistice Agreement.

In keeping with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, the United Nations Command side will continue its practice of making complete and thorough investigations of alleged violation of the Armistice Agreement charged by your side.

The United Nations Command will be willing to discuss this matter further with your side after a thorough and complete investigation is made.

The United Nations Command refuses to adopt the tactics of the KPA/CPV side in going off half-cocked on making allegations and charges before the true facts are known concerning a reported violation.

Our action is in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement.

KPA/CPV:

Our demand is a just one in complete accord with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement and no moment's delay is allowed in realizing it.

I now ask you some frank questions.

Do you indeed have no knowledge of the truth about the incident brought up by our side today? Otherwise, do you mean that you have not yet received instructions from your superiors to return our fishermen, though you are aware of the incident?

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

I demand that you give a responsible answer about this matter.

UNC:

Here is my responsible answer.

There is no further necessity for your side to repeat itself about this alleged incident. What your side has already introduced this morning will be taken into due consideration during the complete and thorough investigation of this alleged incident by our side.

KPA/CPV:

You have not made a direct answer to my question.

It has been repeatedly affirmed by your side itself that your side has abducted our fishermen and that they are subject to close inquiry in SEOUL.

This notwithstanding, will you still insist that you have no knowledge of the incident and that you will have to make an investigation of it?

UNC:

Your statement is once again noted and you are informed once again that the United Nations Command side will investigate your allegations.

Will your side agree to investigate the list of violations that our side has passed to you today?

KPA/CPV:

As I have already stated, your side has not only admitted that it captured the fishermen and fishing boats of our side, but made it public to the whole world.

I ask you.

What sort of investigation on earth does your side intend to conduct into our peaceful fishermen?

You should give assurance for your side to comply with the demand of our side without delay, instead of persisting in your improper attitude.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

Give me your reply concerning this, first of all.

UNC:

It should be evident to you, that in keeping with the letter and spirit of the Armistice Agreement, our side will not discuss this alleged incident until a thorough and complete investigation has been conducted.

I again ask your side to conform to the Armistice Agreement and agree to investigate the list of violations passed to you by the United Nations Command side today.

KPA/CPV:

You have again evaded giving a direct answer to my question.

It is because you yourself are quite well aware of the truth about the incident introduced by our side for you to take such an action.

It is not only a requirement of the Armistice Agreement, but also an unavoidable obligation for your side to comply with our demand.

When will your side return to our side all of our fishermen, fishing boats and cargoes?

UNC:

Inasmuch as I have repeated the position of the United Nations Command in this matter seven times here this morning and it is obvious that your side has no further business, I propose a recess.

KPA/CPV:

Since your personnel captured our fishermen and their fishing boats by smuggling themselves into the coastal waters of our side, it is a requirement of the Armistice Agreement, an unavoidable obligation binding upon your side and a logical conclusion easy for everybody to understand that your side should return them to our side.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

This notwithstanding, your side has attempted in contradiction to its obligation to keep on detaining the fishermen and their fishing boats.

Such an action of your side can never be tolerated.

If you are inclined to stand on a position of implementing the Armistice Agreement, your side should immediately comply with the demand of our side changing its unwarrantable position expressed already seven times in your statement.

Your side should give up its unwarrantable attitude and return to our side the fishermen along with their fishing boats and cargoes.

As you are also aware, we have only a few days before we ring in the new year.

It is a superb custom of the Korean people to get together with their families, relatives and friends on the New Year's Day to enjoy the holiday in merriment.

It is clear for anyone to see which is right for the fishermen of our side either to spend the New Year's Day with their families or meet the New Year away from their families.

Accordingly, our fishermen must, without fail, be returned to their homes before the New Year's Day and thus be enabled to spend the New Year holidays together with their families, relatives and friends.

I demand that you promise to return our fishermen to our side as soon as possible.

When will your side return our fishermen to our side?

UNC:

The position of the United Nations Command in this matter is as I have stated it seven times before.

Does your side have anything further to discuss? If not, I have proposed a recess.

KPA/CPV:

There is no need of hurrying in adjourning the meeting.

It is a pressing matter brooking no moment's delay for our fishermen abducted by your side to be returned immediately to their homes.

Both sides must do everything in their power with sincerity to settle urgently this pressing issue.

This is a requirement of the Armistice Agreement.

Since your side itself has admitted that the abducted persons of our side were evidently those engaged in peaceful fishing operations, what remain now for your side to fulfill is to send them back to our side.

When will your side return our fishermen, their fishing boats and cargoes to our side?

UNC:

Our side has attempted to explain to your side on many occasions this morning that all of your questions relating to this incident will be answered after an investigation into the matter has been completed. Until then, your side is wasting time, however, if you feel content in doing so, rave on.

KPA/CPV:

Do you allege that it is a QUOTE raving UNQUOTE for our side to demand of your side to return our fishermen abducted by your side to their homes?

Stop talking nonsense.

You are trying continuously to cover up your unjustifiable position and dishonest attempt under the plausible pretext of the so-called investigation.

You have long been unmasked, however. What further investigation does your side ever intend to conduct into the incident made public several times by your side itself?

Inasmuch as your side has abducted our peaceable fishermen who were engaged in fishery, you have only to return them

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to our side. Yet, what investigation could ever be claimed in this matter?

The single word investigation you have time and again reiterated like a parrot is a heinous subterfuge of your side designed to delay the return of our fishermen.

This is precisely why the attitude you have just taken fully runs counter to the spirit and requirement of the Armistice Agreement.

There can be no pretext whatsoever for your side to keep on detaining our fishermen.

When and where will your side return to our side our fishermen and boats?

Give me a reply.

UNC:

The investigation which must be made into your charge of an alleged violation will be made, but not in this conference room.

There is nothing further to discuss at this time.

Will you agree to my proposal to recess?

KPA/CPV:

Inasmuch as your side itself admits the fact that your naval vessels illegally intruded into our coastal waters, seized our fishing boats and forcibly abducted our fishermen, it is bound to return to our side all of our fishermen, fishing boats and their cargoes without delay.

At this time when everything has been clearly revealed, what sort of investigation do you need here?

Shouldn't it be clear to everybody that no investigation is necessary here?

Your side is attempting to delay the fulfillment of its obligation to return to our side our fishermen under the reiterated pretext of the alleged investigation.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

This only serves to disclose unwittingly that your side pursues some ulterior, insidious objects.

What your side should do is to apologize to our side for its recent criminal act and to return to our side our fishermen at once.

When will your side return to our side all of our fishermen forcibly abducted along with the fishing boats and all the cargoes?

UNC:

Your question is noted.

I refer you to my previous statements.

KPA/CPV:

It is fully consistent with the requirement of the Armistice Agreement for our side to demand an immediate return to our side of our fishermen and fishing boats captured forcibly by your side. It is therefore an unavoidable obligation for your side to carry out.

While admitting that your naval vessels captured the fishermen and fishing boats of our side, you have attempted to evade the obligation to return to our side immediately our fishermen and fishing boats under the preposterous pretext that you would conduct investigation. It goes without saying that you pursue through such a maneuver of your side the objects of finding a pretext to cover up the actual facts of your piracy, of further persecuting our fishermen and furthermore, of keeping them under your detention.

But, this foul aim of your side will never be realized, nor can you ever sidestep the responsibility for returning to our side without delay our fishermen and fishing boats captured forcibly by your side.

Your side should bear the responsibility for the personal safety of our fishermen, and no persecution should in any way be inflicted upon them.

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

At this hour, the entire Korean people and the peace-loving people all over the world are scathingly denouncing the piracy committed by your personnel and closely watching every move of your side.

Your side should give up such unwarrantable attitude and return to our side our fishermen forcibly abducted together with their fishing boats and cargoes at once.

Our side will continue to call your side to account until your side comply with our demand.

I now go to another subject.

All the violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement such were brought up by our side at the 219th, 220th and 221st Secretaries' Meetings were serious incidents caused deliberately by your personnel.

This notwithstanding, you have admitted only the incident committed by your military aircraft which intruded into the air space over the territory of our side to commit hostile acts on October 31, 1960 and reiterated your customary practice to denying unconditionally the other incidents.

This practice of your side has again demonstrated how insincere your side is in compliance with and enforcement of the Armistice Agreement.

Whatever pretexts you may resort to, however, they can never help you deny the evident violations of the Armistice Agreement committed by your side, nor can you free yourself from the responsibility for them.

How could you have the audacity to allege that you have no knowledge of the hard fact of your side having conducted overt reconnaissance over the territory of our side by dispatching on November 2, and November 21, the military aircraft of your side to intrude into the territorial air of our side?

KPA/CPV: (CONTD)

Although you are extremely shameless persons, how could you behave in such an impudent manner in your attempt to cover up your criminal act of having smuggled on October 15 the armed gangsters of your side into the territory under the military control of our side to have them carry out hostile activities.

The violations by your side of the Armistice Agreement brought up by our side are every one of them iron-clad facts confirmed by ample evidence in terms of witnesses and materials.

In spite of all this, you now take much pains to deny them. This behavior of yours has only led me to understand that your side either has made up its mind to deny its violations of the Armistice Agreement in the gross, or deliberately conducted no investigations into its serious violations of the Agreement for fear of the results of the investigations, or based its behavior on the false reports made by its subordinates who lack sense of responsibility.

You have even behaved in such an insolent manner as to charge our side for the fact that our side pointed out your side's violations of the Armistice Agreement and demanded it to strictly comply with the Agreement.

Your behavior is grossly vulgar. If you are so afraid of the fact that the criminal acts your side commits by violating the Armistice Agreement are laid bare to the world by our side, your side must not violate the Armistice Agreement, must it?

So long as your side does not cease the violations of the Armistice Agreement, our side will persistently call your side to account for such an attitude.

The Military Armistice Commission which supervises the implementation of the Armistice Agreement can by no means

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tolerate such an irresponsible action taken by your side in dealing with the violations of the Armistice Agreement.

I once again demand that your side once more conduct responsible investigations, in accordance with the provisions of the Armistice Agreement into your side's violations of the Armistice Agreement brought up by our side at the 219th, 220th and 221st Secretaries' Meetings and submit a new satisfactory reports thereon to the Military Armistice Commission.

Facts in the past amply prove the nature of the would-be list submitted by your side today.

But our side which has been consistently faithful toward the Armistice Agreement will conduct investigations into the charges made by your side.

I agree to your proposal to recess.

Meeting recessed at 1313 hours

Following members of UNC Advisory Group attended:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Canada	Major William R. C. Little
Republic of Korea	Lt Col CHOI, Duk Bin
New Zealand	Sqn Ldr F. J. McDavitt
United States of America	Lt Col Charles A. Riegler

List of violations (2 sheets) was passed in two copies, each in Korean and English.

LIST OF KPA/CPV DEMILITARIZED
ZONE VIOLATIONS 16 OCT 60 TO 19 DEC 60

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>
18 Oct/1355	38°22'40"N 128°12'42"E	4 military persons without armbands.
18 Oct/1840	38°10'20"N 126°58'00"E	16 sub-machinegun rounds fired in the Demilitarized Zone.
19 Oct/1300	38°22'40"N 128°12'52"E	15 unarmed military persons without armbands.
28 Oct/1240	38°20'45"N 127°44'50"E	12 military persons without armbands carrying 2 pistols and 10 sub-machineguns.
28 Oct/1350	37°56'35"N 126°39'50"E	1 white parachute flare.
29 Oct/0940	38°20'05"N 127°43'20"E	Small arms fire in Demilitarized Zone.
29 Oct/1330	37°58'40"N 126°44'50"E	1 explosion.
29 Oct/1358	38°20'35"N 127°43'17"E	5 military persons with sub-machineguns.
31 Oct/0657	37°54'02"N 126°40'05"E	1 rifle shot.
1 Nov/0148	37°52'40"N 126°40'55"E	1 explosion
1 Nov/1330	37°59'10"N 126°45'51"E	50 military persons without armbands.
4 Nov/1420	37°52'30"N 126°40'00"E	1 explosion.
5 Nov/0738	37°52'20"N 126°39'45"E	1 explosion.
14 Nov/0700	37°55'50"N 126°40'25"E	1 explosion.
15 Nov/1645	37°54'50"N 126°41'12"E	1 explosion.
16 Nov/1620	38°19'23"N 127°40'20"E	1 military person with automatic weapon.
17 Nov/1235	37°59'30"N 126°45'30"E	1 explosion.
20 Nov/1250	37°58'48"N 126°45'30"E	1 explosion.
22 Nov/1230	38°19'35"N 127°27'04"E	5 armed military persons, 57 unarmed civilians, 2 vehicles, none with proper identification.
26 Nov/1035	38°19'10"N 127°27'30"E	2 armed military persons camouflaging a machinegun.

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>
9 Dec/1255	37°58'04"N 126°42'44"E	14 unarmed military persons without armbands.
12 Dec/1520	38°12'34"N 126°58'18"E	3 persons without armbands.
13 Dec/1040	38°20'45"N 127°34'56"E	20 unarmed military persons without armbands.
19 Dec/1345	37°59'09"N 126°46'35"E	15 military persons without armbands.
19 Dec/1345	38°19'42"N 127°40'36"E	15 military persons, one vehicle without proper identification.