N. Korea Claims South Fired Artillery Shell

The United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) on Monday starts investigating North Korean claims that the South Korean military fired an artillery shell at it in the eastern DMZ in Gangwon Province.

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"At around 7:30 a.m. Saturday, at a guard post near marker 1272 in the eastern region of the Military Demarcation Line, the South Korean military launched an artillery shell that landed right next to a [North] Korean People's Army guard post," the state-run [North] Korean Central News Agency on Saturday quoted a military source as saying.

But the Joint Chiefs of Staff said soldiers serving at the eastern frontline in Goseong Country, Gangwon Province reported hearing explosions near a North Korean guard post early Saturday morning. "An investigation of our guard posts along the frontier revealed that we did not fire any artillery guns or small arms," an official said. "It's very likely that a mine exploded that had been lying underground for a long time."


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