

Army on Alert Over Korea

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General Nikolai Makarov said Tuesday that he has put the military on alert in the country's Far East because of increased tension on the Korean Peninsula.

"Without a doubt, we have taken measures to increase the combat-readiness of our forces," said Makarov, who heads the General Staff, Interfax reported.

He said the military was "continuing to monitor" the situation after North Korea's deadly shelling of a South Korean island last month.

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