

# Unannounced missile launch seen from 747 cockpit - the pics

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**North Korea has been the country of greatest concern** when it comes to unannounced missile launches. Back in the day, they would advise ICAO of their plans, and a couple of fairly specific Notams could be issued to keep crews and airplanes away from the hot spots.

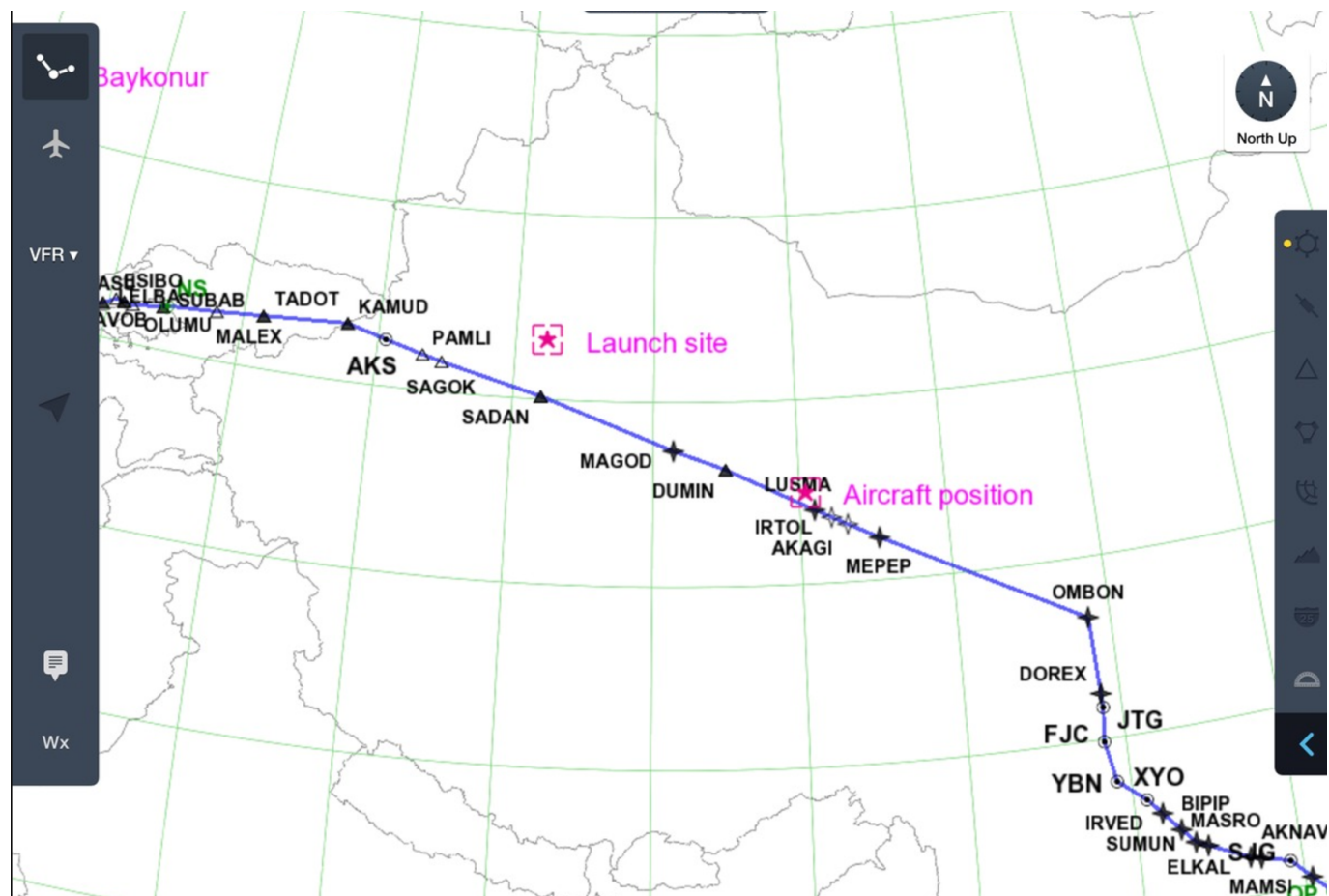
They stopped doing that for every launch a few years back - and now, there's pretty much zero warning. On safeairspace.net, North Korea is still listed as **Level 1 - Do Not Fly**, primarily for this reason. Since most DPRK launches end in failure, the tracking of the missiles is anything but controlled. And therefore we worry.

This week, we've seen images from a Cargolux 747 enroute Hong Kong to Baku, whose crew encountered an unannounced test launch of a Chinese ballistic missile, with some amazing photos.



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The route of flight, and location of the launch, can be seen here:



The full gallery can be seen at this blog.