

Denuclearisation in Practice Will Demand Finesse

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What is the biggest threat to life on earth? Answer: That the crazy leader of a country with nukes will send a few off to countries he doesn't like and millions of people will then be killed before he is. [Does this crazy person seem like the present leader of North Korea? Answer: Yes, without doubt.]

What should we do about it? First the leaders of the most important country in the world (the US with its nukes) warns him of the dangers to his country unless he denuclearises. Second, when that doesn't work, those same leaders tell him there is a better life available for him and his fellow citizens. Third, when that doesn't work either the current leader of the USA offers to talk to him one-on-one about the benefits from denuclearisation.

After many years of failure, this has now been done. But many don't like the current US leader and object to what he is offering Mr Crazy, even to meeting him at all. Others would say that the current US leader has shown courage and adopted the only available course short of war.

And, as Prime Minister Turnbull said, isn't it worth a "red hot go", all the more so as Trump can withdraw his offer of benefits without any loss except perhaps to his status? [Well, yes and that Trump guy deserves praise.]

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