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Summary:

Lazar describes an incident along the DMZ, where North Korean infiltrators shot South Korean troops.

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After a several months pause in incidents between the two Koreas, a pause probably caused by the cessation of reciprocal infiltrations of hostile elements in the two Koreas, during the night of 4-5 March, a group of three North Koreans penetrated the border into South Korea. A South Korean border guard was shot, and weapons of Soviet origins were found on the premises of the incident.

This incident was brought to the attention of Lee Hu-rak, the South Korean Co-president of the South-North Coordinating Committee.

This incident worsens the state of inter-Korean relations, even more as in the following days a new meeting of the South-North Coordinating Committee is expected.

Signed: Aurelian Lazar

