

Historic meeting between the presidents of North and South Korea - 7 June, 2018

At the end of the Second World War in 1945, Japanese control in Korea ended and the Korean Peninsula was divided into two countries – North Korea and South Korea. On 25 June, 1950, North Korea attacked South Korea and the Korean War began.

Up to 1945, which country controlled Korea?

What happened after the Japanese no longer controlled Korea?

When did the Korean war begin?

The war lasted for three years and more than one million people died. The two countries did not sign a peace treaty at the end of the war and for the next 75 years, relations between the two countries were very bad. Many families were divided by the war and people who lived in one country could not visit their relatives in the other country.

How long did the war last for?

How many people died?

What did neither country do at the 'end' of the war?

Who was affected the most by the war?

Kim Jong-un became leader of North Korea in 2011 and for the next few years, nothing changed. In fact, relations between the two countries became even worse as North Korea began to make nuclear weapons.

Who became the leader of North Korea?

When did this happen?

What happened when he first took power?

Why did relations deteriorate between North and South Korea?

Then, in April 2018, there was an important meeting between the leaders of the two countries. Kim Jong-un met the South Korean President, Moon Jae-in. The two leaders shook hands and smiled.

What happened in April 2018?

Was it a positive or a negative meeting?

The two leaders said that their discussions were very positive and they made plans to meet again. A few days later, North Korea decided to change its time zone. At the moment, North Korean time is 30 minutes earlier than South Korean time, but soon both time zones will be the same. Perhaps, this is a sign of a better future for the two countries.

What did the two leaders say about the meeting?

What did North Korea decide to do?

What is this a sign of?