

N.Korea uses Twitter for propaganda offensive

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The secretive regime has begun micro-blogging under the name @uriminzok, with a number of posts pointing its few dozen followers to anti-Seoul and anti-US statements on the country's official website (www.uriminzokkiri.com).

South Korea blocks the site and few in [North Korea](#) have access even to a computer.

One tweet dismissed accusations that a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean warship in March. Another criticised US-led sanctions on North Korea and Iran.

Most followers posted derisive comments in Korean.

Tensions on the peninsula have risen sharply since late May when [South Korea](#) and the United States, citing a multinational investigation, accused the

North of attacking a South Korean warship, the Cheonan, near the contested border.

The North vehemently denies involvement in the incident.

Last month it opened an account with YouTube, a popular global video-sharing site, uploading video clips which praised leader Kim Jong-Il and denying its role in the sinking.

North Korea operates an army of elite hackers. South Korea's spy agency has said that the North was behind [cyber attacks](#) that briefly paralysed the web sites of South Korean and US government agencies and commercial organisations last year.

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