North Korea Attacks An Island

(Wall Street Journal) On Thursday, some residents returned to assess the damage on the battered island, which lies about 10 kilometers south of the North Korean coast and is also home to a South Korean marine base. Most of the 1,200 civilian inhabitants had been evacuated the day before. The North’s barrage Tuesday—a rare blow falling on civilian targets—delivered a serious jolt to South Koreans, many of whom had come to discount the possibility of serious violence after living for decades with belligerent rhetoric from the North.