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China expresses 'strong
opposition' to 'brazen' act

World slams Pyongyang

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NORTH Korea yesterday claimed it had successfully conducted a nuclear test, becoming the eighth country in history, and arguably the most dangerous, to join the club of nuclear weapons states. Pyongyang's act immediately drew worldwide condemnation, including from its long-time ally, China. The nuclear test catapulted Pyongyang into an exclusive club currently occupied by the United States, Russia, Britain, France, India and Pakistan. It could also prompt the politics in the region to become more volatile.



PROTEST: A South Korean protester burns a banner bearing a picture of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il during an anti-North Korea rally in Seoul yesterday.

Test puts North Korea in
exclusive eight-nation club

UN Security Council holding
meeting to consider response







