

General Kim Won Hong

General Kim Won Hong is commander of the Military Security Command. He was appointed to his current position around 2004 due to the death of longtime MSC commander General Won Ung Hui. He reports directly Kim Jong Il, completely bypassing the MPAF and KWP. The Military Security Command technically monitors the Korean People's Army, but is also an active intelligence and internal security agency.

Kim became known to external observers as a member of MAR Choe Kwang's funeral committee in 1997. He was elected a deputy (delegate) to the 10th Supreme People's Assembly. Prior to his service in the Military Security Command, Kim was deputy director of the MPAF General Political Department as well as corps commander of VII and IX Army Corps, both of which are linked to the MSC. There were rumors of Kim Won Hong being demoted from Colonel-General to Lieutenant General for several scandals. However, Kim was promoted to General in April 2009.