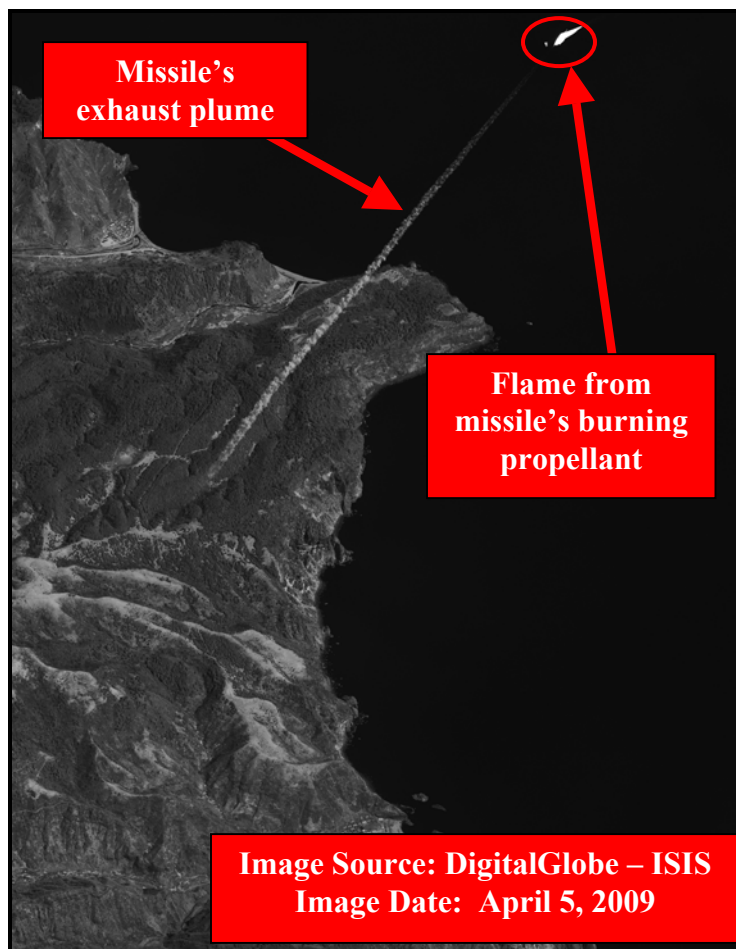




## Commercial Satellite Image Catches North Korean Missile During Flight

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ISIS has obtained commercial satellite imagery from DigitalGlobe taken on April 5, 2009 (local time) in North Korea that appears to have caught the Musudan-ri missile in flight. The missile's exhaust plume can be seen, and the flame from the burning propellant registers in the imagery as a solid white mark (see figure 1). The terrain below the missile in the image is only a few kilometers away from the launch pad (see figure 2). Figure 3 is a close-up of the area where the missile may be, next to the white mark.



**Figure 1. April 5, 2009 DigitalGlobe satellite image of the Musudan-ri missile launch in progress. The missile's exhaust plume and the flame from its burning propellant can be seen.**

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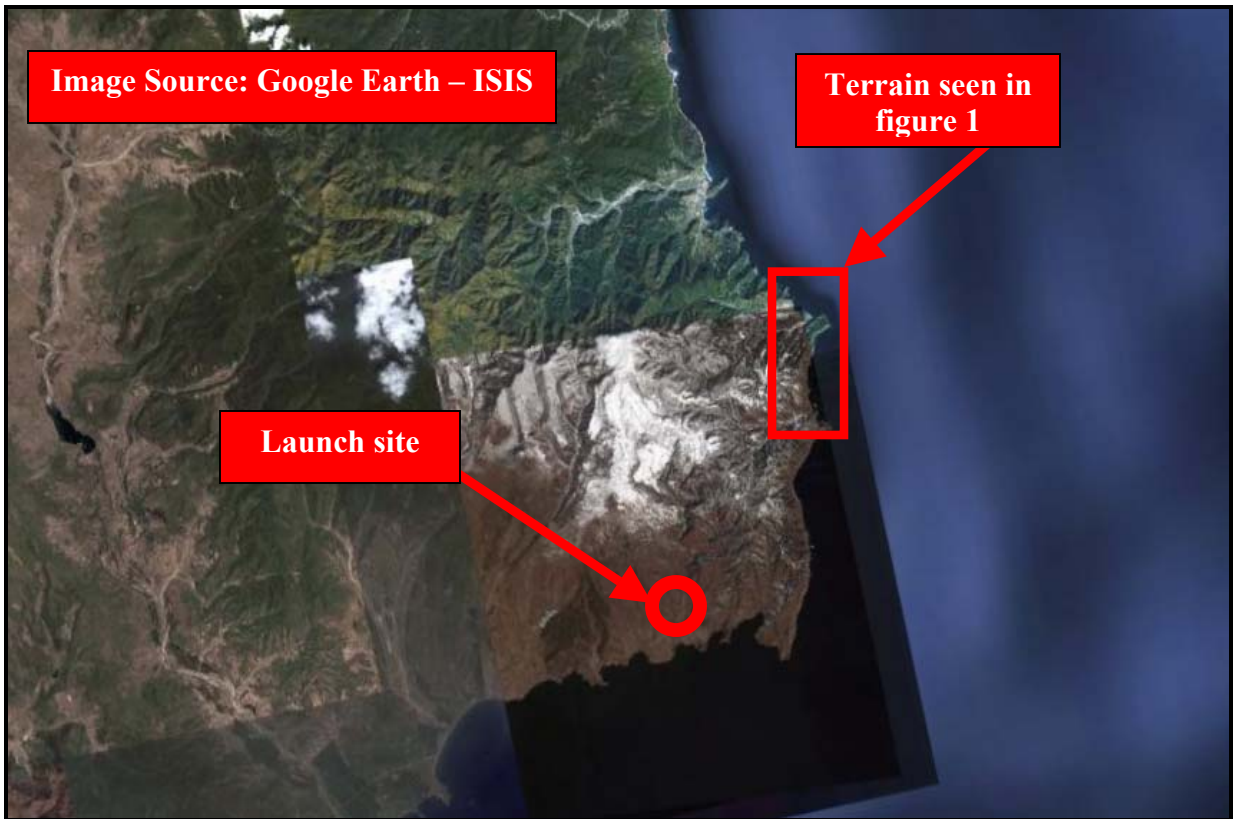


Figure 2. A wide-area satellite image from Google Earth. The inset square represents the area seen in Figure 1. The missile launch site is circled.



Figure 3. A close-up April 5, 2009 DigitalGlobe satellite image of the flame from the missile's burning propellant.