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Command economies by nature are vulnerable to forces that may undermine the system and governing regimes. In theory, a partial reform toward marketization can lead to disruption of the central planning function to coordinate the economy. For the DPRK, this is especially true of the monetary system. In-formalization of a command economy may also lead to a destabilizing level of corruption and resource inefficiencies. This has been seen before during the collapse of other centrally organized economies such as the former Soviet Union and eastern Europe. The world wonders: Are these and other forces sufficient to pry open the door for North Korea to undergo a transition experience?

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