

NORTH KOREA SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

AI-Assisted Open Source Intelligence Assessment

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Comprehensive Security Analysis Report: North Korea (October 24-31, 2026)

Executive Summary

During the period of October 24-31, 2026, North Korea significantly escalated military tensions on the Korean Peninsula through a series of provocative actions and rhetoric. Key developments included the launch of approximately 10 short-range ballistic missiles, a high-profile exhibition showcasing advanced drone technology and simulated strikes, and intensified border fortifications. Pyongyang explicitly rejected dialogue with Seoul, instead hardening its stance by threatening further military responses to perceived South Korean provocations. Concurrently, North Korea's cyber capabilities continued to evolve, with reports indicating extensive use of AI in hacking campaigns, while its strategic alignment with Russia deepened, providing valuable combat experience and potential technology transfers. These actions collectively underscore North Korea's unwavering commitment to military modernization and its "hostile two-state" policy, posing a critical threat to regional stability.

Key Security Developments

- Massed Short-Range Ballistic Missile Launches

On October 29, 2026, North Korea fired approximately 10 short-range ballistic missiles (SRBMs) into the East Sea from the Wonsan area on its east coast at around 12:30 p.m. KST. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) reported the missiles flew about 250 kilometers, and military officials believe the launch involved the KN-25, a 600-millimeter multiple rocket launcher that Pyongyang claims can carry its Hwasan-31 tactical nuclear warhead. This marked North Korea's third round of ballistic launches in October, signaling a rehearsal of massed short-range strikes and a continued focus on tactical nuclear delivery systems.

- Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Exhibition and Demonstrations

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended the "Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Development-2026" exhibition on October 29, showcasing over 30 types of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), including tactical suicide attack drones, tactical cruise missiles, multipurpose drones, and a new flying-wing drone resembling the Russian S-70

Okhotnik and American RQ-170 Sentinel. During the exhibition, demonstrations involved these drones striking models of South Korean frontline guard posts and U.S. military M1 Abrams tanks, alongside the public firing of the 600mm "Sniper" multiple rocket launcher. Kim Jong Un called for the rapid expansion of the country's drone technology, emphasizing achieving "absolute superiority" in this field.

- Escalating Border Tensions and Fortifications

Tensions along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) intensified, with North Korea deploying armored vehicles and conducting construction work to fortify the border. This activity followed a September 21 landmine explosion in the DMZ that injured three South Korean soldiers, which a joint South Korea-UN investigation attributed to North Korea, an accusation Pyongyang vehemently denied. North Korea's sister, Kim Yo Jong, stated that "new firepower units" had taken firing positions at the border and threatened "prompt and resolute action" if South Korean forces threatened their safety.

- Threat to Resume Anti-South Korea Loudspeaker Broadcasts

North Korea threatened to resume anti-South Korea propaganda loudspeaker broadcasts along the entire inter-Korean border by the end of October. This move, announced by Kim Yo Jong, revives a Cold War-era psychological warfare tactic and is seen as a response to South Korean warning shots and broadcasts following the DMZ landmine incident.

- Condemnation of Joint US-ROK Air Drills

North Korea's Defense Ministry denounced the ongoing joint South Korea-U.S. "Freedom Flag" air defense drills, which are scheduled to run until November 6 at Kunsan Air Base, as "provocative" and increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang stated there is "no limit for the DPRK's option to maintain a strong deterrent posture capable of effectively coping with all threats" posed by these exercises.

- Advanced AI Integration in Cyberattacks

On October 30, 2026, Microsoft released a report detailing that three North Korean hacking groups are extensively utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their cyberattacks. These groups employ AI for various malicious activities, including generating customized PDF phishing lures, developing malware, and executing identity spoofing, significantly enhancing their efficiency and stealth.

- Targeting Ukrainian Experts for War Intelligence

A report published on October 13, 2026, but relevant to ongoing activities, indicated that North Korean state-sponsored hackers, specifically the Kimsuky group, are targeting Ukrainian experts in diplomacy, security, and international policy. This campaign aims to collect intelligence on the Russia-Ukraine war, including information

on North Korean troop losses and the handling of prisoners of war, reflecting Pyongyang's deep involvement in supporting Russia.

- New Sanctions on North Korean and Russian Individuals/Entities

On October 28, the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control imposed new sanctions on 10 North Korean and Russian nationals and one entity. These sanctions target their roles in facilitating North Korean IT workers to obtain jobs under false identities and financing the country's illicit weapons development programs.

- Swiss Diplomatic Engagement

Swiss Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis visited North Korea from October 26-30, 2026, for political talks and the formal reopening of Switzerland's diplomatic office in Pyongyang. This rare diplomatic engagement for North Korea included discussions on security on the Korean Peninsula and geopolitical issues, with Cassis also traveling to Seoul afterwards.

- North Korea Rejects Sanctions as "Strategic Failure"

On October 31, North Korea criticized a joint statement by 11 countries and the European Union that backed continued enforcement of sanctions against Pyongyang, labeling it a "strategic failure". A North Korean foreign ministry spokesperson asserted that sanctions and pressure would not work or affect the country's position as a nuclear weapons state. The joint statement highlighted findings by the Multilateral Sanctions Monitoring Team on North Korea's illicit activities and welcomed new U.S., Australian, and EU sanctions over cyberactivities and the dispatch of workers overseas.

- Monitoring of North Korean Infiltration Drills

South Korean and U.S. intelligence agencies are closely monitoring North Korean infiltration drills involving submersibles and vessels, particularly in the western port city of Nampo. These drills are believed to be part of Pyongyang's efforts to expand and restructure its Reconnaissance General Bureau, enhancing its intelligence gathering and covert operations capabilities.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

North Korea's actions during this period have significantly heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, reinforcing its image as a persistent security challenge to regional stability. The repeated short-range ballistic missile launches, coupled with the explicit rejection of dialogue with South Korea and the formalization of a "hostile two-state" framework, indicate a deliberate strategy to escalate pressure and solidify its nuclear weapons state status. This approach directly undermines any prospects for

de-escalation or denuclearization talks, particularly given Pyongyang's dismissal of international sanctions as a "strategic failure".

The deepening military alignment between North Korea and Russia continues to be a critical factor shaping regional dynamics. North Korea's provision of ammunition, ballistic missiles, and personnel to Russia for the war in Ukraine, in exchange for potential military technology transfers, has direct implications for Pyongyang's military modernization efforts. This cooperation not only provides North Korean forces with valuable combat experience, particularly in drone warfare, but also raises concerns among the U.S., South Korea, and Japan about the proliferation of advanced military capabilities and the erosion of the international sanctions regime. The U.S. Treasury's new sanctions on individuals and entities facilitating North Korea's illicit activities underscore international efforts to counter this growing axis.

Relations with major powers remain strained. The United States, along with South Korea and Japan, continues to condemn North Korea's missile tests and military provocations, maintaining a strong deterrence posture through joint military exercises like "Freedom Flag". China, while not directly involved in the recent provocations, remains North Korea's primary economic lifeline and a crucial diplomatic partner, influencing the effectiveness of international pressure. The rare diplomatic visit by the Swiss Foreign Minister to Pyongyang, aimed at reopening a diplomatic office, offers a small window into potential, albeit limited, engagement with the international community amidst North Korea's self-imposed isolation. However, this is largely overshadowed by the overarching confrontational stance adopted by Pyongyang, which views its military build-up as a necessary deterrent against perceived external threats.

Military and Defense Analysis

North Korea's military and defense posture during this period reflects a clear strategic shift towards enhancing tactical and asymmetric capabilities, particularly in the realm of unmanned systems and short-range precision strike. The "Unmanned Aeronautical Technology Development-2026" exhibition, personally attended by Kim Jong Un, highlights a significant investment in drone technology, with the display of over 30 types of UAVs, including tactical suicide attack drones, cruise missiles, and a new flying-wing drone. Kim's directive to achieve "absolute superiority in drone technology" underscores the perceived importance of these systems in modern warfare, likely influenced by observations from the Russia-Ukraine conflict where North Korean personnel have gained valuable expertise.

The repeated launches of KN-25 600mm multiple rocket launchers, capable of carrying tactical nuclear warheads, demonstrate a continued focus on developing a

diverse range of delivery systems for its tactical nuclear arsenal. These systems are designed to overwhelm South Korean and U.S. missile defenses and conduct massed short-range strikes against critical targets on the Korean Peninsula. Furthermore, the public demonstration of these systems, including simulated strikes on South Korean guard posts and U.S. M1 Abrams tanks, serves as a clear warning and a psychological warfare tactic.

Defense spending trends, while opaque, are clearly prioritized towards military modernization, particularly in areas identified as critical by the leadership. The ongoing fortification of the Demilitarized Zone with armored vehicles and "new firepower units" indicates a strengthening of its conventional force posture along the border, aimed at creating a "permanent line never to be crossed". This, combined with intelligence reports of infiltration drills involving submersibles and vessels, suggests a comprehensive approach to enhancing both overt and covert military capabilities across multiple domains. The integration of AI into cybersecurity operations, as revealed by Microsoft, also points to a sophisticated and evolving threat landscape, with implications for intelligence gathering and financial illicit activities.

Outlook and Forecast

In the short-term (1-3 months), North Korea is highly likely to continue its pattern of military provocations and confrontational rhetoric. The recent missile launches and drone exhibition signal a sustained drive to test and showcase new weapons systems, particularly those related to tactical nuclear delivery and unmanned warfare. We can anticipate further missile tests, potentially including new drone types or enhanced capabilities, as Pyongyang seeks to refine its arsenal and project strength. The threats to resume anti-South Korea loudspeaker broadcasts and deploy additional "tactical strike means" along the border suggest an increased risk of localized military actions or heightened psychological warfare, further exacerbating inter-Korean tensions.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas include the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), where ongoing fortifications, troop movements, and the potential resumption of propaganda broadcasts could easily lead to accidental clashes or deliberate provocations. The East Sea will remain a key area for missile testing, posing risks to maritime and air navigation. Furthermore, the cyber domain presents a persistent flashpoint, with North Korean state-sponsored hacking groups, now leveraging AI, continuing to target financial institutions, critical infrastructure, and intelligence assets globally to fund and advance their weapons programs.

Indicators to monitor include the frequency and type of North Korean missile and drone tests, any overt deployment of new weapons systems along the DMZ, and the scale of its border fortification efforts. Observing official statements from Pyongyang,

Seoul, Washington, and Tokyo will be crucial for gauging diplomatic temperature and potential responses. The extent of military and technological cooperation between North Korea and Russia, particularly any confirmed transfers of advanced military hardware or expertise, will also be a critical indicator of Pyongyang's capability development. Finally, the effectiveness of international sanctions and any new measures taken by the U.S., EU, or other partners to counter North Korea's illicit financing and cyber activities should be closely watched.

Strategic recommendations include maintaining a robust combined defense posture between the U.S. and South Korea, coupled with enhanced intelligence sharing and surveillance capabilities to detect and deter North Korean provocations. Diplomatic efforts, while challenging, should continue to seek avenues for de-escalation, even if direct engagement with Pyongyang remains difficult. Strengthening international cooperation to enforce sanctions and counter North Korea's evolving cyber threats, particularly those leveraging AI, is paramount to disrupting its illicit revenue streams and weapons development. Furthermore, a clear and unified message from the international community condemning North Korean provocations and upholding the principles of regional stability is essential.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: NK News

• All the world’s a stage: Why North Korea put artillery on display at the border (2026-10-30 08:52)

Earlier this week, a small park on the inter-Korean border, about an hour’s drive from Seoul, became the center of media attention. The reason was that North Korean artillery had appeared across the river from the Aegibong observatory, with its barrels pointed toward South Korea. The sight of artillery guns positioned within view of a […]

• US curbed intel sharing over Seoul’s disclosure of North Korean nuke site: NIS (2026-10-30 07:51)

The public disclosure of information about a suspected North Korean nuclear facility by Seoul’s unification minister triggered the U.S. to start restricting intelligence sharing earlier this year, South Korea’s intelligence agency has confirmed. National Intelligence Service (NIS) Director Lee Jong-seok delivered the agency’s assessment during a briefing for the National Assembly’s Intelligence Committee on Thursday, […]

• North Korea says it launched barrage of 600mm ‘Sniper’ rockets at live-fire demo (2026-10-30 06:08)

North Korea staged live-fire demonstrations of suicide drones, cruise missiles and large-caliber rockets for a drone exhibition attended by leader Kim Jong Un, according to state media on Friday, a day after the U.S., South Korea and Japan offered wildly different estimates of the number of projectiles involved. The demonstrations on Thursday featured various tactical […]

• Why a proposed US military unit to counter North Korea could put China on alert (2026-10-30 03:58)

A U.S. general’s pitch to bring an advanced military task force to Korea has highlighted Washington’s view of the peninsula as more than a standalone front against North Korea, while raising the specter of another standoff with China. During an event in Washington this month, U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) Commander Gen. Xavier Brunson said he […]

• Switzerland officially opens new diplomatic office in North Korea (2026-10-30 03:48)

Switzerland formally opened its first diplomatic office in North Korea on Thursday evening, with Bern’s top diplomat in attendance. Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis and a DPRK diplomat cut a red ribbon at the office’s opening ceremony in Pyongyang, according to photos and footage he shared on social media late Thursday. In the post, the minister […]

• Kim Jong Un calls for ‘absolute superiority’ in drones at North Korean UAV expo (2026-10-29 23:12)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended an exhibition showcasing both new and old unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) on Thursday and called for “absolute superiority” in drone technology, describing it as an essential choice to meet the demands of modern warfare. The “Unmanned Aviation Technology Development-2026” exhibition displayed various strategic and tactical multipurpose UAVs, suicide […]

• Chinese agency claims it’s organizing youth tours to North Korea’s Wonsan resort (2026-10-29 09:57)

A Chinese travel agency claims it has been invited to organize youth tours to North Korea’s Wonsan Kalma beach resort from this week, though a tourism insider expressed skepticism that the trips will actually take place. In a post on social media earlier this month, the Chinese travel agency Offline said it had received an […]

• Border city casts doubt on reports North Korea testing loudspeakers (2026-10-29 08:47)

A South Korean border city has cast doubt on reports that North Korea tested loudspeakers aimed at the South on Thursday morning, after local media cited residents who said they had heard the broadcasts. “We are unable to determine exactly what happened,” an official from Paju City’s security team told NK News, suggesting a resident […]

• Overseas North Korean workers linked to Russia’s military supply chain: Report (2026-10-29 07:56)

North Korean workers have been linked to two companies that support Russia’s military-industrial complex, according to a new investigation, documenting a network of Russian firms and individuals that disguise employment as education to circumvent sanctions. In a report released Thursday, The Hague-based Global Rights Compliance (GRC) states that North Koreans have been found to work […]

• US sanctions 10 North Korean and Russian nationals for role in IT worker fraud (2026-10-29 07:55)

The U.S. has announced new sanctions against 10 North Korean and Russian nationals for their role in IT worker schemes that “defraud American businesses” and generate revenue for Pyongyang’s weapons programs. In a press release on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated eight North Korean and two […]

• North Korea fires salvo of around 10 ballistic missiles toward sea: Seoul (2026-10-29 03:51)

This is a developing story. Please check back for more details. (Last updated at 1:48 p.m. KST with more details from Seoul’s JCS) North Korea launched a salvo of around 10 short-range ballistic missiles (SRBMs) toward the East Sea (Sea of Japan) on Thursday, South Korea’s

military announced. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said [⋯]

• US, ROK defense chiefs agree to delay top-level military talks on OPCON transfer (2026-10-29 03:20)

The defense chiefs of the U.S. and South Korea agreed Wednesday to postpone annual top-level talks until early 2027, dealing a setback to Seoul's efforts to assume wartime operational control (OPCON) over U.S.-ROK forces in the event of a conflict with North Korea. South Korean Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul and U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, [⋯]

• Bonnie Jenkins on the future of North Korea diplomacy: North Korea Unpacked (2026-10-28 08:25)

Former U.S. Under Secretary of State Bonnie Jenkins joins North Korea Unpacked with Jacco Zwetsloot to discuss the growing gap between Washington's denuclearization goals and North Korea's expanding nuclear arsenal, the credibility of U.S. extended deterrence in South Korea and the prospects for renewed diplomacy between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un. Jenkins explains [⋯]

• The elephant's gambit: Why Seoul and Washington should ignore North Korea (2026-10-28 08:23)

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• US-ROK command could be 'suboptimal' after OPCON transfer: Ex-USFK commander (2026-10-28 08:10)

The former commander of U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) said the combined command structure with South Korea could be "suboptimal" after the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON), while highlighting the need to address issues with the ROK military's culture before it can take more responsibility for defending against North Korea. Speaking at an online symposium [⋯]

• North Korean trade fair shows off foreign goods, but without foreign attendees (2026-10-28 06:48)

North Korea kicked off its autumn international trade fair this week with goods from across Asia but few if any foreign attendees, while also promoting a new foldable smartphone. The DPRK's External Economic Relations Minister Yun Jong Ho opened the 18th Pyongyang International Autumn Trade Fair on Monday, state media reported the following day. The [⋯]

• Photos capture North Korean artillery deployed on South Korea's doorstep (2026-10-27 09:58)

North Korea has deployed self-propelled artillery pieces along its western border with South Korea, NK News confirmed Tuesday, as troops continued work to fortify the frontier. Photos and videos captured by NK News at the Aegibong observatory in Gimpo showed at least three artillery pieces on the northern side of the Jogang River separating Aegibong [⋯]

• New ‘Call of Duty’ game imagines war with North Korea, through Koreans’ eyes (2026-10-27 08:56)

The world’s most popular first-person shooter series has turned its sights on the Korean Peninsula, and offered perhaps the most compelling depiction of North Korea in a video game to date. Released on Friday, “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4” continues the franchise’s unique approach to transforming complex international conflicts into blockbuster digital entertainment, centering [⋯]

• Deepfakes of North Korean forces massing on border go viral as tensions rise (2026-10-27 08:53)

Deepfake footage purporting to show North Korean forces massing across the border have gone viral this week, NK News analysis has found, presenting a misleading picture of the military situation amid rising tensions. The fakes identified by NK News appear to have been generated from real footage of 122mm self-propelled guns that the DPRK has [⋯]

• US lifts sanctions on Chinese animation studios linked to North Korean schemes (2026-10-27 08:12)

The U.S. Treasury Department has removed two Chinese animation businesses and a Chinese national from its North Korean sanctions list, without publicly explaining the decision. The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) deleted Moxing Cartoon, Shanghai Hongman Cartoon and Animation Design Studio, and Lu Hezheng from its Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List, [⋯]

• Dandong residents caught off guard by restrictions during Kim Jong Un’s visit (2026-10-27 06:57)

Security measures due to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un’s unannounced visit to Dandong caught locals off guard over the weekend, according to social media posts seen by NK News, as authorities closed roads and in some cases locked down residential compounds. After Kim crossed the newly opened New Yalu River Bridge on Saturday, posts [⋯]

• Six North Koreans killed after train hits vehicle in Russian Far East (2026-10-27 05:15)

Six North Korean nationals were killed when a train hit their vehicle in the Russian Far East on Sunday, with local authorities launching a criminal probe into the accident. The collision took place in Russia’s Jewish Autonomous Region, killing six of the seven North Korean passengers on board, the state-run RIA news agency reported, citing [⋯]

• Swiss foreign minister to visit North Korea this week to open political office (2026-10-27 04:45)

Switzerland's foreign minister will travel to North Korea later this week to attend the official opening of the first dedicated Swiss political office in Pyongyang, marking the highest-level visit by a Western official in years. Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis will make a two-day visit from Thursday and meet with DPRK officials, according to a Swiss [⋯]

• Kim Jong Un's surprise China visit and rising tensions at the DMZ (2026-10-27 01:48)

Korea Risk Group Executive Director Jeongmin Kim joins the NK News Podcast this week to discuss Kim Jong Un's surprise visit to China, the reopening of a long-delayed border bridge and escalating military tensions between North and South Korea. She explains why Kim's unconventional one-day trip to Dandong signals a pragmatic approach to diplomacy focused [⋯]

• Chinese bus factory that Kim Jong Un visited has strong ties with North Korea (2026-10-26 10:44)

The Chinese automobile factory that Kim Jong Un visited over the weekend had historical and economic ties with North Korea, NK News has found, including producing vehicles that were previously rebranded for the DPRK market. Huanghai Automobile in the Chinese border city of Dandong has also clearly signaled its interest in bolstering business with North [⋯]

• North Korea accuses South of fabricating DMZ land mine blast in letter to UN (2026-10-26 10:07)

North Korea has sent a letter to the U.N. Security Council (UNSC) president accusing Seoul of staging a recent land mine blast that injured ROK troops in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), after South Korea sent its own letter blaming Pyongyang for the explosion and heightened border tensions. In a statement released Monday, the state-run Korean [⋯]

• North Korean foreign minister totes $3.5K luxury handbag during China trip (2026-10-26 08:58)

North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui appeared toting a handbag worth over $3,500 during a trip to China on Saturday, despite sanctions prohibiting the export of luxury goods to the regime and state media warnings against capitalist consumption. Choe carried a black bag resembling a Yves Saint Laurent's (YSL) Sac de Jour while accompanying [⋯]

• Woman entered restricted area near North Korea border, damaged fencing: Seoul (2026-10-26 08:41)

A woman entered restricted South Korean territory near the North Korean border over the weekend and damaged fences along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), Seoul officials said Monday, amid rising border tensions. "Our military on Sunday, Oct. 25, secured an unidentified person who approached military guard facilities without authorization in an area north of the Civilian [⋯]

• US court orders North Korea to pay $400M over 1968 seizure of USS Pueblo (2026-10-26 08:34)

A U.S. court has ordered North Korea to pay $400 million to compensate the crew of the USS Pueblo, a warship Pyongyang seized in 1968, bringing the total amount of damages related to the incident to nearly $3 billion. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ordered the payment to several crew members [⋯]

• Kim Jong Un says North Korea ‘inspired’ by China’s success in border city visit (2026-10-25 00:27)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country is “inspired” by China’s success during a visit to the Chinese border city of Dandong on Saturday marking the 76th anniversary of China entering the Korean War, according to DPRK state media. The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Sunday on Kim’s visit to the “Memorial [⋯]

• North Korea’s Kim Jong Un visits Chinese border city of Dandong: Xinhua (2026-10-24 06:26)

This is a developing news story. Please check back for further updates. (Last updated on Oct. 24 at 8:20 p.m. with details from Xinhua) North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited the Chinese border city of Dandong on Saturday, according to China’s Xinhua state news agency. Xinhua reported that “China’s top political advisor Wang Huning [⋯]

• Kim Jong Un rallies junior commanders to build ‘world’s strongest’ army (2026-10-24 02:02)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw a two-day military conference in Pyongyang this week on perfecting low-level leadership and improving training systems, according to state media. The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Saturday that Kim delivered a speech at the Third Meeting of Company Leaders of the Korean People’s Army (KPA) and that [⋯]

Source: NK Pro

• North Korean actors steal $6.36B from Binance in largest crypto theft in history (2026-10-30 07:58)

North Korean cybercriminals stole $6.36 billion in cryptocurrency from the Binance exchange on Thursday, recording by far the biggest virtual theft in history, according to a U.S. blockchain analytics firm. In a blog post, TRM Labs said an attacker drained funds from Binance, the world’s largest cryptocurrency exchange by trading volume, to wallets across 10 [⋯] The post North Korean actors steal $6.36B from Binance in largest crypto theft in history appeared first on NK PRO.

• Kim Jong Un keeps up busy schedule amid growing inter-Korean border tensions (2026-10-30 05:23)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un kept a busy public schedule this week amid rising inter-Korean tensions, traveling to China, posing for photos with military commanders and attending a drone exhibition. But domestic-facing outlets made no mention of the growing standoff with the South, even as the DPRK military deployed artillery to prominent border locations. [⋯] The post Kim Jong Un keeps up busy schedule amid growing inter-Korean border tensions appeared first on NK PRO.

• Why a spate of public disputes is déjà vu for the US-ROK alliance (2026-10-28 08:17)

Disputes between the U.S. and South Korea over everything from sharing intel on North Korean threats to management of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) have increasingly spilled out into public view, in what looks like a revival of past alliance tensions. When Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Elbridge Colby visited Seoul in January, he described the [⋯] The post Why a spate of public disputes is déjà vu for the US-ROK alliance appeared first on NK PRO.

• No summit, new bridge: What to make of Kim Jong Un’s unusual visit to Dandong (2026-10-26 11:18)

Kim Jong Un’s one-day trip to the Chinese border city of Dandong over the weekend was a departure from his tried-and-tested approach to diplomacy, marking the first time the North Korean leader has visited a foreign country without holding a summit with his counterpart. For Kim, trips outside the DPRK offer the chance to stand [⋯] The post No summit, new bridge: What to make of Kim Jong Un’s unusual visit to Dandong appeared first on NK PRO.