

NORTH KOREA SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Executive Summary

North Korea demonstrated an elevated security posture between October 27 and November 03, 2026, marked by significant military provocations and intensified cyber warfare. Pyongyang launched a barrage of short-range ballistic missiles and tested a new cluster warhead, signaling continued advancements in its tactical nuclear capabilities. Concurrently, tensions along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) escalated with the deployment of artillery and ongoing fortification efforts, alongside threats to resume propaganda broadcasts. Diplomatically, North Korea sought to strengthen ties with China through a high-profile visit by Kim Jong Un, while facing renewed international calls for denuclearization from the US, South Korea, and Japan. The period also saw major cybersecurity incidents attributed to North Korean actors, highlighting their persistent illicit revenue generation and espionage activities.

Key Security Developments

- Ballistic Missile Barrage and Cluster Warhead Test

On October 29, North Korea launched approximately 10 short-range ballistic missiles from its eastern coastal town of Wonsan into the Sea of Japan (East Sea), with each flying about 250 kilometers. This marked the third round of ballistic launches in October 2026 and was assessed by South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) to potentially involve the KN-25, a 600-millimeter multiple rocket launcher capable of carrying tactical nuclear warheads. Furthermore, on October 31, Pyongyang's Missile Administration conducted a test of a "Standard Type 2 cluster-bomb warhead" intended for tactical ballistic missiles, claiming it could "turn into ashes a target area of 12 to 13 hectares". These actions underscore North Korea's commitment to developing and operationalizing its tactical nuclear arsenal and short-range strike capabilities, posing a direct threat to regional adversaries.

- Escalating Border Tensions and Fortifications

Throughout the reporting period, tensions along the inter-Korean border remained high. On October 27, South Korean observers noted the deployment of North Korean artillery pieces with barrels pointed south near the border in Gimpo, raising significant concern. This coincided with ongoing efforts by North Korea, since April 2024, to construct a permanent fortified border within the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), including wire fencing, minefields, tactical roads, and anti-tank barriers. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff estimated the construction to be 40-60% complete. These fortifications

and military deployments are a direct response to a September 21 landmine explosion in the DMZ, which injured three South Korean soldiers, an incident Pyongyang denies responsibility for.

- Threat to Resume Propaganda Broadcasts

Following the heightened border tensions, North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong, stated on October 21 that Pyongyang would place loudspeakers to blast anti-South Korean propaganda on standby along the entire border within days. This threat, reported within the analysis period, signals a potential return to psychological warfare tactics previously halted, further exacerbating inter-Korean relations and posing a risk of direct confrontation if South Korea retaliates with its own broadcasts.

- Major Cyberattacks Attributed to North Korea

North Korean hacking groups were highly active during this period. On November 3, a cybersecurity report revealed that the Lazarus Group may have exploited legitimate South Korean websites, including a prominent medical association, to conceal communications during a cyberespionage campaign targeting businesses. Separately, on November 1, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) attributed the theft of over $6 billion in virtual assets from Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange, on or around October 29, to North Korea's "TraderTraitor" cyber campaign. The stolen assets were reportedly being laundered through Ethereum and decentralized finance services.

- US Sanctions Against North Korean IT Networks

On October 28, the Trump administration sanctioned a North Korean network accused of infiltrating US companies by using stolen identities to place IT workers. The Treasury Department stated that these networks deployed malware, stole sensitive data, and extorted companies, utilizing cryptocurrency and sophisticated money-laundering techniques to generate funds for the North Korean government. This highlights North Korea's reliance on illicit cyber activities to circumvent sanctions and fund its weapons programs.

- Kim Jong Un's Visit to China

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made a one-day trip to Dandong, China, on October 24, crossing the newly opened New Yalu River Bridge. During his visit, he met with high-ranking Chinese officials, including Wang Huning, and honored Chinese Korean War sacrifices, emphasizing the "blood-sealed" alliance. This visit, reported extensively within the analysis period, was seen as an effort to push for greater cooperation and balance ties amid closer North Korea-Russia relations, although some analysts suggest Beijing gave Kim a "cold shoulder" regarding his desire for a US-North Korea summit.

- US, South Korea, and Japan Reaffirm Denuclearization

On October 31, the United States, South Korea, and Japan reaffirmed their "resolute commitment to the complete denuclearization" of North Korea during trilateral talks in Atlanta, Georgia. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun, and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi also pledged "full implementation" of UN Security Council resolutions. This collective stance underscores international pressure on Pyongyang, even as North Korea continues to reject disarmament and President Trump makes overtures for potential talks.

- North Korea Condemns US-ROK Nuclear Drills

On November 2, North Korea condemned recent South Korea-US military exercises, specifically mentioning the "Iron Mace" bilateral exercise which integrates Washington's nuclear capabilities with Seoul's conventional forces. Kim Jong-sik, a Workers' Party official, described it as "the most hideous nuclear war rehearsal" and vowed to accelerate North Korea's nuclear weapons buildup as an "immutable" national defense policy. This rhetoric reinforces Pyongyang's justification for its nuclear program and its perception of allied drills as hostile acts.

- Switzerland Opens Political Office in Pyongyang

On October 27, Switzerland's foreign minister, Ignazio Cassis, began a two-day visit to North Korea for the official opening of the first dedicated Swiss political office in Pyongyang. This marks the highest-level visit by a Western official in years, with talks focusing on resuming bilateral consultations, the security situation on the Korean Peninsula, and global geopolitical developments. This diplomatic engagement offers a rare channel for communication between North Korea and a Western nation.

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

North Korea's actions during this period significantly heightened regional instability and underscored its deepening alignment with China and Russia against the United States and its allies. The barrage of missile launches and the cluster warhead test on October 29 and 31, respectively, directly challenged regional security, particularly for South Korea and Japan, and demonstrated Pyongyang's continued defiance of international norms and UN Security Council resolutions. These military provocations are likely intended to test the resolve of the US-ROK-Japan alliance and to signal North Korea's advanced capabilities, further entrenching the arms race on the Korean Peninsula.

The diplomatic landscape saw a complex interplay of alliances and tensions. Kim Jong Un's visit to China on October 24, reported within the period, highlighted Pyongyang's efforts to solidify its traditional alliance with Beijing, particularly through the inauguration of the New Yalu River Bridge, which symbolizes expanded trade and economic cooperation. This move, however, also revealed potential friction, as reports

suggested China gave Kim a "cold shoulder" regarding his desire for a US-North Korea summit, indicating Beijing's nuanced approach to balancing its relationship with Pyongyang amidst broader geopolitical concerns. Concurrently, the US, South Korea, and Japan reiterated their commitment to North Korea's "complete denuclearization" on October 31, emphasizing a united front against Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions and pledging full implementation of sanctions. This divergence in diplomatic approaches from major powers creates a complex environment for managing the North Korean threat.

The ongoing fortification of the DMZ and the threat to resume propaganda broadcasts further intensified inter-Korean tensions, pushing relations to their lowest point since the current South Korean administration took office. North Korea's explicit declaration of South Korea as a "hostile state" and its accelerated nuclear buildup policy suggest a hardening stance, making dialogue more challenging despite South Korea's proposals for military talks to de-escalate border disputes. The significant cybersecurity incidents attributed to North Korea, including the Binance crypto heist and exploitation of South Korean websites, underscore Pyongyang's reliance on illicit cyber activities to circumvent sanctions and fund its weapons programs, adding another layer of complexity to regional security and international financial stability.

Military and Defense Analysis

North Korea's military activities during this period indicate a continued focus on developing and demonstrating advanced tactical strike capabilities, particularly through its short-range ballistic missile program and new warhead technologies. The October 29 missile barrage, potentially involving the KN-25 system, suggests a rehearsal of massed short-range strikes, designed to overwhelm regional missile defenses and deliver tactical nuclear warheads. The successful test of a "Standard Type 2 cluster-bomb warhead" on October 31 further enhances these capabilities, providing a means to inflict widespread damage over a target area. These developments align with Kim Jong Un's declared policy of accelerating the nuclear weapons buildup as an "immutable" national defense strategy, aimed at countering perceived threats from the US and South Korea.

The ongoing fortification of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) with wire fencing, minefields, tactical roads, and anti-tank barriers, coupled with the deployment of artillery, reflects a strategic shift towards a more physically demarcated and militarized border with South Korea. This extensive construction, which began in April 2024 and is expected to be completed by the second half of 2028, transforms the DMZ from a buffer zone into a more formidable barrier, signaling Pyongyang's intent to permanently sever ties with the South and solidify its "hostile state" narrative. While no new defense acquisitions or arms deals were explicitly reported within this

specific week, the broader context of North Korea's military cooperation with Russia, including the transfer of artillery shells and ballistic missiles to support the war in Ukraine, suggests an ongoing exchange that could provide Pyongyang with advanced military capabilities or economic assistance for its modernization programs.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): In the immediate future, North Korea is highly likely to continue its pattern of military provocations, particularly short-range missile launches and possibly further tests of new warhead technologies, to refine its capabilities and exert pressure on regional adversaries. The ongoing fortification of the DMZ will proceed, potentially leading to more localized border incidents or heightened rhetoric as North Korea seeks to solidify its "hostile state" narrative towards South Korea. Cyberattacks aimed at illicit revenue generation and espionage against South Korean and international entities are expected to persist and intensify, as Pyongyang relies on these activities to circumvent sanctions and fund its weapons programs. Diplomatic overtures from the US, particularly from President Trump, for potential talks are likely to continue, but North Korea is expected to maintain a conditional stance, seeking significant concessions such as sanctions relief.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) remains a critical flashpoint, with the ongoing fortification efforts, artillery deployments, and the threat of resuming propaganda broadcasts creating a high risk of accidental or intentional escalation. Any direct military response to propaganda broadcasts or border incursions could quickly spiral. The Sea of Japan (East Sea) will continue to be a testing ground for North Korea's missile launches, with the potential for miscalculation or unintended consequences during these exercises. Furthermore, the cyber domain represents a significant risk area, as North Korean state-sponsored hacking groups continue to target financial institutions and critical infrastructure globally, posing threats to international economic stability and potentially leading to retaliatory cyber actions.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and type of North Korean missile launches, particularly any advancements in range or payload capabilities. Observing the progress and nature of DMZ fortifications, including any new deployments or changes in posture, will be crucial for assessing inter-Korean tensions. Monitoring North Korean state media for rhetoric regarding South Korea, the US, and its nuclear program will provide insights into its strategic intentions. Tracking international responses, particularly from the US, South Korea, and Japan, regarding sanctions enforcement and diplomatic engagement, will be important. Lastly, vigilance over reported cyberattacks and cryptocurrency heists attributed to North Korea will indicate the scale and sophistication of its illicit financial activities.

Strategic recommendations: International actors should maintain a unified and firm stance on denuclearization, while keeping diplomatic channels open for conditional engagement. Strengthening cyber defenses and international cooperation to counter North Korea's illicit cyber activities is paramount to disrupting its funding streams. For South Korea, a robust defense posture along the DMZ is necessary, coupled with clear communication channels to prevent miscalculation and de-escalate potential border incidents. The US and its allies should continue joint military exercises to maintain deterrence, while exploring creative diplomatic solutions that could offer tangible incentives for North Korea to return to denuclearization talks, even if it involves a phased approach to sanctions relief in exchange for verifiable steps towards denuclearization.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: NK News

• North Korea claims first test of smaller cluster warheads on cruise missiles (2026-11-02 22:49)

North Korea tested strategic cruise missiles equipped with cluster warheads on Monday, according to state media, days after testing similar capabilities on short-range ballistic missiles (SRBMs). The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Tuesday morning that the latest cruise missile test involved a “middle-sized dispersal warhead” that is “capable of turning into ashes a target […]

• Kim Yo Jong denies North Korean involvement in $6B Binance crypto theft (2026-11-02 22:07)

This is a developing story. Please check back for updates. Kim Yo Jong, the sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, denied the country’s involvement in the recent operation to steal over $6 billion from the cryptocurrency exchange Binance, according to state media on Tuesday morning. In a statement released via the Korean Central News […]

• North Korea slams US-ROK drills, accusing allies of rehearsing nuclear use (2026-11-02 08:32)

North Korea has slammed U.S. and South Korean military exercises in a series of statements in recent days, accusing the allies of rehearsing to use nuclear weapons against Pyongyang. In a statement released by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on Monday morning, a top official in the DPRK’s munitions industry took aim at the […]

• North Korean cluster warheads could threaten targets as far as Busan: Experts (2026-11-02 08:28)

North Korea’s latest test of a cluster warhead signals that the military is moving toward operational deployment of the weapon, according to experts, warning that their use on tactical missiles could put even the South Korean coastal city of Busan within reach. The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Sunday that North Korea’s Missile Administration […]

• North Korean coal officials tour Chinese mining firm amid modernization drive (2026-11-02 08:22)

A delegation from North Korea’s coal ministry toured a Chinese smart-mining technology company on Wednesday, suggesting Pyongyang is actively seeking China’s support to modernize its antiquated coal industry. More than 20 experts and officials from the North

Korea's State Academy of Sciences and coal industry toured Shaanxi Coal Meilianmei Smart Energy to observe its smart-mining [⋯]

• North Korea tests cluster warhead, plans military use by end of 2026 (2026-11-01 01:18)

This is a developing story. Please check back for updates. (Last updated Nov. 1, 2026 at 10:56 a.m. KST with a comment from South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff) North Korea tested a cluster warhead intended for tactical ballistic missiles on Saturday, state media reported, outlining plans to enable military units to use four categories [⋯]

• 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)

Editor's note: The following article is an opinion piece by Rocco P. Santurri III, a national security professional based in Korea and U.S. Army reservist. Views expressed in opinion articles are exclusively the author's own and do not represent those of NK News or the U.S. government. For years, the Korean Peninsula has operated in [⋯]

• 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 […]

Source: NK Pro

• How North Korea turned its tech talent into a global money-making machine (2026-11-02 09:27)

Editor's note: This is Part 1 of a two-part series exploring North Korea's IT worker program through the experiences of former IT workers. North Korea's army of remote information technology (IT) workers has become notorious in recent years for infiltrating some of the world's biggest companies, raking in millions to finance Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. But […] The post How North Korea turned its tech talent into a global money-making machine appeared first on NK PRO.

• FBI confirms North Korea behind record $6.36B Binance crypto heist (2026-11-02 06:21)

The FBI has confirmed that North Korean cybercriminals stole over $6 billion from the cryptocurrency exchange Binance last week, the largest virtual heist in history, publicizing hundreds of wallet addresses linked to the heist to support efforts to reclaim the proceeds. But new revelations suggest freezing the stolen funds could prove difficult due to the […] The post FBI confirms North Korea behind record $6.36B Binance crypto heist appeared first on 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

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- 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.