

SOUTH KOREA SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Security Analysis Report: South Korea (November 03 - November 10, 2026)

Executive Summary

During the period of November 3 to November 10, 2026, South Korea faced a heightened security environment characterized by significant cyber threats and ongoing North Korean provocations. President Lee Jae Myung initiated a major cybersecurity overhaul, calling for a centralized authority following a massive cryptocurrency theft attributed to North Korean hackers. Concurrently, North Korea conducted multiple missile launches, escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula. In response, South Korea continued to bolster its defense capabilities by launching a new attack submarine and formally commencing a nuclear-powered submarine project. Diplomatic efforts focused on strengthening defense and nuclear cooperation with Turkey and navigating potential shifts in the alliance with the United States following its midterm elections.

Key Security Developments

- Cybersecurity Authority Proposed Amid Major Hack

On November 3, 2026, South Korean President Lee Jae Myung called for the establishment of a powerful national cybersecurity authority to streamline security efforts across government agencies and private businesses. This urgent call followed the reported $6.3 billion cryptocurrency theft from Binance on October 29, which the FBI attributed to North Korea's TraderTraitor hacking group. President Lee emphasized the limitations of the current cybersecurity framework, which is largely reactive, and highlighted the growing sophistication of cyber threats, including those enhanced by artificial intelligence.

- North Korea Conducts Multiple Missile Launches

On November 4, 2026, North Korea launched several missiles towards the East Sea (Sea of Japan) from the Seondeok area in South Hamgyong Province. This marked the fourth series of weapons launches by Pyongyang in a single week, further escalating tensions on the Korean Peninsula. The launches occurred hours after Kim Yo-jong, a senior official and sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, publicly stated that

dialogue with Washington was not an option until the U.S. abandoned its "hostile policy."

• South Korea Launches New Attack Submarine

The South Korean Navy launched its latest homegrown 3,600-ton attack submarine, the Seo Hui (SS-088), on November 3, 2026. The ceremony took place at Hanwha Ocean's shipyard in Geoje, 330 km southeast of Seoul. The Seo Hui is the second vessel in South Korea's Jang Bogo-III Batch-II submarine program and is equipped with an expanded vertical launch system capable of firing submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), supported by an advanced sensor suite.

• Formal Initiation of Nuclear-Powered Submarine Project

On November 6, 2026, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) formally launched the 'Changbo-go N (KSS-III Batch-III)' project, approving the basic strategy plan for the introduction of nuclear-powered submarines. DAPA stated that these nuclear-powered submarines (SSNs) would significantly strengthen deterrence against North Korea's nuclear and missile programs and enhance South Korea's self-reliant defense capabilities, including the implementation of an underwater kill chain. Operational deployment of the SSNs is anticipated in the late 2030s or later.

• Expanded Naval Deployment to Strait of Hormuz

On November 5, 2026, South Korea announced its decision to expand the operational area of its Cheonghae anti-piracy naval unit towards the Strait of Hormuz, deploying additional maritime patrol aircraft, mine-detection equipment, and personnel. This move aims to protect commercial shipping and ensure the security of energy supplies through the critical waterway, despite earlier warnings from Iran and past pressure from the United States. Seoul reiterated its stance of non-involvement in the Iran war, emphasizing the mission's strictly defensive and non-combat nature.

• Deepened Defense and Nuclear Cooperation with Turkey

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan held a summit in Seoul on November 3, 2026, agreeing to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy and defense. The two nations signed memoranda of understanding on financing for nuclear projects, specifically mentioning collaboration on Turkey's planned Sinop nuclear power plant. They also agreed to expand joint production and technological cooperation in the defense sector, exploring opportunities for joint entry into third-country markets.

• US Midterm Elections Impact on Alliance Dynamics

Following the US midterm elections on November 3, 2026, which saw Democrats gain control of both the Senate and House of Representatives, South Korean President Lee Jae Myung called for intensified diplomatic efforts to ensure the proper implementation of security agreements with Washington. Concerns were raised

regarding potential delays in nuclear cooperation, including the approval for South Korea to build nuclear-powered submarines and civilian uranium enrichment, as well as the fulfillment of a $350 billion investment pledge, due to a potentially more scrutinizing Democratic-controlled Congress.

- UN Security Council Notified of DMZ Mine Incident

On November 3, 2026, it was reported that South Korea had sent a letter to the UN Security Council on October 22, drawing attention to a mine explosion incident that occurred on September 21 south of the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). A joint investigation by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.N. Command, along with the National Forensic Service, confirmed the explosion was caused by an interpersonal mine deliberately buried by North Korea, which wounded South Korean soldiers. South Korea, however, did not request specific Security Council measures, likely to avoid further provocations from Pyongyang or due to anticipated resistance from permanent members Russia and China.

Cyber Threat Landscape

South Korea's cyber threat landscape remained highly active during this period, primarily driven by state-sponsored actors. A major incident that garnered significant attention was the reported $6.3 billion cryptocurrency theft from Binance on October 29, 2026, which the FBI attributed to North Korea's TraderTraitor hacking group. This incident prompted South Korean President Lee Jae Myung to call for the creation of a powerful national cybersecurity authority to enhance the country's defense against increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks.

Beyond the Binance hack, South Korea's financial sector experienced a new wave of cyberattacks reported on October 28, 2026. Targets included brokerage Daishin Securities, where personal data of 38,490 customers (names, emails, phone numbers) was exposed, as well as asset manager Mirae Asset Global Investments and crypto exchange Bithumb. These incidents, along with 40 hacking cases affecting 37 financial companies between September 30 and November 3, led the Financial Services Commission (FSC) to announce a broad cyber-defense overhaul. New guidelines, due in November, will require virtual-asset service providers to report hacking incidents immediately to financial authorities, shifting from a reactive to a more proactive national defense strategy.

Authorities are also investigating whether AI-assisted penetration-testing tools contributed to some of these attacks, with security researchers linking a September wave of attacks on financial institutions to a hacker suspected of operating out of China using an AI-based offensive pentesting tool called "Artex." No specific exploited vulnerabilities (like CVE-2023-45208 from the reference data) were explicitly named

in the news for this reporting period. Background: Other threat actors known to target South Korea include Lazarus Group (North Korea-linked), APT29 (Russia-linked), APT27 (China-linked), APT10 (China-linked), Tick (China-linked), TA505 (Russia-linked), APT33 (Iran-linked), and APT37 (North Korea-linked).

Geopolitical Impact and Regional Dynamics

The recent security developments in South Korea have notable implications for regional stability and its relations with major powers. North Korea's continued missile provocations, including multiple launches towards the East Sea, underscore Pyongyang's persistent efforts to advance its weapons programs and its refusal to engage in denuclearization dialogue. This aggressive stance, coupled with the attribution of the Binance hack to North Korean state-sponsored groups, reinforces the perception of North Korea as a significant and multifaceted threat to regional security and global financial stability. South Korea's response, including the formal launch of a nuclear-powered submarine project, signals a strategic shift towards enhanced self-reliant defense capabilities to counter North Korean threats, potentially contributing to an arms race in the region.

Relations with the United States are undergoing a period of adjustment following the Democratic Party's victory in the November 3 midterm elections. While South Korean officials expressed confidence in the enduring bipartisan support for the alliance, concerns emerged regarding the implementation of key security agreements, including nuclear cooperation and a $350 billion investment pledge. A divided Washington, with a Democratic-controlled Congress, could introduce complexities and potential delays in these critical bilateral initiatives, requiring South Korea to intensify its diplomatic outreach across the American political landscape. The ongoing discussions about the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) also remain a sensitive point, with Seoul aiming for an earlier transfer than Washington may prefer.

South Korea's expanded naval deployment to the Strait of Hormuz, while framed as a defensive measure to protect commercial shipping and energy supplies, places Seoul more directly into a volatile Middle Eastern security dynamic. This move, despite Iran's warnings and past U.S. pressure, demonstrates South Korea's commitment to safeguarding its economic interests in a critical global chokepoint. The diplomatic engagement with Turkey, focusing on nuclear energy and defense cooperation, reflects South Korea's strategy to diversify its partnerships and enhance its technological and industrial base beyond traditional alliances. The UN Security Council's passive response to South Korea's notification of the DMZ mine incident highlights the challenges posed by China and Russia's positions, which often align with North Korea, in addressing Pyongyang's provocations through multilateral channels.

EU Relations and Implications

South Korea's relations with the European Union during this period continued to focus on strengthening cooperation across various sectors, particularly in digital trade, cybersecurity, and space security. On October 31, 2026, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun held bilateral talks with the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, discussing ways to deepen this cooperation. The EU-South Korea Digital Trade Agreement (DTA), formally signed in June 2026, remains a key outcome, expected to solidify digital trade relations and reduce costs for businesses. However, concerns were raised by a Green Member of the European Parliament, Markéta Gregorová, on November 2, 2026, regarding the DTA's potential impact on Europe's regulatory autonomy, specifically its prohibition on forced data localization and binding rules on source-code protection.

The significant cybersecurity developments in South Korea, including the large-scale Binance hack attributed to North Korea and the wave of attacks on financial institutions, underscore the critical importance of the existing EU-South Korea cooperation in cybersecurity. The EU's stable relationship outlook with South Korea (assessed August 2026) and ongoing cooperation projects in Research & Innovation, Digital & ICT, and Peace & Security provide a strong foundation for enhanced collaboration in addressing these evolving cyber threats. South Korea's push for a centralized cybersecurity authority and faster hack reporting could align well with EU interests in promoting a secure global digital environment, potentially leading to new joint initiatives or dialogues within the framework of the EU-South Korea Digital Partnership Council.

Military and Defense Analysis

South Korea demonstrated a clear commitment to enhancing its military capabilities and force posture during this period, primarily driven by the persistent threat from North Korea. The launch of the 3,600-ton Seo Hui (SS-088), the second KSS-III Batch-II attack submarine, on November 3, 2026, signifies a significant step in modernizing its naval fleet. These Batch-II submarines are larger, equipped with expanded vertical launch systems for SLBMs, and feature advanced sensor suites, providing enhanced underwater operational capabilities.

Even more strategically impactful was the formal launch of the 'Changbo-go N (KSS-III Batch-III)' project on November 6, 2026, to develop nuclear-powered submarines (SSNs). This ambitious modernization program aims to provide South Korea with a crucial deterrent against North Korea's nuclear and missile programs, enabling

prolonged underwater operations for tracking North Korean submarines and early detection of SLBM launches. While the operational deployment is projected for the late 2030s, the initiation of this project represents a fundamental shift in South Korea's defense strategy towards a more self-reliant and advanced underwater kill chain capability.

Defense spending trends indicate South Korea's commitment to strengthening its military, with a reported pledge to raise defense spending to 3.5% of its GDP by 2035. This aligns with new alliance demands under the Trump administration for allies to take greater responsibility for their own defense. Discussions with the United States regarding the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) continue, with South Korea aiming for completion by 2028 or 2030. The expansion of the Cheonghae anti-piracy unit towards the Strait of Hormuz, including maritime patrol aircraft and explosive ordnance disposal teams, further demonstrates South Korea's growing capacity and willingness to project its military presence to protect national interests in critical maritime zones.

Outlook and Forecast

Short-term trends (1-3 months): In the immediate future, South Korea is likely to experience continued North Korean provocations, including further missile tests and cyberattacks, particularly targeting financial institutions and critical infrastructure. The South Korean government will intensify its efforts to implement the proposed cybersecurity overhaul, including the establishment of a centralized authority and stricter reporting requirements for virtual asset service providers. Diplomatic engagements with the United States will focus on navigating the implications of the midterm elections, particularly concerning security agreements, nuclear cooperation, and investment pledges.

Critical flashpoints and risk areas: The Korean Peninsula, particularly the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and the waters of the East Sea, remains a primary flashpoint due to North Korea's persistent military activities. The Strait of Hormuz will be another area of heightened attention as South Korea expands its naval deployment, requiring careful management to avoid entanglement in regional conflicts while ensuring energy security. The cyber domain will continue to be a critical risk area, with state-sponsored hacking groups posing a constant threat to South Korea's financial systems and national security.

Indicators to monitor: Key indicators to monitor include the frequency and nature of North Korean missile launches and other military demonstrations, as well as any new attributions of cyberattacks to North Korean or other state-sponsored actors. Progress on South Korea's nuclear-powered submarine project, particularly regarding fuel

sourcing and U.S. congressional approval, will be crucial. The dynamics of the US-South Korea alliance, including discussions on OPCON transfer and the implementation of bilateral agreements under the new U.S. congressional landscape, will also be vital to observe.

Strategic recommendations: South Korea should maintain a robust and agile deterrence posture against North Korea, combining conventional and emerging capabilities, including its submarine programs. It is imperative to rapidly enhance cybersecurity resilience across all sectors, particularly financial institutions, through the proposed centralized authority, advanced threat intelligence sharing, and public-private partnerships. Diplomatically, Seoul should continue to diversify its partnerships (e.g., with Turkey) while actively engaging with the U.S. administration and Congress to ensure the stability and effectiveness of the alliance. Finally, South Korea must carefully manage its expanded presence in the Strait of Hormuz, balancing its energy security needs with a clear non-intervention policy to avoid unintended escalation.

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: Daily NK

• Spy agency fumes as AI specialists head to foreign ministry (2026-11-10 00:36)

North Korea is moving its top artificial intelligence (AI) specialists from its main spy agency to the foreign ministry. The November 2026 reshuffle has stirred deep resentment inside the Reconnaissance Information General Bureau, which spent years grooming the young experts. Central authorities began ordering the transfers in late October, a Daily NK source in Pyongyang [⋯]

• Pyongyang tenants haul water up dark stairwells (2026-11-09 19:29)

A worsening Pyongyang power shortage has left the capital's new high-rises without elevators or running water in fall 2026. Rather than fixing the problem, North Korean authorities are hunting down the people who complain about it. Discontent over the erratic electricity supply is growing in a cluster of new apartment towers in Ryokpo district. A [⋯]

• Soaring grain prices bury farm workers in debt (2026-11-09 17:23)

Soaring grain prices have left farm workers in North Korea's North Hwanghae province facing a hungry winter in 2026. Many borrowed food and daily necessities on credit last spring and now owe those debts from their harvest share. With grain far pricier than when they borrowed, many expect to have almost nothing left after paying. [⋯]

• Pyongyang denies Binance hack, but its own spy disagrees (2026-11-09 14:56)

A North Korean intelligence officer in China believes his own country carried out the record $6.3 billion Binance hack, which contradicts Kim Yo Jong's repeated public denials of Pyongyang's role in the November 2026 cryptocurrency heist. The officer works for the Reconnaissance and Intelligence General Bureau in China's Liaoning province, a Daily NK source in [⋯]

• Firewood and coal prices double in Ryanggang province (2026-11-06 17:25)

Firewood and coal prices have doubled in North Korea's Ryanggang province after a sudden cold snap, a local source said. Low-income families in Hyesan, Samjiyon and other highland areas now cannot afford to prepare for the 2026 winter. "Temperatures in the Ryanggang highlands have plunged below freezing since late October," the source told Daily NK [⋯]

• Top grades, top class: Hyesan schools rank students (2026-11-06 14:58)

Some junior and senior middle schools in Hyesan, a North Korean border city, began sorting students into ranked classes by grades in 2026. The shift has set off fierce academic competition at Hyesan schools across Ryanggang province. Parents now pay for private tutors and even slip cash to teachers to win their children a place [⋯]

• Fearing a slip, North Koreans avoid saying “unification” (2026-11-06 13:16)

North Koreans still think of South Koreans as members of the same nation, but many now fear those words could slip out at the wrong moment. That fear has grown as Kim Jong Un’s “two hostile states” doctrine moved from party lecture halls into the country’s revised constitution in 2026. “People still see them as [⋯]

• North Koreans fed up with folk remedies as colds spread (2026-11-06 12:08)

A wave of respiratory illness is sweeping parts of North Korea as the seasons change this fall, with adults and children alike battling colds that drag on for weeks. Health authorities, however, offer little beyond advice to wash hands and gargle with salt water, and frustrated North Koreans want a real response. Cold cases have [⋯]

• Listening to how North Koreans talk (2026-11-05 14:58)

A film I watched recently added Korean subtitles to a conversation between North Korean characters, as though they were speaking a foreign language. Eight decades after the peninsula was divided, that scene in 2026 showed how far North and South Korean dialects have drifted apart, and also raised harder question about how well South Koreans [⋯]

• Empty-handed farmers drive up rice prices (2026-11-05 13:31)

Farm workers in South Hwanghae province are flooding local markets to buy rice in November 2026, with tighter state grain procurement leaving them with almost nothing from this year’s harvest. The rush has pushed market rice prices past 50,000 North Korean won per kilogram, and some areas have hit 60,000 won. “Forced state grain procurement [⋯]

• North Korea taps young AI talent to stoke division in the South (2026-11-05 01:08)

North Korea’s top think tank on South Korea is now producing AI propaganda videos and online content, suggesting the Institute of Enemy State Studies has moved beyond research into online information warfare aimed at deepening divisions in South Korean society. The institute, a ruling party think tank, was formerly called the National Reunification Institute. It [⋯]

• South Korean goods shut out of Hyesan customs trade (2026-11-05 00:02)

Chinese goods are pouring into North Korea through the customs office in Hyesan this November 2026, yet traders who built their businesses on South Korean goods have little to celebrate. Tough inspections now keep South Korean products out of official shipments, and these traders are waiting for smuggling routes to reopen while demand stays strong. [⋯]

• Farmer tells party official to change first (2026-11-04 13:48)

A Workers' Party official in North Hamgyong province was left red-faced after a middle-aged farmer openly rebuffed his call to emulate the heroes of a state propaganda drama, in a confrontation at a threshing ground in Hwadae county. The official from the Hwadae County Party Committee used the farmers' rest break to hold an on-site [⋯]

• Farm workers drop rice bundles to steal grain (2026-11-04 10:53)

North Korean farm workers are siphoning off grain during the 2026 fall harvest by secretly dropping rice bundles on the way to threshing grounds. Accomplices then collect the fallen bundles later, a scheme that reflects deepening food insecurity on the country's collective farms. On Oct. 24, a cart driver hauling rice at a farm in [⋯]

• Nightly check-in calls rattle North Korean traders in China (2026-11-04 08:04)

North Korean consulates in China are calling regime trade officials every night around 9 p.m. to demand details on their whereabouts, meetings, and purposes—a sign of Pyongyang's tightening control ahead of an anticipated surge in North Korea-China trade in late 2026. Consular officials are also collecting personal information on the Chinese partners of these trade [⋯]

• Young North Korean women stop hiding sexual assault (2026-11-03 17:47)

A young woman in North Hamgyong province reported being raped at knifepoint to police immediately after the attack, leading to the arrest of two men in their 30s, in a case that a source said reflects a growing willingness among young North Korean women to come forward about sexual violence. The woman had gone to [⋯]

• Pyongyang professors banished over bribes, abuse (2026-11-03 14:43)

North Korean authorities have banished two Pyongyang professors to a remote mountain region over years of bribe-taking and sexual harassment of female students, but their decision to spare the men criminal charges has angered many at the university. Both men taught at the Pyongyang Kim Won Gyun University of Music and Dance, a Daily NK [⋯]

• Kimchi shortage exposes farm policy flaws (2026-11-03 00:37)

A poor 2026 harvest of radishes and napa cabbage is set to cause a kimchi shortage in parts of North Korea this winter. The shortfall threatens a staple that families depend on to get through the long, cold months. For a country grappling with a prolonged economic crisis and chronic food shortages, kimchi is far [⋯]

Source: Hankyoreh

• Study finds Korean parents' background increasingly shapes children's jobs and pay (2026-11-10 06:00)

• Could the scandal at Nvidia rattle Korea's semiconductor industry? (2026-11-10 06:00)

• Steel stresses that Korea and US must 'handle sensitive conversations responsibly' (2026-11-10 06:00)

• Rivals to partners? Samsung and Hyundai hold major networking event for key managers (2026-11-09 12:00)

• Business struggles force growing number of Korean entrepreneurs to work second jobs (2026-11-09 12:00)

• Japan's anti-Korean bigots made Shin Sugok a target. She kept fighting. (2026-11-09 12:00)

• [Deep dive] Special counsel probe into alleged abuses by prosecutors isn't all good news for Lee (2026-11-09 12:00)

• Korea's OPCON, nuclear sub plans may stall during Trump's remaining term, says ex-envoy (2026-11-09 06:00)

• South Korea moves up launch of nuclear submarine construction project to 2027 (2026-11-09 06:00)

• Number of new elementary students in Korea expected to hit another record low next year (2026-11-09 06:00)

• 'Extinction-level event': Republicans turn on Trump after midterms rout (2026-11-09 00:01)

• [Interview] When the world looked away from atrocities in Sudan, two journalists listened to survivors (2026-11-06 12:02)

• Chip-centered Korean market reels after AI-skeptical Democrats sweep US midterms (2026-11-06 12:02)

• After midterms, Trump floats 300% tariffs, says US may have to 'destroy rest of' Iran (2026-11-06 12:02)

• After a day of panic, KOSPI narrowly holds above 5,000 amid AI sell-off (2026-11-06 12:02)

• [Cartoon] You sure about that plan? (2026-11-06 06:02)

• Plan to move naval unit closer to Hormuz draws criticism from Korea's progressives (2026-11-06 06:02)

• [News analysis] Is Korea's roundabout response to US pressure over Iran a lose-lose? (2026-11-06 06:02)

• Korean conglomerates shift overseas operations from China to US (2026-11-05 12:02)

• A new balance of power in Washington spells uncertainty for Korea's pending deals with US (2026-11-05 12:02)

• [Editorial] Americans rebuked Trump. Korea should still be prepared to deal with him. (2026-11-05 12:02)

• 1 in 3 multicultural couples in Korea have husbands 10+ years older than wives (2026-11-05 12:02)

• Is this the end of MAGA as we know it? (2026-11-05 12:02)

• KOSPI falls 5% as Democrats sweep Congress, rattling chip stocks (2026-11-05 12:02)

• Seoul to expand anti-piracy naval unit's area of operation closer to Hormuz (2026-11-05 06:02)

• Dan Koh's election to US Congress celebrated by ancestral Koh clan in Jeju (2026-11-05 06:02)

• Blue wave breaks through Republican strongholds, handing Democrats the Senate and House (2026-11-04 12:02)

• Appeals court upholds conviction for Yoon that could put PPP on hook for 39.7B won in campaign expenses (2026-11-04 12:02)

• Blue House tells migrant groups that Lee's remarks weren't hate speech (2026-11-04 12:02)

• Foreign Ministry employee likely behind presidential jet passenger data leak (2026-11-04 12:02)

• No tears, only smiles: In Korea, a 96-year-old says goodbye at her own ‘living funeral’ (2026-11-04 12:02)

• [Column] Gen Z protests: Why Europe erupts while Korea stays silent (2026-11-04 12:02)

• North Korea says it has ‘no need to sit face to face with’ US (2026-11-04 06:02)

• File containing personal info of presidential jet passengers was in Foreign Ministry format (2026-11-04 06:02)

• Lee lays out vision of ‘growth for all,’ not the few, in budget speech (2026-11-03 12:02)

• North Korea slams US for ‘trite provocation,’ denies responsibility for Binance hack (2026-11-03 12:02)

• Difficulty fitting in at school cited by 36% of migrant-background dropouts in Korea (2026-11-03 12:02)

• [Interview] Turkey’s new ambassador on what Seoul and Ankara can accomplish together (2026-11-03 12:02)

• [Column] The South Korea-US security meeting can wait (2026-11-03 12:02)

• Haenyo diver recognized as ‘woman hero’ by UN’s Food and Agriculture Organization (2026-11-03 12:02)

• Passport numbers of Lee, 167 others leaked in presidential jet data breach (2026-11-03 12:02)

• [Guest essay] Extreme inequality is not a given. It is a political choice, and we can unmake it. (2026-11-03 12:02)

• [Photo] Migrant rights groups condemn Lee’s remarks as discriminatory, demand an apology (2026-11-03 12:02)

• Job insecurity is the norm for young workers from migrant backgrounds in Korea, study finds (2026-11-03 12:02)

Source: Korea Times

• Students from 30 countries gather in Seoul to learn Korean language and culture (2026-11-10 05:57)

Ninety-two students and teachers from 30 countries wrapped up a five-day immersive camp hosted by the Ministry of Education. A group of 92 secondary school students and teachers from 30 countries completed a five-day immersive journey into Korean language and culture, concluding a nationwide youth camp organized by the Ministry of Education. To mark the end of the 2026 International Korean Education Youth Camp, the ministry and the International Korean Education Foundation held a celebratory ceremony Tuesday evening at Sarangjae, a traditional guest house on the National Assembly grounds in Seoul. Running from Friday to Tuesday across Seoul and Incheon, the camp brought together students enrolled in Korean language classes at their home schools. This year’s cohort welcomed its first-ever participant from Mexico, alongside students from Malaysia and Uzbekistan who were recently featured in a KBS documentary aired on Hangeul Day, the Oct. 9 national holiday celebrating the Korean alphabet. During the program, participants engaged in level-tailored Korean lessons leveraging artificial int

• Ex-US diplomat says OPCON transfer may not move rapidly, cites 'no consensus' in Washington (2026-11-10 05:57)

A former U.S. diplomat said Tuesday that the envisioned transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) from Washington to Seoul may not move forward swiftly, citing "no consensus" on the key alliance issue in the United States. Speaking virtually at a forum, Joseph Yun, former acting U.S. ambassador to South Korea and special representative for North Korea, also said that there is no consensus in Washington over Seoul's push to secure rights to enrich uranium for peaceful civilian purposes and acquire nuclear submarines. Yun offered his forecasts over what will happen during the remaining two years of U.S. President Donald Trump's administration, particularly in the wake of this month's U.S. midterm elections, in which Democrats won control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. "I cannot imagine (the OPCON transfer efforts) moving very rapidly," Yun said during the forum hosted by the Korea-U.S. Parliamentarians' Union. "Same thing with nuclear issues. There is no consensus in Washington that Korea ought to have enrichment or nuclear submarines." South Korea and the U.S.

• Seoul plant hospital admits 10,000 potted patients since 2023 opening (2026-11-10 05:57)

A city-run hospital for houseplants? Welcome to modern Seoul. Seoul’s dedicated emergency room for sickly flora has administered 10,886 diagnoses, treatments and house-call consultations since opening its doors in 2023, the Seoul Metropolitan Government said Tuesday. Nestled inside the Seoul Agricultural Technology Center in Seocho District, the Companion Plant Hospital functions like a full-scale medical center for dramatic greenery. Resident plant doctors diagnose bug infestations and mysterious wilting, prescribing everything

from targeted pesticides to emergency repotting. Plants needing intensive care can even beadmitted for up to three months of inpatient recovery, while anxious plant parents leave withtailored home-care prescriptions. The hospital often handles high-stakes, emotional cases. Inone instance, a resident rushed in a wilting Chinese money tree — the final gift from their latemother. The facility immediately admitted the botanical heirloom into critical care, nursing itback to life. In another success story, a Rhaphidophora tetrasperma — the trendy "mini monst

• Army temporarily grounds Apache helicopters amid US inspection for possible defect (2026-11-10 05:57)

The Korean Army has temporarily grounded its Apache military helicopters as U.S. authorities began inspections on the fleet over a possible malfunction of their transmission system, an Army official said Tuesday. The grounding of the AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters has been in place since early October, after the Army received a safety advisory from the U.S. military regarding the transmission component, Army spokesperson Capt. Bae Seok-jin said in a press briefing. "As a safety precaution, the Army temporarily grounded the fleet in early October (for the U.S. side) to conduct technical inspections in phases," Bae said. "Operations will resume sequentially based on the inspection results." While routine training flights are paused during the grounding, the helicopters usually stand ready for an immediate operational launch in the event of a contingency. "There are currently no issues with our readiness or operational posture," the Army spokesperson added. Manufactured by Boeing, the Apache helicopters serve as a key asset for air-to-ground defense for the Korean military, which

• Special counsel suspects NEC forged vote tally sheet in Gyeonggi education chief election (2026-11-10 05:57)

A special counsel team said Tuesday it suspects a National Election Commission (NEC) employee concealed and forged a vote tally sheet during the election for education superintendent of Gyeonggi Province in June. Investigators were sent to the Gyeonggi provincial election commission and the election commission in Gwangju, Gyeonggi Province, earlier in the day to execute a search and seizure warrant and verify the suspicions, according to the team led by independent counsel Lee Tae-han. The team suspects the employee of the Gwangju election commission concealed and forged the vote tally sheet, which the local commission sought to cover up, leading to an incorrect final tally. Lee's team has been investigating various suspected irregularities involving the NEC after it was launched in early September to look mainly into what led to the unprecedented ballot shortages in June's nationwide local elections.

• Top court schedules another deliberation for ex-PM's martial law trial, raising likelihood of release (2026-11-10 05:57)

The Supreme Court on Tuesday scheduled another deliberation session on former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo's appeal on insurrection charges, raising the likelihood of his release when his detention period runs out next week. The top court said it would hold the second deliberation round on Han's appeal on Nov. 19, a day before his six-month detention period

expires over his role in former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid. Given theschedule, Han, who was sentenced to 15 years in prison by an appellate court, is likely to bereleased when his detention period runs out as it can no longer be extended. Supreme Courtproceedings for Han's appeal have been drawn out after the court referred the case to its fullbench in August, citing the public's high interest and its historical importance. A Seoul districtcourt sentenced Han to a 23-year prison term in January after convicting him of multiplecharges, including playing a key role in an insurrection under Yoon's short-lived declaration ofmartial law on Dec. 3, 2024. An appeals court reduced his sentence to 15 years in May aft

• PPP urges Lee to veto special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments (2026-11-10 05:57)

The main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Tuesday called on President Lee Jae Myung to veto a recently passed bill on a special counsel investigation into alleged fabricated indictments targeting Lee and others. The PPP made the appeal as they held a general meeting of its lawmakers outside the presidential office, slamming the bill as a measure aimed at canceling all indictments against Lee. "The special counsel bill marks the final step in a project to free Lee Jae Myung from prison," PPP leader Jang Dong-hyeok said. "It is a jailbreak bill designed to get Lee, who should be behind bars, out of jail." The legislation calls for appointing an independent counsel to investigate suspicions the prosecution under former President Yoon Suk Yeol fabricated evidence or induced false testimonies to build cases against then opposition leader Lee and others. "We must resume all trials and make Lee face the judiciary's judgment before his crimes are wiped away," Jang added. Rep. Jeong Jeom-sig, the party's floor leader, also warned, "The project to free Lee from prison will only lead to an ear

• Lee says Korea will continue cooperation with US administration (2026-11-10 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday that Korea will continue to closely cooperate with the U.S. administration following the recent U.S. midterm elections, while also seeking to expand bipartisan support in Congress for issues related to the country and the alliance. Lee made the remarks at a Cabinet meeting after the opposition Democratic Party in the United States won control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives in last week's midterm elections. " After the U.S. midterm elections, many changes are expected to take place in the external environment," the Korean president said, instructing officials to prepare thoroughly for any possible changes. "Utmost attention should be paid to minimizing negative effects from external uncertainties on the domestic economy." "More important than anything would be strengthening and expanding the foundation for cooperation and trust between the two countries from the mutually beneficial perspective," Lee added, calling for efforts to ensure the implementation of bilateral diplomatic and security agreements. The president, in particular,

• Sogang University team develops new strategy for designing high-performance optical materials (2026-11-10 05:57)

A joint research team at Sogang University has developed a new strategy for designing optical materials that enable efficient wavelength conversion by effectively arranging three different optically active components within a single crystal. The university said Monday that the findings were published last month in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, an internationally renowned chemistry journal. The research team was led by Ok Kang-min, a professor in the Department of Chemistry, and Jang Joon-ik, a professor in the Department of Physics. Zeng Wei, a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Chemistry, served as the study's first author, while Ok and Jang were co-corresponding authors. Nonlinear optical materials enable the conversion of laser light into light of different wavelengths. They are used in a wide range of applications, including high-performance lasers, precision optical measurements, optical communications and advanced photonic technologies. However, achieving superior optical performance requires more than simply combining components that respond strongly to

• Military drone crashes in Gimpo; no civilian damage reported: Army (2026-11-10 05:57)

A small military drone operated by an Army unit crashed in a park in Gimpo, just west of Seoul, on Tuesday morning, with an investigation under way to determine the exact cause, the Army said. No civilian damage was reported. The unmanned vehicle hit the ground following a suspected communication failure during training and was later retrieved, the Army said in a notice to media. "No casualties or civilian damage have been reported, other than the damage to the aircraft itself," Army spokesperson Capt. Bae Seok-jin said in a press briefing. "The military is currently investigating the exact circumstances and cause of the incident." Bae dismissed speculation connecting the crash to North Korea, saying it occurred during training. Gimpo city officials earlier said military authorities were examining the object to determine whether it may be linked to North Korea.

• Chungnam National University holds anti-corruption, integrity pledge ceremony (2026-11-10 05:57)

Chungnam National University held an anti-corruption and integrity pledge ceremony at its Daejeon campus on Friday. University President Kim Jeong-kyoum and more than 100 faculty and staff members attended the event, according to the university. It was organized to raise awareness of integrity among university members and promote a fair and transparent organizational culture. At the ceremony, participating faculty and staff members pledged to abide by laws and principles, carry out their duties with integrity, put the public interest first, prevent corruption and strengthen public trust. They also pledged to take the lead in promoting a culture of integrity in public service. "Integrity is an important value that all university members should uphold in their daily work and everyday lives," Kim said. "I hope everyone will continue to work together to build a transparent and fair Chungnam National University that earns the trust of its members and the local community through open and accountable administration." Following the pledge ceremony, faculty and staff members took part in a h

• Korea, US hold combined air resupply exercise for wartime readiness (2026-11-10 05:57)

Korea and the United States conducted Tuesday a combined aerial resupply exercise aimed at bolstering their capabilities for rapid airborne logistics supply in wartime scenarios, the allies' combined forces said. The exercise, led by the Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command (CFC), is designed to maintain rapid aerial sustainment capabilities using combined air transport assets when ground resupply routes are compromised during wartime, the CFC said in a release. The latest drills focused on air-drop operations delivering both heavy loads and light supplies. In particular, forces practiced cross-aerial resupply of military hardware and equipment around the clock and from varying altitudes of more than 3,000 meters, the CFC said. The exercise enhanced the survivability of transport aircraft during wartime and improved the retrieval rate of air-dropped supplies by ground units, it added. The drills brought together their key military units, including the Army Special Warfare Command, the 1st Logistics Support Command, and the Air Force Air Mobility and Reconnaissance Command from the Korean s

- Korea's economy is booming. Why isn't President Lee's popularity? (2026-11-09 23:52)

On paper, Korea's economy looks strong. Fueled by a semiconductor export boom, the country's annual exports are projected to top $1 trillion for the first time this year, making Korea only the fourth country to reach the milestone, after the United States, China and Germany. Forecasts from eight major investment banks put Korea's real gross domestic product growth at an average of 3.5 percent this year, with some expecting growth as high as 4 percent. Per capita gross national income is also expected to surpass $40,000 for the first time, potentially placing Korea sixth in the world by that measure. By those numbers, President Lee Jae Myung's approval ratings should be soaring. The economy, after all, is widely regarded as one of the biggest drivers of presidential popularity. Yet that is far from the case. A Realmeter survey of 2,528 adults nationwide, conducted from Nov. 2 to Friday for the Asia Business Daily, put Lee's approval rating at just 35.9 percent. His ratings have hovered between the high 30s and low 40s since October, a sharp decline from 67 percent seven months earlier. More

- String of drug busts shatters Korea's drug-free myth (2026-11-09 23:52)

A string of recent drug cases is eroding Korea’ s lingering reputation as a drug-free country, highlighting how both Koreans and foreign nationals are being increasingly drawn into narcotics crime. The Gyeonggi Nambu Provincial Police said Monday that it referred 66 foreign nationals to the prosecution between March and October on charges including violating the Narcotics Control Act, with 30 of them being held in custody. Many of the suspects were Southeast Asian students who entered the country on D-2 student visas or D-4 language training visas. Of the seven separate cases, one involved drug manufacturing plans and another smuggling, while five involved distribution, purchase and use. One suspect set up equipment in a studio apartment to make ecstasy pills from powder and other materials smuggled into Korea, but was caught before obtaining them. Six others were arrested in succession after investigators found evidence that they had smuggled large amounts of ecstasy, ketamine and other drugs into Korea through international mail in March. They operated in isolated cells and took order

• 16 short-form playwrights to face off in Seoul Players' 10-Minute Play Festival (2026-11-09 23:52)

Seoul's international theater community prepares for battle once again, as the 10-Minute Play Festival (10MPF) takes to the stage to find this year's top playwright. This will mark the 13th year of the contest, brought to the stage at Dulwich College in southern Seoul by Seoul Players, a not-for-profit, volunteer-run English-language theater group founded in 2001. For this year's contest, they received 410 submissions sent in March and April from 354 playwrights based all over the world. The number of submissions has exploded in recent years, peaking at more than 500 for last year's festival in just two weeks, before submissions had to be closed early. "Last year, one of the board [members] felt that many of the hundreds of plays we got were AI-generated," said Lorne Oliver, a producer for Seoul Players. He didn't disagree with the assessment, but he explained why it didn't affect their final decisions: "I just thought most of them were not up to snuff." He added, "We did not bother to run them through an AI check; we just went with the assessment results, since cream floats." This year, th

• When a missionary, spy and friend of opium traders visited Korea (2026-11-09 11:57)

More than a century after Dutch sailor Hendrick Hamel published the first book about Korea in a European language, a handful of Western explorers visited its coasts and recorded their impressions in memoirs. In 1787, French explorer Jean-François de La Pérouse sailed past Jeju Island and Ulleung Island, and 10 years later, Capt. William Robert Broughton of Britain landed near present-day Busan while charting the North Pacific. Capt. Basil Hall provided a more detailed account of his 1816 visit to Korea’s west coast, describing a largely positive encounter that included what was likely the first English lesson on Korean soil. Not every visitor looked upon Korea so positively, however. In the summer of 1832, Korea was visited by the British ship Lord Amherst. Aboard was the German Lutheran minister Karl Friedrich August Gützlaff. Born in Prussia in 1803, Gützlaff had trained as a missionary, learned several languages and served in Java and Singapore before arriving in China in 1831. His aim during this visit was to open Korea to foreign trade and Christianity. In an account publish

• Deploying mine-hunting assets to anti-piracy unit meant to prepare for unseen threats: defense minister (2026-11-09 11:57)

Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul said Monday that Korea's decision to expand its anti-piracy naval unit's operational scope with mine-hunting assets is aimed at preparing for potential threats near the Strait of Hormuz that "cannot be entirely ruled out." Kang made the remarks after Seoul announced plans last week to expand the operational scope of the Cheonghae Unit from the current zone in waters off the Somali coast to south of Oman in the Arabian Sea, about 650 kilometers away from the Hormuz strait. It is also seeking to deploy mine-sweeping vehicles and equipment, as well as an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) team and the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. Although Seoul has stressed that the move is strictly intended to protect Korean commercial ships and citizens from piracy, critics argue it amounts to a de facto military contribution to the U.S. war with Iran. "It is to prepare for threats that cannot be

entirely ruled out," Kang said during a parliamentary session, responding to a lawmaker'squestion about why an EOD team was being deployed despite the ministry's assessm

• Prison terms sought for ex-security officials for leaking THAAD-related intelligence (2026-11-09 11:57)

The prosecution on Monday sought prison terms for three officials who served under former President Moon Jae-in on charges of leaking intelligence related to the THAAD U.S. missile defense system. Prosecutors requested 10-month prison sentences for Chung Eui-yong, former national security adviser, and Jeong Kyeong-doo, former defense minister, during their trial on power abuse charges at the Seoul Central District Court. They also sought a two-year prison term for Suh Choo-suk, former first deputy national security adviser. Chung and Jeong are accused of giving orders to inform activists opposed to South Korea's hosting of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system of operations to replace THAAD battery missiles and radar equipment in Seongju, 215 kilometers southeast of Seoul, in May 2020. Suh is accused of instructing a defense ministry official on eight occasions between 2018 and 2021 to inform the activists in advance of operations to bring THAAD-related equipment and construction materials into the Seongju base. Prosecutors indicted the three in April last year after the

• Gov't to take responsibility for firefighters' safety: PM (2026-11-09 11:57)

Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said Monday the government will take responsibility for the safety of firefighters as she marked National Firefighters' Day. Han made the remark in a message on X, saying providing firefighters with sufficient personnel, equipment and a safe working environment is a state responsibility and should not be left solely to their personal devotion. "The government will work to improve working conditions while beefing up the personnel and equipment needed in the field by expanding the firefighting budget," she said. " We will work with related ministries to pursue institutional reforms aimed at establishing a stable financial foundation." The firefighting budget was a hot issue in recent weeks after Gyeonggi Province Gov. Choo Mi-ae described firefighters as a "fiscal drain" last month. The remark triggered a massive public backlash, especially in the wake of the death of a firefighter who was responding to a factory fire in Bucheon, west of Seoul. Choo has since repeatedly apologized for the remark.

• Defense chief signals potential shift in plans to integrate military academies (2026-11-09 11:57)

Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul said Monday the government may review the location of an envisioned integrated military academy, signaling a shift in its push to establish a single institution in the central city of Daejeon amid a backlash. Kang made the remarks in a meeting with the leaders of alumni associations of the Army, Navy and Air Force, as the defense ministry's plan to integrate their academies has faced pushback from graduates and reserve forces. Under the basic plan unveiled in July, the government plans to set up a single military academy at Jaundae, a compound of military training and education facilities in Daejeon, about

140 kilometers south of Seoul. "What I can say for certain is that we are not trying to abolisheach military academy," Kang said. "Education specific to each military branch surely must be inplace, so long as we do not form a unified force," he added. In particular, the defense chief saidhe is ready to accommodate various more opinions in terms of the location of an envisionedschool. The defense chief has repeatedly hinted at partly revising the gover

- French universities deepen ties with Korea as student interest grows (2026-11-09 11:57)

French higher education institutions are increasingly turning their attention to Korea, with participation in a major education fair in Seoul more than doubling in just two years, driven by growing interest among French students in studying in Korea. A total of 44 French institutions took part in this year's Study in France fair, organized by the French Embassy in Seoul and Campus France, up from just 20 at a similar event two years ago, according to Sébastien Codina, scientific and higher education cooperation attache at the embassy. "You cannot imagine how much young French people really love Korea," Codina told The Korea Times, pointing to the growing popularity of Korean culture in France. The expanding interest goes beyond K-pop, beauty and food, with French higher educational institutions increasingly seeking opportunities to send students to Korea and establish deeper academic partnerships. Deepening academic partnerships Among those expanding its network of Korean partners is Sciences Po, one of France's leading institutions in political science and international relations, ranki

- [COVER STORY] Special counsel bill deepens partisan rift over impact on Lee's suspended trials (2026-11-09 11:57)

A special counsel bill aimed at uncovering alleged politically motivated investigations under former President Yoon Suk Yeol is deepening a partisan divide over its potential to influence criminal cases against President Lee Jae Myung. The ruling bloc claims the special counsel probe is necessary because Lee and other liberal party leaders were unfairly indicted with fabricated evidence and false testimonies by prosecutors under Yoon, while conservative opposition parties, which say Lee is abusing his power to avoid criminal charges, are calling for his impeachment. The dispute intensified on Monday as Justice Minister nominee Lee Yong-cheol said he would handle calls to drop charges against Lee “in accordance with the law and principles” — a different stance from former Minister Jung Sung-ho, who said it was up to the prosecution, not him, to decide whether to nullify indictments against the president. A longtime associate of the president, Lee Yong-cheol was nominated on Friday, prompting the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) to question whether he was chosen to facilitat

- Abandoned schools become community lifelines as towns battle population decline (2026-11-09 11:57)

Declining birth rates and rapid rural depopulation across Korea have left hundreds of neighborhood schools standing empty, silent monuments to a shifting demographic landscape. But instead of leaving these idle facilities to decay into local eyesores, regional authorities are increasingly turning closed campuses into vital community lifelines. The Ministry of the Interior

and Safety and the Ministry of Education on Monday jointly announced the winners of thegovernment's inaugural contest recognizing outstanding repurposing of abandoned schools.Out of 62 submissions nationwide, seven projects were selected for financial grants andnational recognition, highlighting how creative adaptive reuse can help rural communitiescombat population decline while offering urban centers new cultural infrastructure. The topaward, the Prime Minister’s Award, went to the Tongyeong Board of Education in SouthGyeongsang Province for converting the former Yongho Branch of Hansan Elementary Schoolinto a public cat protection and adoption center. Originally proposed by island residents, theproject tr

• Special counsel raids ballot counting machine companies over suspected collusion (2026-11-09 11:57)

A special counsel team searched two ballot counting machine companies Monday over suspected collusion to win contracts from the election watchdog, officials said. The team, led by special counsel Lee Tae-han, carried out the search and seizure at the companies' offices and the residences of their owners for alleged violations of the fair trade law. Lee's team has detected signs of collusion after determining the National Election Commission (NEC) spent around 17.5 billion won ($13 million) over roughly a decade by repeatedly renting ballot counting machines from the two firms. The team raided the NEC last month to secure evidence related to the allegations of collusion. The special counsel team was launched in September to investigate the unprecedented shortage of ballots during the June 3 local elections, as well as other allegations of misconduct and mismanagement faced by the NEC.

• Germany's Henkel to open chip packaging materials R&D; center in Seoul (2026-11-09 11:57)

German adhesives and materials maker Henkel will set up a research center in Seoul to develop packaging materials for artificial intelligence (AI) chips and high-bandwidth memory (HBM), the Seoul Metropolitan Government said Monday. The city signed a memorandum of understanding with the company at Seoul City Hall on Monday. Under the agreement, Henkel will make 12.1 billion won ($8.9 million) in foreign direct investment in Seoul by 2031 and hire 15 new researchers, including holders of master’s and doctoral degrees. The center, called Henkel Technology Center Korea, will be located in the Gasan Digital Complex, a tech business district in Seoul’s Geumcheon District. It will cover about 5,112 square meters, of which 1,205 square meters will be dedicated to chip packaging materials. The center will bring together Henkel’s existing research operations in Korea and add new research and development on materials for AI chips and HBM, a type of stacked memory chip used in AI servers. Chip packaging is the process of protecting semiconductor chips and connecting them to other components.

• Questions arise over constitutionality, conflict of interest in special counsel probe design (2026-11-09 11:57)

A special counsel law passed by the National Assembly on Friday is drawing questions over conflicts of interest and whether its investigative powers are consistent with the government's prosecution reforms. The legislation calls for an investigation into allegations that prosecutors and other state agencies fabricated evidence or brought politically motivated charges under former President Yoon Suk Yeol. Its 12 areas of investigation include cases involving President Lee Jae Myung, including alleged election law violations, involvement in development scandals and illicit money transfers to North Korea. An earlier version of the bill, introduced by the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) in April, would have allowed the special counsel to take over pending prosecutions and decide whether to maintain them, prompting opposition accusations that it was designed to clear Lee of criminal charges. The DPK came up with a revised version after Lee asked lawmakers in September to remove the provision. But the appointment process remains contentious. Three parties — the DPK, the main oppositi

- Seoul adds downtown crosswalks to free pedestrians from underground tunnels (2026-11-09 11:57)

Navigating central Seoul on foot is getting easier as the city rolls out street-level crosswalks at major intersections, phasing out the labyrinth of underground passages and lengthy detours long forced upon pedestrians. The Seoul Metropolitan Government said Monday that it has completed new crosswalk installations at Cheonggye 6-ga and Mugyo-dong intersection, while another is being built near Seoul Station, with opening targeted for the end of November. At Cheonggye 6-ga, the installation ends a nearly 20-year wait for a street-level crossing. Requests for the crosswalk date to 2006 but faced delays over concerns about the impact on underground shopping areas and nearby cultural heritage sites. The city reached an agreement in December 2023 following mediation by the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, involving the Seoul Metropolitan Government, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency, Seoul Facilities Corp. and three merchants' associations. Construction was completed in October, allowing pedestrians to cross the eight- to 10-lane Jangchungdan-ro without relying exclusively on under

- Police chief nominee defends attendance at Cabinet meetings (2026-11-09 11:57)

Kim Jong-chul, nominee for commissioner general of the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), said Monday that the police chief's attendance at Cabinet meetings is necessary and would not compromise the independence of police investigations and their political neutrality. The KNPA chief, who is not a member of the State Council, had not traditionally attended Cabinet meetings, but Kim has attended the meetings in his capacity as acting KNPA chief under President Lee Jae Myung's administration. Kim Ji-yong, the inaugural chief of the Serious Crime Investigation Agency, and acting Prosecutor General Lee Jeong-hyun have also attended Cabinet meetings, presided over by Lee, despite opposition criticism that their presence could undermine the political neutrality and independence of their respective agencies. "While I have attended Cabinet meetings on several occasions, not once has any specific case been discussed," the police chief nominee said in written responses to reporters' questions. He said attending Cabinet meetings is necessary to share the direction of state affairs and to facilita

• Busan to host world port cities summit next year following Dunkirk (2026-11-09 05:57)

Busan will become the meeting point for port cities around the world next year, taking over from the French city of Dunkirk as host of a major international conference focused on the future of urban waterfronts and maritime industries. Busan Metropolitan City announced Monday that it had officially secured the hosting role for the 22nd World Conference Cities & Ports during the closing ceremony of the 21st conference in Dunkirk on Friday (local time). The 2027 gathering will take place Nov. 2-5 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center (BEXCO), bringing together about 1,000 participants from 50 countries, including local government officials, port authorities, industry representatives and experts. At the closing ceremony, Busan Vice Mayor for Economic Affairs Oh Seok-geun introduced the city's development and the growth of Busan Port, which marks its 150th anniversary this year and ranks as the world's second-largest transshipment port. He also outlined major projects, including the redevelopment of North Port and efforts to establish infrastructure for supplying environmentally frie

• Korea inspects coastal farms to protect migrant fishing workers (2026-11-09 05:57)

Korea has launched a comprehensive three-week inspection campaign targeting coastal fishing households that employ foreign seasonal workers, seeking to root out labor abuses and improve living standards in the country’s aging maritime sector. The joint crackdown, led by the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, began Monday and will cover roughly 160 fishing households across the nation through Nov. 27. The initiative arrives amid growing scrutiny over the treatment of foreign laborers brought in to relieve severe workforce shortages in rural coastal communities. Officials said joint inspection teams — comprising government personnel, local authorities and civil rights groups — will directly visit five municipal regions with large seasonal worker allocations or lingering allegations of human rights violations. Local governments will independently audit an additional 22 municipalities. Inspectors are focusing on compliance with standard labor contracts, the provision of adequate heating and housing ahead of the winter season, mandatory insurance coverage, an

• Seoul Station Plaza designated as no-drinking zone (2026-11-09 05:57)

Seoul Station Plaza has been designated as a no-drinking zone starting Monday, officials said, amid concerns and complaints over homeless people drinking and causing discomfort to passersby. Seoul's Jung and Yongsan ward offices, which jointly oversee the area, announced that a total outdoor space of about 20,000 square meters around Seoul Station has been designated as an alcohol-free zone. Violators will be fined 50,000 won ($37) after a grace period ends on Feb. 28, officials said. The plaza has long been considered one of Seoul's main areas where homeless people gather and free meals are offered. Passersby have frequently complained about rowdy behavior by drinkers even during the daytime. During the grace period, local authorities plan to install directional signs and banners around the plaza while conducting on-site promotional campaigns to encourage voluntary public participation. Later Monday, officials from the ward offices, police and the national train operator Korea Railroad

Corp. will jointly host a campaign and distribute leaflets to inform citizens of the new policy.

• PPP boycotts judiciary committee proceedings over special counsel bill (2026-11-09 05:57)

People Power Party (PPP) lawmakers on the National Assembly Legislation and Judiciary Committee on Monday announced a boycott of all committee proceedings, including budget reviews, in protest of the recent passage of a bill calling for a special counsel investigation into allegations of fabricated indictments against President Lee Jae Myung and others. Park Hyeung-soo, the committee's vice chair, and other PPP lawmakers made the announcement at a news conference, saying that, as conscientious members of the National Assembly, they could not sit down and conduct budget reviews alongside Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) lawmakers who had undermined the rule of law by pushing through the special counsel bill. "The DPK pushed through the special counsel bill aimed at dropping charges against the president in just three days after forcibly ending the opposition party's filibuster through a vote. It would violate the constitutional principle of equality before the law if a special counsel were to manufacture grounds for nullifying indictments against the president, enabling him to evade lega

• Lee vows to hire more firefighters, expand investment to ensure public safety (2026-11-09 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung on Monday vowed to hire more firefighters and increase investment in strengthening their capabilities to ensure public safety amid diverse disaster risks. Lee made the pledge during a ceremony marking the 64th Day of Firefighting in the central city of Sejong, attended by government officials, firefighters, those who died while on duty and their bereaved families. The president stressed the ongoing climate crisis is increasing the diversity and scale of disasters, likely making them more complicated and difficult for firefighters to combat. " Preparing for and responding to changes a step ahead of time would be the way to protect the people's lives and ensure their safety," Lee said. He pledged to hire more firefighters, strengthen their command system and expand investment to enable them to respond more promptly and systematically to disasters and ensure public safety. Through the investment, the government plans to harness artificial intelligence (AI) and drones to identify risk factors, and undertake dangerous rescue operations while deploying cutting-edge defense

• PPP leaders gather outside Cheong Wa Dae to protest special counsel bill (2026-11-09 05:57)

Leaders of the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) gathered outside Cheong Wa Dae on Monday to protest the recent passage of a bill calling for a special counsel investigation into alleged fabricated indictments targeting President Lee Jae Myung and others. The PPP leadership held a Supreme Council meeting outside the presidential office, after the ruling Democratic Party of Korea railroaded the bill through a plenary session of the National Assembly on Friday. The legislation calls for appointing an independent counsel to investigate suspicions the prosecution under former President Yoon Suk Yeol fabricated evidence or induced false testimonies to build cases against then opposition leader Lee and others. The PPP

has denounced the effort as a pretext to cancel all of Lee's indictments, as his trials have beensuspended under an article of the Constitution that exempts a sitting president from criminalprosecution except in cases of insurrection or treason. Lee faces charges of involvement incorrupt development schemes, illegal remittances to North Korea, and the misuse of a govern

• Justice minister nominee cautious on withdrawal of indictments against Lee (2026-11-09 05:57)

Justice Minister nominee Lee Yong-cheol on Monday expressed reservations about nullifying indictments against President Lee Jae Myung following last week's passage of a special counsel bill to investigate allegations of fabricated indictments, including those that currently involve the president. The nominee, who currently serves as head of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA), said the special counsel should focus exclusively on uncovering the truth. He was tapped Friday to become the justice minister, a post that has remained vacant for more than two months since Lee's first justice minister, Jung Sung-ho, resigned in late August. The National Assembly passed the special counsel bill on the same day amid protests from the main opposition People Power Party, which suspects the legislation is aimed at canceling all indictments against the president. "I believe it is appropriate for the special counsel to focus solely on uncovering the truth from now on, while all other matters should be handled in accordance with the law and established principles," the justice minister

• Second vice minister of foreign affairs discusses role of diplomacy at HUFS lecture (2026-11-09 05:57)

Kim Jin-a, second vice minister of foreign affairs, delivered a lecture on the changing international order and the challenges facing Korean diplomacy at the Seoul campus of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS) on Nov. 4. The university said the lecture was part of the 2026 HUFS Special Lecture program, which provides students, alumni and young people in the local community with opportunities to gain insights into the humanities and develop skills for their future careers. The program combines the university’s traditional strengths in diplomacy, international trade and the humanities with emerging issues such as artificial intelligence (AI) and big data. In her lecture, titled “Changes in the International Order and Korea’s Diplomatic Choices,” Kim discussed the role and importance of diplomacy in the evolving international environment. She also introduced various programs and initiatives pursued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and shared information to help students broaden their interest in international affairs and explore career opportunities in diplomacy. Kim earned

• Sogang University tops university category in service quality index for 13th straight year (2026-11-09 05:57)

Sogang University has ranked No. 1 in the university category for the 13th consecutive year in the Korean Standard-Service Quality Index (KS-SQI) survey conducted by the Korean Standards Association (KSA). The university said it earned an overall score of 86.5 points in this year's

survey, maintaining its top position in the category since 2014. It received particularly highscores in accuracy, friendliness and social value. The second-half survey covered 238organizations across 58 general and platform service industries. The 2026 KS-SQI certificationceremony was held on Wednesday at the Grand Ballroom of Signiel Seoul in Lotte World Towerin southern Seoul. It drew about 200 attendees, including representatives of award-winningorganizations. The KS-SQI is a service quality measurement model jointly developed by the KSAand Seoul National University's Institute of Management Research. Designed to reflect thecharacteristics of Korea's service industry and consumers, the index serves as acomprehensive measure of service quality nationwide. Since 2000, the KSA has conducted thesurve

• Community Closet event in Itaewon offers free medical check-ups, clothing donations for foreign residents in need (2026-11-09 05:57)

Itaewon Global Village Center will offer free internal medicine check-ups for all foreign residents this Saturday as part of its Community Closet event. The check-ups will cover only seasonal illnesses such as fever, colds, coughs, the flu and related issues, and medicine will be provided free of charge in partnership with CCC AGAPE, a Korean medical service group. Marking its eighth edition, the Community Closet event, held twice a year in spring and autumn, is built around a simple but powerful principle: foreigners helping foreigners. Since 2023, the initiative has continued to grow, helping residents access essential items while encouraging a culture of sharing and reuse. Designed as a more dignified way to share, it is a free shopping event that allows foreign residents in need to receive donated clothes and household items in a welcoming environment. "For foreign residents navigating life in South Korea, finding a sense of belonging can be just as important as finding practical support," Katherine Ann Corteza, the center's director, told The Korea Times. Originally from the Phi

• Kookmin University biotechnology professor named to World's Top 2% Scientists list (2026-11-09 05:57)

Kwak Su-ryang, a professor in Kookmin University's Department of Integrative Biotechnology, has been named to the 2026 World's Top 2% Scientists list jointly released by Stanford University and Elsevier. The list recognizes the top 2 percent of researchers in their respective fields based on a comprehensive assessment of research performance, including citation metrics and publication output, using data from Elsevier's Scopus database. Kwak's research focuses on designing functional microorganisms and biomaterials using synthetic and computational biology, and evaluating their potential applications in precision medicine through multi-omics approaches. His notable achievements include a study published in Microbiome in 2020 that identified the effects of fecal microbiota transplantation on the gut microbiome and resistome, or the collection of antibiotic resistance genes in the human digestive system. Another study, published in Biomaterials in 2022, used metabolic engineering to identify and enhance the prebiotic properties of oligosaccharides in yeast cell walls. "I am gratefu

• University of Seoul holds admissions information session in Vietnam (2026-11-09 05:57)

The University of Seoul held an admissions information session at the University of Languages and International Studies of Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Oct. 30, as part of its efforts to attract talented students from overseas. The University of Seoul said the event drew approximately 360 participants, including students enrolled in Korean language departments at local Vietnamese universities. The information session was organized to introduce local students firsthand to the university’s academic strengths and admission procedures, while expanding its efforts to attract talented international students. Faculty members from six colleges and the university’s Korean Language and Culture Program engaged with local students and provided one-on-one consultations for students interested in studying in Korea. The six colleges were the College of Government and Economics, the College of Business Administration, the College of Humanities, the College of Natural Sciences, the College of Artificial Intelligence and the College of Engineering. By having its faculty members directly introduc

• President Lee's approval rating falls to 35.9%: poll (2026-11-09 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating fell to 35.9 percent last week likely due to an intense political standoff over legislation and stock market volatility, a pollster said Monday. Positive assessments of Lee's job performance dropped by 1 percentage point from the previous week in the poll conducted on 2,528 adults from last Monday to Friday, according to Realmeter. Negative assessments rose by 0.5 percentage point to 60.6 percent, while 3.4 percent of respondents said they were not sure. Realmeter attributed the lower approval rating to last week's standoff between the ruling and main opposition parties over a bill calling for a special counsel investigation into alleged fabricated indictments targeting the president and others. The bill passed the National Assembly on Friday, led by the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK). The pollster also attributed the decline to last week's sharp fall in the KOSPI stock market index to below 5,000 points and other volatility in the financial sector. Meanwhile, support for the two largest parties came to 36.5 percent for the DPK and 39.7 per

• Gov't to review $1.5 bil. funding support for firefighting efforts (2026-11-08 12:02)

The government has agreed to consider funding about 2 trillion won ($1.5 billion) for essential investments related to firefighting efforts, a ruling party official said Sunday. The move came as part of discussions to ease the fiscal burden on provincial governments, Democratic Party of Korea chief spokesperson Park Sung-joon said at a press briefing following a consultation session between the government, the ruling party and Cheong Wa Dae. Additional budget funds to prepare firefighting equipment and training facilities, as well as strengthening a medical system centered on firefighting efforts, will also be factored in for a review of next year's budget, Park said. Currently, provincial governments fund the bulk of the firefighting-related budget, with only about 10 percent of the total amount funded by the central government. At the meeting, Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said the government will review whether it is providing full support for firefighters before asking them to devote themselves to public safety.

In the meeting, held a day ahead of the 64th anniversary of the Day of Fi

• 1st snow arrives early in Seoul, but warmer, wetter winter expected (2026-11-08 12:02)

Seoul recorded its first snowfall of the season Sunday, nearly a month earlier than last year, with light flurries observed in the capital. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), the first snow was observed at the Seoul Meteorological Observatory in Jongno District. The snowfall came 26 days earlier than last year and 12 days ahead of the seasonal average. It marked the sixth-earliest first snowfall since nationwide weather records began in 1973. Seoul's earliest first snowfall on record occurred on Oct. 23, 1981. In Seoul, the official first snowfall is determined when an observer at the central Seoul weather station visually confirms that snow is falling. The designation does not necessarily mean snow fell across the entire city or accumulated on the ground. Despite the early snowfall, KMA expects a warmer, wetter winter than usual, with more frequent rain and snow, as a strengthening El Niño is forecast to continue through the season. El Niño occurs when ocean temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific near the equator rise above normal. It is officially dec

• Korea's nuclear submarine project faces hurdles despite key approval (2026-11-08 12:02)

South Korea’s plan to build nuclear-powered submarines has cleared a key domestic hurdle, but securing reactor fuel from the United States remains unresolved, with legal requirements and closer congressional scrutiny threatening to complicate the project. The Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) approved the basic acquisition strategy for the Jangbogo N program Friday, setting a 2027 start date targeting deployment of the first submarine in the late 2030s. The decision establishes how the project will proceed, not how Seoul will obtain the nuclear fuel it needs. A defense acquisition official said Seoul believes it can secure submarine fuel without needing to revise its existing nuclear cooperation agreement with Washington. Instead, the government is pursuing a separate arrangement under Section 91 of the U.S. Atomic Energy Act, which provides for military nuclear cooperation. The official cited the AUKUS partnership, under which the U.S. and Britain are helping Australia acquire nuclear-powered submarines, as a precedent for a separate agreement. But negotiations have ye

• Gov't weighs tighter social media restrictions for minors, targeting addictive features (2026-11-08 12:02)

The government is considering expanding restrictions on minors’ social media use beyond age limits for account registration to include regulations on recommendation algorithms and platform features to curb excessive use. However, questions remain over how the proposed measures can effectively protect minors from excessive social media use while safeguarding their freedom of expression and access to information. According to the Korea Media and Communications Commission (KMCC), Sunday, it is considering amendments to the Information and Communications Network Act to prohibit children under 14 from creating social media accounts and require platform operators to verify users’ ages. The commission first proposed

the measures during a presidential policy briefing in July. The proposed measures also includedisabling personalized recommendation algorithms that analyze users' interests and browsinghistories, as well as features such as infinite scrolling that could encourage excessive use, bydefault for accounts belonging to users aged 14 to 19. It aims to finalize the measures by the

• Defense committee chair says OPCON agreement stands despite US midterm outcome (2026-11-08 12:02)

The United States acknowledged that certain policy-related variables could affect the transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) to Seoul, but reaffirmed its commitment to the existing bilateral agreement that the handover will proceed based on agreed conditions, a Korean lawmaker said Sunday. Rep. Jin Sung-joon of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK), who chairs the National Assembly's National Defense Committee, briefed reporters at the National Assembly on the outcome of a parliamentary delegation's trip to the United States from Nov. 1 to 5. He said the delegation was granted entry approval only at the last minute, but was still able to proceed with its scheduled visit to U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and its subordinate component commands in Hawaii. Asked whether the Democratic sweep in the U.S. midterm elections could affect the OPCON transfer process, Jin said he did not expect any significant changes. "Korea and the U.S. have discussed and reached agreements over OPCON transfer for more than 20 years. A Democratic victory (in the U.S.) would not affect the existing bil

• Jeonbuk National University tops regional peers in environmental engineering rankings (2026-11-08 06:02)

Jeonbuk National University's Department of Environmental Engineering ranked No. 1 among regional flagship national universities in Korea in both the U.S. News and QS global university rankings released this year. The university said Friday that the rankings reflect the department's international research competitiveness. The department ranked 137th globally (tied) and fifth nationally in environmental engineering in the 2026-2027 U.S. News Best Global Universities Rankings, climbing 29 places from the previous year. It also maintained its fifth-place national ranking and No. 1 position among regional flagship national universities for the third consecutive year. In the 2026 QS World University Rankings by Subject for environmental sciences, the department placed in the 251-300 band globally and tied for eighth nationally, earning the highest ranking among Korea's regional flagship national universities. U.S. News places emphasis on research indicators, including publication volume, citation impact, the proportion of highly cited papers and international research collaboration. QS, me

• Kookmin University research team develops AI model to predict properties of mixtures (2026-11-08 06:02)

A Kookmin University research team has developed an artificial intelligence (AI) model that predicts the properties of mixtures based on the proportions of their chemical components. The university said Thursday that the team was led by Joung Joon-young, a professor in the

Department of Chemistry at the university’s Graduate School. The team included Kim Ji-hwan,a student in the university’s integrated master’s and doctoral program, and Kim Chan-joong,an undergraduate student. The findings were published in the Chemical Engineering Journalunder the title “Encoding composition-dependent intermolecular interactions into learnedmolecular representations.” Most chemical products people encounter in everyday life aremixtures of multiple substances rather than single compounds. Common examples includeindustrial solvents, electrolytes in batteries, automotive fuels, and cosmetic and pharmaceuticalformulations. The properties of a mixture depend not only on which substances it contains butalso on the proportions in which they are combined. These changes, however, do not necessar

• University of Seoul professor emeritus explores Korean architecture at Harvard symposium (2026-11-08 06:02)

Kim Sung-hong, a professor emeritus of architecture at the University of Seoul, delivered a keynote address at the 2026 Korea Architecture Symposium at Harvard University last month. The University of Seoul said KoreaGSD, a Korean student organization at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, hosted the symposium under the theme “+82+82: From Independence to Acceleration” on Oct. 17. The event was organized to examine how Korean society has adopted, tested and transformed architectural and urban institutions and forms over the past eight decades, using speed as a framework for exploration. The symposium brought together theorists, architects and researchers working in Korea and abroad to reassess contemporary Korean architecture and explore its potential for transformation. In his address, titled “Contextualizing Korean Architecture,” Kim examined contemporary Korean architecture in its historical and social context, focusing on how rapid social change has shaped the country’s urban and architectural landscape. The lecture drew on his book, “Seoul Urban Architecture

• New elementary school enrollment to drop below 300,000 for 1st time amid low birth rate (2026-11-08 06:02)

The number of children entering elementary schools in Korea is expected to fall below 300,000 for the first time next year amid the country's low birth rate, data showed Sunday. The number of first graders, born in 2020, entering elementary school for the 2027 academic year, is expected to fall short of 300,000, just three years after dropping below the 400,000 mark, according to data compiled by the Korean Statistical Information Service (KOSIS) and the Korean Educational Development Institute (KEDI). The decline comes as only 272,337 babies were born in 2020, down 10 percent from a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. A total of 301,442 students enrolled as elementary school freshmen this year, barely surpassing the 300,000 mark and marking the lowest level since 1964, when the ministry began compiling related data. The figure is expected to fall further next year to roughly one-fourth of the 1.05 million recorded in 1968. The shrinking school-age population has raised concerns over school closures, particularly in rural areas, and a widening education gap bet

• Korea reviewing plan to expand label-free mandate to foreign-produced bottled water (2026-11-08 06:02)

The government is reportedly reviewing plans to expand the label-free mandate for domestically produced drinking water to include bottled water brands imported from overseas, officials said Sunday. The plan was discussed in a recent meeting with importers of foreign-produced bottled water, according to the officials from the environment ministry. The meeting was a routine consultation with industry officials, and the ministry is still undecided on whether to apply the mandate to offshore brands, they added. Korea has required all bottled water produced and sold domestically to be label-free starting early this year, replacing physical labels with QR codes on bottle caps and external packaging. The mandate is expected to reduce the country's annual plastic usage by 2,270 metric tons, according to the ministry of climate, energy and environment. Bottled water produced overseas, however, is excluded from the mandate and is sold with traditional labels. Domestic producers have raised equity concerns, arguing that competing products in the same market should be subject to the same standards. As

• Korea Drag Pageant to select Miss Femme Supreme 2026 (2026-11-07 23:57)

Eight drag queens actively performing in Seoul are gearing up to compete for the inaugural title of Miss Femme Supreme 2026 at the first-ever Korea Drag Pageant. The event was created to celebrate artistic excellence in drag performance, connect Korean performers with the international drag community and contribute to the growth and visibility of drag culture in Korea. "At the heart of it, I want someone who has dreamed of becoming a pageant queen to have a real opportunity to pursue that dream here in Korea," said Leah Taylor, the founder of Korea Drag Pageant, an independent organization dedicated to developing professional drag pageantry in Korea through competitions, educational initiatives and international collaboration. "I want the contestants to feel that their work has been taken seriously and that they have a stage worthy of their preparation and ambition. For audiences, I hope the event offers a fuller understanding of the performance, fashion, craftsmanship and dedication involved in drag." Her ambitions with the pageant are also looking further into the future. "I also hope t

• Labor minister urges tougher action on industrial accidents (2026-11-07 11:57)

Labor Minister Kim Young-hoon on Saturday called on officials to play a more active role in preventing industrial accidents and protecting workers. The minister presided over an emergency teleconference with senior labor officials from across the country. Emphasizing that safety at worksites cannot wait, he said companies should bear heavy responsibility when serious accidents occur. "We must treat with real urgency any business where the same kind of serious accident keeps happening," he said, telling officials to keep such companies under particular scrutiny. He also called for stern action against employers who cut safety spending to protect their profits. "We must make it clear to business owners if they still put cost-cutting ahead of safety even when a worker has died, they will be held heavily responsible," he added.

Kim also vowed to work closely with the ministry's regional offices. Under the new LaborInspector Act, which takes effect Dec. 8, some of the ministry's inspection authorities will bedelegated to local governments.

• Park Han-byul says changing shampoo helped her hair loss — but does it really work? (2026-11-07 05:57)

Click here for more articles by Kormedi.com. Actress Park Han-byul, 42, recently shared her concerns about thinning hair, saying that changing her shampoo made a noticeable difference after other remedies failed to deliver results. But can switching shampoos really prevent or reduce hair loss? In a video posted to her YouTube channel on Wednesday, Park said she had noticed her hair becoming thinner as she got older. "I used to have incredibly thick hair. I really had so much of it, but as I've gotten older, I've felt like I've been losing quite a bit," she said. "I tried eating black beans, which are supposed to be good for hair loss, and using hair masks, but I didn't see much improvement." Park said she believes consistent daily care is the key to managing hair and scalp health. "I'm someone who truly believes that taking care of yourself consistently every day is the answer," she said. "So I thought, why not try changing the shampoo I use every day? I switched shampoos, and for me, that worked better than anything else." Can shampoo really help with hair loss? Whether shampoo can effecti

• Hechyeomoyeo opens 18th mass exhibition at KOTE featuring over 500 artists (2026-11-07 05:57)

The Hechyeomoyeo (HCMY) opened its 18th mass exhibition at KOTE in central Seoul's Insa-dong on Wednesday. The opening party featured music, live drawing, face painting, clowns and flash tattoos, as art lovers from Korea and all around the world crowded into all five floors plus the roof and basement of the aging building that houses KOTE. “My approach is straightforward: If someone tells me they have a creative skill to share, I try to find a place for them in the event,” Neil Wheelock Deforest Smith, the American artist who started HCMY, told The Korea Times. HCMY is an independent art initiative that began in Korea as an effort to make exhibition opportunities more accessible to Korea-based artists. It has grown into an international community, connecting hundreds of creators across continents. Despite its global reach, HCMY maintains a strong connection to its Korean roots. Smith estimates that approximately 65 percent of the participants at HCMY's Korean exhibitions are Korean nationals, while around 20 to 30 percent are foreign residents, and the rest are international artists

• [COVER STORY] Ruling party leader's credibility put on line as Shincheonji claims backfire (2026-11-06 23:57)

Kim Min-seok, chairman of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) and former prime minister, is facing a test of his credibility after an internal investigation failed to substantiate his claims of a “secret alliance” involving his leadership rival and the nonmainstream religious sect Shincheonji. On Friday, Kim apologized again during the party’s Supreme Council

meeting. It was his third apology over the controversy, following remarks at Tuesday’sclosed-door meeting of party lawmakers and on the party’s YouTube channel on Thursday. “Ionce again offer my apologies to everyone who was hurt as I raised serious concerns andwarned about religious interference in politics during the party’s leadership election,” Kimsaid. He was referring to his allegation in the run-up to the Aug. 17 party leadership electionthat the anti-President Lee Jae Myung faction within the party and Shincheonji had formed asecret alliance. The claim targeted the camp of his leadership rival, former Chairman Rep. JungChung-rae. After raising the allegation and winning the leadership race, Kim

- National Assembly passes special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments (2026-11-06 12:02)

The National Assembly, led by the ruling Democratic Party (DP), passed a bill Friday calling for a special counsel probe into allegations of fabricated indictments targeting President Lee Jae Myung and others amid protests from the main opposition party. The special counsel bill passed a plenary session in a 167-1 vote, after a filibuster by the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) ended. Lawmakers of the PPP boycotted the vote. The bill, first introduced by the DP in April, calls for an independent counsel to investigate allegations the prosecution under former President Yoon Suk Yeol had fabricated evidence or induced false testimonies to build cases against then opposition leader Lee and others. The PPP has fiercely opposed the bill, accusing it of being aimed at canceling all indictments against Lee. Opposition lawmakers protested outside the National Assembly before the vote, and plan to stage an outdoor rally in central Seoul on Saturday. "This is a bill that would allow one's crimes to disappear as long as they are the president," PPP leader Jang Dong-hyeok said during the rall

- [FRIENDS OF KOREA] Korea found me (2026-11-06 12:02)

I got the call in the summer of 1977, after applying to the U.S. Peace Corps to serve overseas as a volunteer. The application form allowed us to cite three countries in which we thought we might like to serve. I listed Nepal, Kenya and (a throwaway choice for fun in the sun) the Caribbean. Peace Corps headquarters told me that no openings were available in those places; would Afghanistan do instead? I hit my mental pause button, went camping for a weekend and checked back in with Peace Corps HQ. Afghanistan was no longer available; how about Korea? Thinking it was now or never, I took the plunge. Apart from the TV series “M*A*S*H” and the thought that my favorite baseball player, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, had flown several combat missions during the 1950-53 Korean War, I knew virtually nothing about Korea. The only image of the country I could recall was the elation of the Korean women’s volleyball team after they defeated the Japanese women in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. And so it was that I packed a backpack and a duffel bag, and hopped on a flight to San Francisc

- President's new YouTube show unlikely to get message across as intended (2026-11-06 12:02)

Political analysts expressed skepticism about President Lee Jae Myung's new YouTube talk show, intended to strengthen communication with the public, saying it is unlikely to attract broader interest or win greater public support. The program, President's Y, debuted Thursday evening as a prerecorded one-on-one interview. The show aimed to offer more room to explain Lee's views than posts on X, excerpts in news reports or YouTube channels run by Cheong Wa Dae. Analysts said the first episode drew relatively few views despite the curiosity surrounding its debut, and that the key to better communication and higher approval ratings is not the platform or format, but rather more measured language. "Considering the curiosity that comes with a launch, it is difficult to call that particularly high," a political pundit said on condition of anonymity, referring to the episode's roughly 300,000 views in the 12 hours after its 9 p.m. release on Thursday. The count remained in the 350,000 range as of 3:30 p.m. Friday. "It does not appear to have been especially successful in attracting a

- Inside look at 4-year mission behind Captain Q's unexpected resurgence (2026-11-06 12:02)

Behind the unexpected resurgence of Captain Q, which returned to the liquor market after an 11-year hiatus, was one man's four-year mission to reinvent the brand. His goal was to make the inexpensive rum-based spirit — once notorious for hangovers so severe that drinkers joked it took two days to recover — appealing to younger consumers without the baggage of its past. Priced at less than 10,000 won ($7.20), Captain Q has returned to public notice with a viral advertising campaign featuring comedian Lee Sun-min that paid homage to 1980s commercials. The limited-edition release of 12,000 sets sold out completely within a day of shipment. Even the Scottish supplier of the rum base was reportedly surprised, remarking, "Korea is such a dynamic market." Kim Dong-jun, a spirits manager on Lotte Chilsung Beverage's soju and spirits brand management team, had been preparing for Captain Q's revival since 2022. He can finally breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that four years of work had not gone to waste. At the company's headquarters in Songpa District in Seoul on Tuesday, Kim looked as flu

- Young entrepreneurs test ideas in Seoul neighborhoods (2026-11-06 12:02)

"Come in, try it out and leave us some feedback." At a pop-up store in Ikseon-dong, Jongno District, Seoul, on Oct. 30, prototypes showcasing the ideas of 19 young startup teams caught visitors' attention. Each team had set up an interactive space to present its products and services, ranging from Korean-style pork cutlets served with green onion kimchi and soybean paste stew to lightweight hiking and camping backpacks made with functional fabrics, artificial intelligence-powered fortune-telling services and art studios. Visitors tried out the offerings, listened to explanations from the entrepreneurs and suggested areas for improvement. About 850 people visited the event that day. The pop-up store served as a real-world testing ground for a Seoul Metropolitan Government initiative linking youth entrepreneurship with the revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts. A total of 150 teams applied for the fifth edition of the Local Entrepreneur Development Program, known as "Local in Seoul," this year, with 24 ultimately selected. Since June, the teams have been preparing to launch

• Arms review committee approves plan for nuclear-powered submarine project (2026-11-06 12:02)

A review committee of the state arms agency on Friday passed the basic plan for South Korea's nuclear-powered submarine program, officials said, moving forward with efforts to build the core naval asset under an agreement with the United States. The decision-making body under the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) approved the plan for the Jang Bogo N project during a regular meeting earlier in the day, DAPA said in a release. The project will formally be launched in 2027. Seoul unveiled the Jang Bogo N project in May, aiming to domestically develop and build nuclear-propelled, conventionally armed attack submarines, with the first vessel to be launched in the mid-2030s and fielded after the late 2030s. The project has been exempted from a preliminary feasibility study usually required for arms acquisitions, allowing the government to accelerate its push for the construction. Under procurement regulations, the defense minister or DAPA chief can request an exemption from the feasibility study for highly classified projects. The exemption for the Jang Bogo N program was grant

• Court suspends $147.74 mil. fine imposed on Coupang for unauthorized user data collection (2026-11-06 12:02)

A court on Friday temporarily suspended a 201.1 billion-won ($147.74 million) fine imposed on e-commerce giant Coupang Corp. over unauthorized collection of user data, officials said. Coupang had earlier filed a lawsuit seeking to cancel the penalty surcharges levied by the Personal Information Protection Commission for collecting the online activity records of about 11.17 million users and storing them in its database without consent. At the same time, Coupang also filed for an injunction against the fine. The Seoul Administrative Court granted Coupang's injunction request Friday and suspended the execution of the fine until 30 days after the first verdict in the main lawsuit seeking the cancellation of the surcharges is made, citing concern the penalty could cause irrecoverable damage to the company. Separately, the commission had fined Coupang 423.6 billion won over a data breach affecting more than 37 million users — the largest fine ever handed down by the privacy regulator to a single firm. Coupang filed an injunction request to suspend the fine, but a different panel of the court

• President nominates arms procurement chief as justice minister (2026-11-06 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung nominated Defense Acquisition Program Administration chief Lee Yong-cheol as justice minister, Cheong Wa Dae said, Friday, after the post has remained vacant for more than two months. Lee, who heads Korea’s arms procurement agency, is a lawyer formerly affiliated with Lawyers for a Democratic Society, known as Minbyun, and has worked to protect human rights and promote democratic values, the presidential office said. He served as a presidential secretary for civil affairs and legal affairs during the Roh Moo-hyun administration, helping lead reforms of anti-corruption systems. Cheong Wa Dae cited Lee's legal background as well as his administrative experience in areas including structural reform as key qualifications for the justice minister post. “We expect him to swiftly establish the new

criminal justice system and deliver fair justice administration so that no one is left behind orsuffers injustice,” the office said. The president also nominated Seoul Regional Tax Office chiefAhn Duk-su as National Tax Service commissioner. The post has remained vacant s

• Lee vows efforts to restore honor of civilians killed in state violence during Korean War (2026-11-06 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung on Friday pledged efforts to restore the honor of civilians killed in state violence around the 1950-53 Korean War, saying it is the state's duty to redress past wrongs. Lee made the pledge in his message to this year's joint memorial service for civilian victims of state violence before, during and after the Korean War, held at Seoul City Hall. The message was read by Lee's secretary for social cohesion Jeon Seong-hwan. In the early stage of the war in 1950, U.S. troops opened fire on approaching South Korean refugees at Nogeun-ri, a village in North Chungcheong Province, believing that North Korean soldiers were hiding among them. The incident reportedly left hundreds of innocent civilians dead. After the revelation about the incident, South Korea launched the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2005 to investigate similar cases, as well as other incidents of state violence. "It is a duty that today's state is obliged to fulfill: to shed light on the truth covered up by the state in the past and redress the wrongs of history," Lee said. He vowed to step up eff

• Nearly half of Koreans say they do not trust courts: survey (2026-11-06 12:02)

Nearly 50 percent of Koreans said they do not trust the judiciary, a poll showed Friday, while less than 30 percent expressed trust in two new agencies launched after abolishing the prosecution's investigative right last month. A Gallup Korea poll, conducted on 1,001 adults from Tuesday to Thursday, showed that 47 percent of the respondents expressed distrust of the courts, up 3 percentage points from the previous survey conducted in April last year. Forty-one percent said they trusted the courts, down 5 percentage points. The survey also showed that public trust in the Constitutional Court had declined after the court upheld the impeachment of former President Yoon Suk Yeol in April last year over his martial law bid. Compared with last year's survey, 49 percent said they trusted the Constitutional Court, down 12 percentage points, while distrust rose 5 percentage points to 36 percent. In the same poll, 29 percent said they trusted the Serious Crime Investigation Agency (SCIA), tasked with handling major crimes, compared with 49 percent who did not. Twenty-five percent expressed trust in

• KNPA deputy chief nominated as new police chief (2026-11-06 12:02)

Kim Jong-chul, deputy commissioner general of the Korean National Police Agency (KNPA), was nominated Friday to serve as the agency's new commissioner general, filling a post that has remained vacant for nearly two years since former President Yoon Suk Yeol's declaration of martial law. Kim said he felt a heavy sense of responsibility over his nomination as KNPA commissioner general at a critical time, ahead of a meeting of the National Police Commission convened to deliberate on his appointment. "I am well aware that public expectations for the police are higher than ever and that concerns about the police are also growing," Kim said,

adding he would participate in the commission meeting with a sense of responsibility and theutmost sincerity. The selection process for the KNPA commissioner general involves severalsteps: nomination by the presidential office, approval by the National Police Commission, aformal recommendation by the interior minister, a confirmation hearing at the NationalAssembly and, finally, appointment by the president. The KNPA commissioner general nomineecan be

- Google Cloud says it deleted leaked presidential info at Korean gov't request (2026-11-06 12:02)

Google Cloud told The Korea Times that it deleted the Korean first couple’s personal information, exposed for about five months on its VirusTotal platform, immediately after Korean authorities requested its cooperation. The response follows a finding that the malware analysis platform, owned by Google Cloud, had hosted sensitive personal information of 168 people aboard the presidential jet during President Lee Jae Myung’s trip to Europe in June. " Google Cloud removed the relevant data from VirusTotal immediately after confirming government authorities' request," the company said in a statement sent to The Korea Times on Friday. VirusTotal scans uploaded files and URLs simultaneously using more than 70 antivirus engines and security tools. Files submitted through its public interface are shared with participating security vendors and can be accessed by organizations that subscribe to VirusTotal’s enterprise datasets — meaning a document uploaded for a routine malware check can become available to outside parties. It was found through a media report on Monday that a file containin

- Presidential secretary for political affairs offers to resign (2026-11-06 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung's chief secretary for political affairs, Hong Ik-pyo, has offered to resign, according to sources Friday. The former three-term lawmaker, who took office in January, was expected to leave the presidential office after Sunday, the sources said. Cheong Wa Dae is widely expected to name Hong's successor around Sunday, with Choi In-ho, currently president of Korea Housing & Urban Guarantee Corp., reportedly being considered as a candidate.

- Korea grants temporary stay and work permits to foreign children seeking paternal recognition (2026-11-06 05:57)

Foreign children seeking legal recognition from Korean parents can now secure long-term stay rights and legal employment during court proceedings, eliminating a regulatory loophole that often forced vulnerable families into financial hardship or overstaying their visas. Under updated immigration guidelines revealed Friday by the Ministry of Justice, children without citizenship and their custodial parents involved in paternity suits will be eligible for a G-1 visa, a long-term humanitarian status granted in six-month increments for the duration of legal disputes. Crucially, the policy opens a pathway to temporary work permits for parents and guardians following review by an internal human rights committee, allowing them to support themselves legally while navigating the court system. "The measures are designed to fulfill the

state's minimum humanitarian obligation by preventing hardship for children of Korean lineageand their guardians during trial proceedings," acting Justice Minister Lee Jin-soo said. Until now,foreign mothers or fathers entering Korea on short-term C-3 tourist visas

• Nat'l conference of judges to be held this month amid calls for judicial independence (2026-11-06 05:57)

A key conference of representative judges from courts nationwide will take place later this month, officials said Friday, amid calls to uphold judicial independence in response to the ruling party's criticism of the judiciary. The conference had been initially set for Dec. 7 but will take place one week earlier than scheduled on Nov. 30 following a vote by its members. No agenda has been set, but it is expected to include discussions on the judiciary's independence. The ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) has been pushing for a parliamentary probe into Supreme Court Chief Justice Cho Hee-dae, accusing him of interfering in politics. The DPK has accused Cho of meddling in last year's presidential election after the Supreme Court overturned a not-guilty verdict in President Lee Jae Myung's election law violation case and sent it back to a lower court for retrial just ahead of the June 3 presidential election. The party also took issue with Cho's refusal to recommend a new candidate for Supreme Court justice as requested by the presidential office, as well as allegations of improper use o

• Kookmin University to launch interdisciplinary master's program in AI, arts management (2026-11-06 05:57)

Kookmin University’s Graduate School of Total Arts will launch an interdisciplinary master’s degree program in artificial intelligence (AI) and arts management for the spring 2027 semester. The university said Wednesday that the new program aims to nurture professionals who can apply AI expertise to the arts and culture sectors. The “AI+Arts Management” program will integrate AI into all aspects of arts management, from performance and exhibition planning to arts organization management, audience development and fundraising. The program will focus on helping students understand how technological advances are transforming the arts and arts management and develop new planning and operational models using AI. Beyond improving work efficiency through AI, the program will emphasize expanding access to arts and culture and generating broader social benefits. It will also support the development of startups that use AI to address social challenges. The curriculum consists of core and elective courses. Core courses provide students with a foundation in AI applications and the fundamentals

• Subzero cold to grip Korea this weekend (2026-11-06 05:57)

Temperatures in Seoul will drop below zero this weekend as early winter sets in, with strong winds sweeping much of the country Saturday and rain forecast for central regions Sunday. Saturday’s morning lows nationwide will range from minus 5 degrees to 5 degrees Celsius, with daytime highs of 8 to 14 degrees, according to the Korea Meteorological Administration, Friday. Both are below the seasonal norms of 2 to 11 degrees and 13 to 20 degrees, respectively. Cold air moving in from the northwest is expected to bring subzero temperatures,

mainly to the central region, eastern North Jeolla Province and inland Gyeongsang areas. Theweather agency issued cold alerts for these regions. Seoul's morning lows are forecast to beminus 1 degree, but chilly winds will drive Seoul’ s wind chill to around minus 5 degrees.Daytime highes are expected to rise to 9 degrees. Incheon will have temperatures ranging fromminus 1 degrees to 8 degrees and Suwon in Gyeonggi Province from minus 1 to 9 degrees.Inland areas of Gangwon Province will see lows of minus 5 to minus 3 degrees and highs of 8 to10 de

• Korea to see warm, wet winter due to powerful El Nino (2026-11-06 05:57)

Korea is expected to experience a warmer and wetter winter this year due to the influence of a climate phenomenon known as El Nino, the national weather agency said Friday. The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) said an El Nino — a naturally recurring phenomenon of warming of waters in parts of the tropical Pacific Ocean — has been forming since May and is expected to peak in December. The latest phenomenon is forecast to develop into the strongest on record and bring warm, humid air into Korea this winter, it said, citing record sea surface temperatures of the El Nino monitoring zone. The moving average sea surface temperature for August to October measured 2.4 C above the long-term average, marking the highest for the period since records began in 1950, according to the KMA. Due to the influence of El Nino, Korea's average temperatures in November, December and January are projected to be higher than the long-term averages, with more rainfall than usual in the first two months, it said. Lee Mi-seon, head of the KMA, said in a release the public should still be prepared for po

• Veterans ministry to invite foreign Korean War veterans, families on UN memorial day (2026-11-06 05:57)

The veterans ministry said Friday it will invite foreign veterans who fought in the 1950-53 Korean War to the country, along with their family members, to commemorate their service on an annual memorial day. A total of 36 people from six countries and their family members will arrive Sunday for a six-day visit, according to the ministry. The International U.N. Veterans Memorial Day is held annually Nov. 11. The visit is part of the Turn Toward Busan program, which aims to commemorate the service of foreign Korean War veterans. Among the invited veterans is William Walsh, 97, who served as a British Army soldier and trained foreign troops to be deployed to the war at a military battle school, from 1953 to 1955. This year, Canadian veteran Vincent Courtenay, who first proposed the visit program in 2007, along with Kelly McKeague, director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, will also travel to South Korea next week to pay their respects to the U.N. forces, according to the veterans ministry. The program includes a visit to the U.N. Memorial Cemetery in Busan, some 330 kilometers southe

• DPK leader makes public apology over Shincheonji claim amid backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-06 05:57)

Ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) leader Kim Min-seok issued a public apology Friday over allegations he had raised that members of a religious sect had joined the party en masse to

influence the party's leadership race. The renewed apology came after Kim apologized at aclosed-door meeting earlier this week, acknowledging that an internal party investigation hadfound no evidence to support his earlier claim that followers of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus,a nonmainstream religious sect, had colluded with party lawmakers to join the DPK to sway theoutcome of the Aug. 17 leadership election. "I once again offer my apologies to party membersand to all those who were hurt, as I raised strong concerns over the interference of religion inpolitics during the last party convention," Rep. Kim said during a meeting of the party's supremecouncil. Kim vowed to focus on uniting the party and improving people's livelihoods whileaddressing the issue through the party's internal efforts. The main opposition People PowerParty (PPP) has called for a joint prosecution-police probe into the c

• Gov't probing 'all possibilities' in leak of personal data of President Lee, Europe trip entourage (2026-11-06 05:57)

Authorities are investigating all possibilities surrounding the leak of personal information of President Lee Jae Myung and 167 members of his delegation for a trip to Europe in June, including whether an outside contractor was involved, officials said Friday. The presidential office and the foreign ministry said Tuesday that they had discovered the exposure of personal information after a file containing details of 168 people aboard the presidential aircraft was uploaded to VirusTotal, a website used to scan files for malware. The file contained the names, affiliations, positions, dates of birth and passport details of Lee, first lady Kim Hea Kyung and 166 others, including senior officials, presidential security personnel and journalists covering the presidential office. "We are thoroughly investigating the circumstances from multiple angles, keeping all possibilities open," the ministry said in a statement. "We take the possibility of leaks involving diplomatic materials very seriously and are conducting an investigation in cooperation with the police and other relevant agencies," it

• Busan shark remains unsighted for 11 days after monthlong stay in canal (2026-11-06 05:57)

BUSAN — Bukang-i the shark, which drew more than a million viewers while staying in a coastal canal in the southeastern city of Busan for over a month, has not been seen for 11 consecutive days, raising the possibility that it has finally headed out to the open sea. According to the National Institute of Fisheries Science and relevant agencies, no sightings of Bukang-i have been reported since Oct. 27 near the exit of the canal leading out to Busan's North Port, located about 330 kilometers southeast of Seoul. Experts speculate dropping water temperatures near the canal's exit could have played a role in the shark's disappearance. The optimal water temperature for sharks is between 18 and 26 C, but surface water temperatures off the North Port have fallen to 18-19 C. The shark — affectionately named Bukang-i after Bukhang, Korean for North Port — was first spotted in the canal Sept. 18. Since then, the canal park has turned into a major tourist attraction, drawing nearly 1.7 million visitors as of Oct. 29. Local authorities made three attempts to guide the shark out of the canal in

• Poor living conditions, stress plague elephants in Korean zoos (2026-11-06 05:57)

Only one of 10 elephants that died at Korean zoos and other captive facilities from known causes was recorded as having died of natural causes related to old age, a new report has found. Most facilities kept indoor enclosures — spaces where animals can stay out of public view — closed during visiting hours, with keepers explaining that they did so because visitors complained when elephants went inside and could no longer be seen. According to a report titled “Survey on the Welfare of Captive Elephants in Korea,” released Monday by the animal rights group Animal Liberation Wave, only one of the 10 elephants whose causes of death were identified died naturally of old age. Their average age at death was 32.1. The leading causes of death included cardiovascular and circulatory diseases, as well as foot and joint disorders. The group said these conditions were closely linked to captive environments, including confined spaces, hard flooring and insufficient exercise. The survey was conducted from March to June this year at nine facilities that keep elephants in Korea. Researchers visit

• Labor rallies, marathons to cause congestion in Seoul this weekend (2026-11-06 05:57)

Traffic congestion is expected in central Seoul this weekend due to labor rallies and marathon events, police said Friday. The Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), a major umbrella labor union, plans to hold a preliminary rally near the Seoul Regional Employment and Labor Office in downtown Seoul at 1 p.m. on Saturday, according to the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency. KCTU members will then march through downtown Seoul before holding their main rally for about an hour on the road between Sungnyemun Intersection and Taepyeong Intersection. They are scheduled to march back to the labor office from 4 p.m. In the Yeouido area, the "Save Race Marathon," sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will take place from 8 a.m. on Saturday, police said. The course starts at Yeouido Park, crosses the Sogang Grand Bridge, and reaches a turnaround point at the Gwangheungchang Station intersection. As a result, vehicle traffic on the Han River bridge will be restricted from 7:50 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Traffic in Yeouido is expected to become congested again from 2 p.m., when another major umbrel

• Lee's approval rating tops 40% for 1st time since late August: poll (2026-11-06 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating rose slightly to 41 percent, a poll showed Friday, marking the first time in over two months that the figure exceeded 40 percent. The survey, conducted by Gallup Korea from Tuesday through Thursday on 1,001 people aged 18 and older, showed that positive assessments of Lee's performance rose 2 percentage points from a week earlier. Negative assessments also rose 1 percentage point to 50 percent. Lee's approval rating last exceeded 40 percent in the last week of August, when it stood at 42 percent. After weeks of decline, the figure returned to 40 percent in the fourth week of October before slipping to 39 percent last week. Gallup assessed that Lee's approval rating has remained "largely unchanged" over the past three weeks despite the latest increase. Among those who positively assessed Lee's performance, 18 percent cited diplomacy, followed by economic and livelihood issues at 15 percent, and communication at 10 percent. Real estate policies and economic concerns were among the main reasons cited by those who disapproved of Lee's performance at 19

• [FRIENDS OF KOREA] An American teenager in Seoul in 1967 (2026-11-06 00:02)

I was 13 when our family of 10 (mom, dad and eight kids ranging in age from 1 to 15) arrived at Kimpo Airport in August 1966. We arrived a bit prior to the first volunteers of the Peace Corps K-1, because our school started in early September. The older kids attended Seoul Foreign School (SFS) in Yeonhui-dong, behind Yonsei University. In fact, the founders of our school were some of the same missionaries who founded Yonsei, such as the Underwoods, the Allens and the Avisons. Today, there is a statue to Horace Grant Underwood in front of one of the Yonsei buildings. Being born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and at our young ages, none of us kids were very familiar with the outside world, so when Dad (Kevin O'Donnell, the first Peace Corps country director for Korea) told us he got a new job and we were going to move to Korea, we thought he said Berea, a Cleveland suburb near the airport, and wondered why in the world would anyone want to move there. He said, "Not Berea — Korea. It's a foreign country over by China and Japan." This got most of us quite excited, but my older sister wa

• [FRIENDS OF KOREA] How one Peace Corps Volunteer helped deaf Koreans find their voice (2026-11-06 00:02)

As I trudged across Sinchon Rotary and up the steep walkway to Severance Hospital, I kept repeating to myself a phrase from a childhood story about a train engine: “I think I can, I think I can.” It was a bitter cold winter morning in 1969. Today was the day that I was to come to the hospital and show the doctors in the ear, nose and throat section of the hospital that I could, indeed, get a deaf child to speak. Only days earlier, I had arrived in Korea to volunteer for the Peace Corps at age 23. Once it got around that I had training as a speech therapist for the deaf, Peace Corps Korea Director Kevin O'Donnell urged me to pursue it. At the time, Korea had no speech pathology center. George Worth, an American missionary in Korea, introduced me to staff at both Seoul National University (SNU) Hospital and Severance Hospital. Both hospitals were interested in starting a program but wanted to see how it could work, so they told me to come back the next day, when they could bring me a patient. That's how I found myself " auditioning" for a speech and hearing center. I was confident tha

• [FRIENDS OF KOREA] Two Peace Corps Volunteers' brush with cinematic fame in 1960s Myeong-dong (2026-11-06 00:02)

One evening in Seoul, having nothing better to do, I decided to go out on the town in Myeong-dong with my friend Ron Rezac, a fellow Peace Corps Volunteer. Back in the 1960s, Myeong-dong was a trendy spot for Korean youth, filled with bars, cafes and music venues. After a few hours and a few beers (maybe more than a few), I let it be known that I, strangely, wanted to cap off the evening with some tea. The two of us hightailed it to a nearby "dabang" cafe, walked up some stairs to get in and were met at the door by a man who told us the place was closed and we couldn't come in. "What do you mean we can't come in!" we protested. "We have our rights!" we demanded in our excellent Korean, no doubt causing him to nearly keel over from the fumes of our beer breath. Seemingly at a loss, he let us in, pointing to a table where he wanted us to sit. Once inside, we learned that the reason they didn't want to let us in

was that a movie company had taken possession of the dabang for the night to shoot a featurefilm. They decided on the spot that the scene in the dabang would now include two drunk

• Children bear cost of adoption delays, advocate says (2026-11-06 00:02)

Children awaiting adoption in Korea are losing precious time to form bonds with permanent families as lengthy reviews and unclear screening standards delay placements, the head of an adoptive families' advocacy group said. In an interview with The Korea Times after a press conference Tuesday outside the Board of Audit and Inspection in central Seoul, Oh Chang-hwa, head of the National Adoptive Family Federation, called for faster adoption matching and transparent assessment standards. "Children are there and parents are there. But they cannot meet," he said. His organizations and six other civic groups submitted a petition asking the state auditor to inspect the screening and matching procedures under the new adoption system, which took effect on July 19, 2025, shifting responsibility for adoption procedures from private agencies to the central and local governments. Their complaints center on administrative delays, allegedly inconsistent screening and excessive collection of sensitive family information. According to figures submitted to the National Assembly and cited by the fede

• Documentary spotlights Peace Corps Volunteer's role in Gwangju Uprising (2026-11-06 00:02)

The 1980 Gwangju Uprising produced a great many memorable photos, not least of which was one of a young man with blonde hair helping carry a man on a stretcher through the streets. The identity of this foreigner remained a mystery for decades, but as U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV) who were there began publishing their memoirs, his identity and role in the uprising gradually came into focus. The person in the photo was a PCV named Tim Warnberg, who had arrived in Korea in 1978 to work as a health volunteer at Gwangju Christian Hospital. Those who knew him before his arrival in Korea remember him as someone whose character and concern for others help explain his actions in 1980. Warnberg was from Brainerd, Minnesota, where his father was the town's longest-serving sheriff. His mother was, as his sister Roxanne Wilson remembers, "devoted to caring for others" and creating "a home that was warm and inviting to neighbors, friends and persons in need." As his closest childhood friend, Keevie Fairbanks, put it, "Tim was the best of both of his parents." Robert Grotjohn, who at

• Remembering Peace Corps' 15 years in Korea (2026-11-06 00:02)

It may come as a shock to many these days that the Peace Corps once had a mission in Korea. The U.S. volunteer agency sent more than 2,000 young volunteers to Korea between 1966 and 1981 in 51 waves, from K-1 to K-51. The country they arrived in was very different from the advanced nation Korea has grown to become. Coming out of the 1910-45 Japanese occupation and 1950-53 Korean War, Korea was for decades one of the poorest nations in the world. In the

mid-1960s, when Peace Corps Volunteers (PCVs) began arriving, Korea's hills were barren, andthe gutters were filled with human waste. The authoritarian government maintained a strictcurfew, barring people from the streets from midnight to 4 a.m. “My first impression was ‘My god, what have I got myself into?’” Ed Klein (K-1) said in 2016. “It was the way itwas,” David McCann (K-1) said in 2019, “and that didn't strike me as strange.” U.S. PresidentJohn F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps in 1961 with an executive order. It was designed toserve three main goals: helping various countries meet their need for trained me

• Foreign residents' first hurdle is housing. Enkostay says it can clear it. (2026-11-06 00:02)

For many foreign residents, the first few weeks in Seoul can feel almost effortless. The subway works. Convenience stores are everywhere, and there is always another café, restaurant or corner of the city to discover. Then the paperwork begins. An appointment for a residence card. A landlord asking for a deposit that can run into the tens of millions of won. Almost overnight, the experience shifts from exploring Korea to deciphering it. For years, newcomers have leaned on Facebook groups for answers, and learned to sift through thousands of unverified listings and contradictory advice. Now they’re asking a blunter question, often on Reddit: Is this website legit? That was the question Huy Kim Nguyen, better known online as Kim Ninja, kept seeing about Enkostay, a rental platform for foreign residents. Nguyen came to Korea five years ago and began documenting the realities of living in Korea while working as a software developer. His YouTube videos explaining how Enkostay works went viral, drawing more than a million views. "You can't always trust the internet with a pretty website these

• Appeals court to rule on ex-President Yoon's martial law case on Jan. 26 (2026-11-05 11:57)

An appeals court said Thursday it will deliver its verdict in January next year on former President Yoon Suk Yeol's insurrection charges stemming from his failed attempt to impose martial law. The sentencing hearing will be held Jan. 26, the bench overseeing his appeal at the Seoul High Court said. A district court sentenced Yoon to life in prison in February, after finding him guilty of leading an insurrection through the martial law bid on Dec. 3, 2024, with the stated aim of eradicating anti-state forces. Earlier, special counsel Cho Eun-suk's team again sought the death penalty for Yoon. The team also sought life imprisonment for former Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun and a 30-year prison term for former Defense Intelligence Commander Noh Sang-won for their roles in the martial law bid. In his final statement Thursday, Yoon reiterated that his declaration of martial law itself does not constitute an insurrection, arguing that it was intended to warn the opposition party against what he described as its abuse of legislative power.

• Special counsel seeks 1-yr prison term for CIO chief for dereliction of duty (2026-11-05 11:57)

A special counsel team on Thursday sought a one-year prison term for the head of the anti-graft agency on charges of dereliction of duty over a criminal complaint filed against one of his subordinates. Special counsel Lee Myeong-hyeon's team requested the sentence for Oh

Dong-woon, chief prosecutor of the Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials(CIO), during his trial's final hearing at the Seoul Central District Court. Oh is accused ofattempting to bury an investigation into Song Chang-jin, a former senior CIO prosecutor, whohad become subject to a criminal complaint filed by then opposition Democratic Party of Korea(DPK) lawmakers in August 2024. Oh allegedly failed to transfer the complaint to the SupremeProsecutors Office, as required by law, for 11 months. The special counsel team believes Ohknowingly tried to obstruct an investigation into Song. DPK lawmakers had filed the complaintagainst Song, accusing him of perjuring himself at the National Assembly over remarks about ahigh-profile investigation into the death of a young Marine in 2023.

• Special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments introduced at plenary session (2026-11-05 11:57)

A bill calling for a special counsel probe into allegations of fabricated indictments targeting President Lee Jae Myung and others was brought before a plenary session of the National Assembly on Thursday. The bill was introduced by Assembly Speaker Cho Jeong-sik over objections from the main opposition People Power Party (PPP), setting the stage for a vote led by the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK), which holds a majority in the Assembly. The PPP immediately launched a filibuster, but the DPK said it will end the tactic after 24 hours in accordance with relevant rules and put the bill to a vote Friday. The bill, which was first introduced by the DPK in April, calls for an independent counsel to investigate allegations the prosecution under former President Yoon Suk Yeol fabricated evidence or induced false testimonies to build cases against then opposition leader Lee and others. Under the bill's final version, the special prosecutor would be tasked with investigating the prosecution's indictments in 12 cases. Six of them involve the president, with the charges stemming from his ti

• 3-year prison term finalized for ex-PSS chief for obstructing Yoon's arrest (2026-11-05 11:57)

A three-year prison term was finalized Thursday for a former chief of the Presidential Security Service (PSS) for blocking investigators from executing a warrant to detain former President Yoon Suk Yeol last year, according to legal sources. Last week, the Seoul High Court handed down the verdict. Both Park and prosecutors had seven days to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court, but neither side filed an appeal by the Wednesday deadline, resulting in the finalization of the sentence, the sources said. Park and other former PSS officials were indicted for obstructing investigators' attempts to execute an arrest warrant for Yoon at the presidential residence in January 2025 over his imposition of martial law. A lower court had sentenced Park to four years in prison in July. The appellate court reduced his term to three years last week, noting he did not actively participate in physical confrontations with investigators and that his resignation on Jan. 7, 2025, reflected a sense of accountability for the resulting confusion and conflict. Also finalized were a two-year prison term for Lee

• Lee calls for virtuous cycle to translate exports growth into domestic demand recovery (2026-11-05 11:57)

President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday instructed officials to help build an economic virtuous cycle in which Korea's recent export growth can translate into a recovery in domestic demand, leading to the development of both large conglomerates and smaller firms. Lee issued the instruction at a meeting with his key aides amid strong economic indicators driven by brisk exports. His remarks came shortly after the Bank of Korea reported that the country posted an all-time high current account surplus of over $60 billion in September, buoyed by strong semiconductor exports. Earlier data also showed that Korea's exports jumped 93.7 percent from a year earlier to $115.3 billion in October, the second-highest monthly figure in the country's history following the $121.1 billion posted just a month before. "In order for the Korean economy to go beyond quantitative expansion into a qualitative leap forward, we need a major change in the manner of growth," the president said. "We need to build a national economic virtuous cycle in which export increases can lead to a recovery in domestic demand, and th

- Korea reassesses trade, security ties after Democrats sweep US Congress (2026-11-05 11:57)

Seoul is assessing the fallout from the Democrats' sweeping victory in the U.S. midterm elections, Tuesday, preparing for possible changes in trade, security and nuclear cooperation while seeking to keep existing agreements with Washington on track. "The government will analyze changes in the U.S. political landscape following the midterm elections and continue to communicate and cooperate closely with the U.S. administration and Congress," presidential chief spokesperson Kang Yu-jung said during a press briefing, Thursday. She also said the government "does not expect the outcome of any particular election to affect the Korea-U.S. alliance," noting the alliance has developed over more than 70 years with bipartisan support in the U.S. A separate Cheong Wa Dae official said the presidential office "has been continuously reviewing how to respond to shifts in the balance of power in the U.S. Senate and House." "Given the complexities of Korea-U.S. relations, Cheong Wa Dae and relevant ministries are closely monitoring developments," the official said. Presidential chief of staff Lim Kw

- [COVER STORY] Seoul to send anti-piracy unit closer to Hormuz, add mine-clearing team (2026-11-05 11:57)

The government decided Thursday to expand the mission of its anti-piracy Cheonghae Unit closer to the Strait of Hormuz, extending its operating area from the Gulf of Aden to waters south of Oman and adding military assets to protect shipping routes. The move is sparking concerns that it could draw Korea into the war between Iran and the United States. The expansion proposal passed a vice ministerial meeting Thursday morning. After Cabinet and presidential approval, the motion will go to the National Assembly for final authorization. Under the proposal, the unit's personnel ceiling would rise from 320 to 395, with the addition of a P-8 maritime patrol aircraft, an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) team and unmanned mine-clearing equipment. The additional 75 personnel would include 45 assigned to the P-8 aircraft and 30 to the EOD team. The new equipment would include unmanned surface and

underwater vehicles and remotely operated underwater robots. The revised mandate wouldalso add support for restoring freedom of navigation along international shipping routes to theunit’s existing an

• Most gov't agencies deny using VirusTotal, deepening questions over presidential data leak (2026-11-05 05:57)

Most government agencies told The Korea Times they do not use VirusTotal, the malware analysis platform where the personal information of the first couple was exposed for about five months, deepening questions over how the leak occurred. The paid platform had hosted sensitive personal information of 168 people aboard the presidential jet during President Lee Jae Myung’s trip to Europe in June. Those affected included not only the president and first lady but also high-ranking officials, including then-chief of staff for policy Kim Yong-beom, National Security Adviser Wi Sung-lac, current Prime Minister Han Seong-sook and several Cabinet members, as well as senior officials from Cheong Wa Dae and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, security personnel and reporters traveling with the presidential delegation. VirusTotal, a web service owned by Google, scans uploaded files and URLs simultaneously using more than 70 antivirus engines and security tools. Files submitted through its public interface are shared with participating security vendors and can be accessed by organizations that subscri

• 3 in 4 Seoul residents drink tap water: survey (2026-11-05 05:57)

Three in four Seoul residents now drink the city’s tap water, which is sold under the brand name Arisu, and more of them are drinking it away from home, a city survey showed Thursday. In the Seoul Metropolitan Government’s annual survey, 75.5 percent of residents said they drank tap water this year. That was up from 75 percent last year and 69.6 percent in 2024, when the city started using its own measure. The figure adds the 53.9 percent who drink tap water at home to the 21.6 percent who drink it only outside the home. The city created the measure because standards for calculating tap water drinking rates vary by country and institution. Under the American Water Works Association’s criteria, Seoul’s rate was 78.2 percent, 13.2 percentage points above the U.S. figure of 65 percent in 2024. Paris counts people who drink tap water either alone or along with other water. By that method, Seoul’s rate was 82.5 percent, compared with 81 percent for the French capital in 2025. The city said the rise came mainly from more people drinking tap water outdoors. The share of residents who

• Multicultural marriages in Korea edge down in 2025 (2026-11-05 05:57)

The number of multicultural marriages in Korea edged down in 2025 from a year earlier, data showed Thursday, taking up 8.9 percent of all marriages. The country recorded 21,399 multicultural marriages last year, down 0.2 percent, or 51, from 21,450 in 2024, according to data from the Ministry of Data and Statistics. Marriages involving foreign wives accounted for 71.4 percent of multicultural marriages, followed by those with foreign husbands at 18.9 percent and those with naturalized citizens at 9.7 percent. The average age for first marriages was 37.1 years for husbands and 29.7 years for wives. Husbands were older than their wives in

75.2 percent of multicultural marriages. In 36.1 percent of all multicultural marriages, thehusband was at least 10 years older than his wife. Vietnamese wives accounted for 25.3 percentof all multicultural marriages, followed by Chinese wives at 15.1 percent and Thai wives at 9.2percent. The corresponding figures for husbands from the United States, China and Vietnamwere 6.8 percent, 5.6 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, the number of di

• Foreign ministry fails to take steps even after learning of job scam crimes in Cambodia: audit agency (2026-11-05 05:57)

The foreign ministry failed to raise the travel alert for Cambodia or take other necessary measures in a timely manner, even though it had been aware that job scams targeting South Koreans were worsening in the Southeast Asian nation, the state audit agency said Thursday. Such crimes sparked public outrage last year after a South Korean college student was tortured to death by a Chinese scam ring in Cambodia, shedding light on a series of similar cases where young South Koreans were lured into the country with promises of high-paying jobs only to end up being kidnapped. According to the Board of Audit and Inspection (BAI), the foreign ministry learned after December 2023 through information from overseas diplomatic missions and private firms that South Koreans were falling victim to job scams and kidnapping in Cambodia, with the nature of the crimes becoming increasingly brutal. South Korea's Embassy in Cambodia repeatedly suggested to the ministry in April and July 2024 that the travel alert for the country be raised, but the ministry did not do so, citing that the situation fell short

• SCIA, police to form joint team to investigate Yoon's martial law bid (2026-11-05 05:57)

The Serious Crime Investigation Agency (SCIA) and the police will form a special joint investigation team to look into remaining issues related to former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid in December 2024, officials of the agencies said Thursday. The two agencies are currently working out the details, such as staffing and office location, to launch the special investigation unit, according to their officials. The unit will handle all remaining cases related to the martial law bid, including those handed over by now-expired special prosecutor teams. The idea of creating a joint investigation body was first proposed in August by Kwon Chang-young, who led a broad special counsel investigation on allegations related to the martial law declaration. At that time, Kwon had stressed that a long-term joint investigation team would be necessary "as long as the capabilities and will of the insurrection forces remain as they were." Earlier investigations into the short-lived martial law declaration failed to cover all related issues. South Korea previously ran two rounds of special c

• Over 470,000 pieces of personal data leaked from 37 financial firms: FSC (2026-11-05 05:57)

More than 470,000 personal data records have been leaked from 37 companies across the financial sector over the past month, with the amount of funds stolen estimated at 1 billion won ($745,000), the financial regulator said Thursday. The Financial Services Commission (FSC) held

a meeting with officials from financial trade associations and government agencies, includingthe Financial Supervisory Service and the Financial Security Institute, to review data protectionsystems and artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities in the financial sector. Since Sept. 30, whenthe first data leak was detected, a total of 40 data leak incidents have been reported at 37companies, including four commercial banks, five financial investment firms, three insurancefirms and five savings banks, according to the FSC. The regulator said the leaked data did notinclude sensitive personal information that could be used for illegal financial transactions, suchas customers' names, national identification numbers or bank account numbers. Funds held bysome smaller brokerages, insurers and online financial busine

- [COVER STORY] Seoul to send anti-piracy unit closer to Hormuz, adding mine-clearing team (2026-11-05 05:57)

The government decided Thursday to expand the mission of its anti-piracy Cheonghae Unit closer to the Strait of Hormuz, extending its operating area from the Gulf of Aden to waters south of Oman and adding military assets to protect shipping routes. The move sparks concerns it could draw Korea into the war between Iran and the United States. The expansion proposal passed a vice ministerial meeting Thursday morning. After Cabinet and presidential approval, the motion will go to the National Assembly for final authorization. Under the proposal, the unit’s personnel ceiling would rise from 320 to 395, with the addition of a P-8 maritime patrol aircraft, an explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) team and unmanned mine-clearing equipment. The additional 75 personnel would include 45 assigned to the P-8 aircraft and 30 to the EOD team. The new equipment would include unmanned surface and underwater vehicles and remotely operated underwater robots. The revised mandate would also add support for restoring freedom of navigation along international shipping routes to the unit’s existing anti-piracy

- Doctor injured in stabbing attack at hospital in western Seoul (2026-11-04 12:02)

A man stabbed and injured a doctor at a major hospital in western Seoul, police said Wednesday, adding that they are investigating the motive for the attack. The Seodaemun Police Station said it apprehended the man presumed to be in his 50s on suspicion of aggravated assault after he allegedly stabbed a psychiatry professor with a knife at Severance Hospital at around 4:30 p.m. The doctor sustained a wound measuring 5 centimeters and was taken to an emergency room for treatment. According to sources, the suspect was not a patient waiting for medical treatment at the hospital. Police are investigating the exact motive behind the suspect's attack.

- From T-shirts to padded jackets: Why Korea's October weather swung so wildly (2026-11-04 12:02)

Koreans went from wearing short sleeves to pulling out padded winter jackets last month as temperatures swung dramatically between summer-like heat and early winter chills. The reason, meteorologists say, was a massive high-pressure system thousands of kilometers away

over Russia's Ural Mountains. The atmospheric phenomenon, known as "Ural blocking,"disrupted the usual flow of weather systems, allowing cold Arctic air to surge south toward theKorean Peninsula. Scientists say rapid warming in the Arctic may have helped intensify thedisruption by weakening the jet stream that normally helps contain frigid air in northernlatitudes. The Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) released its analysis of October'sclimate conditions on Wednesday, identifying extreme temperature variability as the month'sdefining characteristic. The difference between the warmest and coldest daily averagetemperatures nationwide reached 14 degrees Celsius, the fourth-largest October fluctuation onrecord. The average temperature stood at 22.1 degrees on Oct. 12 before plunging to 8.1degrees on Oct. 28. Se

- Lee voices need to revise outdated Constitution, says assembly should take lead (2026-11-04 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung on Wednesday voiced the need to revise what he described as the outdated Constitution, but said the revision should be led by the National Assembly through bipartisan efforts. Lee made the remarks at a lunch meeting at Cheong Wa Dae with the leadership of the Parliamentarian's Society, an association of former lawmakers, presidential spokesperson Kang Yu-jung said. "Given the contemporary environment, the current Constitution is somehow like a cloth that does not fit contemporary society," the president was quoted as saying. He voiced the need to revise the Constitution but noted a constitutional revision led by the president may not be welcomed by the public, according to Kang. The president also highlighted the "high barrier" posed by the required consent of two-thirds of lawmakers to revise the Constitution, stressing that the most desirable way would be for the National Assembly to revise the Constitution through a bipartisan agreement. The Korean Constitution has remained unchanged since its last revision in 1987. Lee has called for a shift from the current si

- Korea experiences 5th warmest Oct. this year (2026-11-04 12:02)

Korea's average temperature reached 15.8 C last month, 1.5 C higher than the average for October, marking the fifth warmest October since 1973, the state weather agency said Wednesday. Korea saw unusually high temperatures from Oct. 10-13 as warm air moved in from the south, with Seoul's daily high reaching 30.1 C on Oct. 12, the highest October temperature since modern weather observation began in 1907, according to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA). Such high temperatures pushed the month's average up to 15.8 C, compared with the average temperature of 14.3 C from 1991 to 2022. This marks the fifth-highest nationwide mean temperature recorded for October since 1973 when weather observation networks were expanded to the entire nation. Temperatures also fluctuated sharply throughout the month as cold and warm air masses alternately flowed over the peninsula, driven by smooth atmospheric flows moving from west to east in the mid-latitudes. The nationwide daily mean temperature dropped from 19.8 C on Oct. 18 to 9.8 C on Oct. 22. It rebounded to 16.9 C three days later before dr

• 'They just need a chance': Mother of twins with autism calls for more inclusive schools (2026-11-04 12:02)

ULSAN — “Chae-a, do you like drawing?” “Yes!” “You won an award for your drawing. What did you do with your picture at school?” “I showed it off.” “How did you feel when you showed it to everyone?” “Happy. Excited.” The eight-year-old's answers were brief, but her drawings were filled with endless stories. Jang Chae-a, 8, a second-grader at Samdong Elementary School in Ulsan, won the gold prize in the 8-10 age category at the 2026 International Youth Art Contest (IYAC), a global competition for children and teenagers. She met with the Hankook Ilbo on Oct. 29 in Ulsan. Chae-a, who is on the autism spectrum, has difficulty expressing her thoughts spontaneously through speech. But her mother, Lee Kyung-geum, 43, said this does not mean her daughter lacks the desire to communicate or the determination to do things well. “It's as though all the stories she cannot fully put into words pour onto the drawing paper,” Lee said with a smile. Chae-a's award-winning work, titled “My Wonderful World of Stories,” is filled with images of children in traditional Korean clothi

• Regulator finalizes $276 mil. penalties on banks, securities firms over mis-selling of HK-tied derivatives (2026-11-04 12:02)

Seven banks and six securities firms were slapped with a combined 370 billion won ($276 million) in penalties by the financial regulator Wednesday over their mis-selling of equity-linked securities (ELS) products tracking Hong Kong's H Index. The amount is a sharp cut from the initial 1.4 trillion-won fine on the five lenders — KB Kookmin Bank, Shinhan Bank, Hana Bank, NH Nonghyup and SC Korea — which had already suffered massive losses as they had compensated customers over the mishap, according to the Financial Services Commission (FSC). Seoul's financial regulator finalized the penalty after ordering the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS), the country's financial watchdog, to further review some legal issues. Earlier, the FSS had proposed a 600 billion-won penalty on the banks. The regulator imposed 361 billion won in penalties on the seven lenders. Banks and brokerages had sold a combined 19.3 trillion won worth of ELS products, tracking Hong Kong's H index since 2021, according to earlier data from the watchdog. KB Kookmin Bank sold the largest amount of HK-tied ELS products wort

• Korea will not be affected by NASA's Swift telescope crashing back to earth: KASA (2026-11-04 12:02)

A defunct NASA telescope is expected to fall back to Earth on Wednesday evening, but it is highly unlikely the observatory will crash near the Korean Peninsula, Korea's space agency said. The Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory, also known as the Swift telescope, is projected to reenter the Earth's atmosphere at around 8:46 p.m., the Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA) said, citing an analysis from the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI). The margin of error is two hours, it added. Launched in 2004, the 1.5-ton telescope had been operating for the past 22 years on its mission to observe high-energy gamma-ray bursts. The observatory, however, had been slowly falling out of orbit, and NASA in July attempted to send a private satellite to bump the telescope so it can regain some altitude, but the plan failed. Eventually,

the telescope had reached the point of no return and was shut down on Oct. 20. KASA said itplans to continue monitoring the Swift telescope's movements with the KASI, adding that mostof the telescope's body is expected to burn up in the atmosphere, but some co

• Subcommittee passes special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments involving Lee (2026-11-04 12:02)

A parliamentary subcommittee on Wednesday approved a bill calling for a special counsel to investigate allegations of fabricated indictments under the previous administration, including those involving President Lee Jae Myung. The subcommittee of the National Assembly's legislation and judiciary committee, led by the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK), passed the bill seeking an independent probe into allegations that prosecutors under the previous Yoon Suk Yeol administration had fabricated evidence to indict then opposition leader Lee. The proposed investigation covers multiple cases involving Lee, including alleged illegal remittances to North Korea and a development corruption scandal. Lawmakers from the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) walked out of the subcommittee meeting in protest, arguing that the bill was intended to cancel criminal indictments against Lee. "All clauses related to the cancellation of the indictments have been deleted," DPK Rep. Kim Eui-kyeom told reporters. The bill originally included provisions that would effectively allow the special counsel to c

• Decisive Democratic victory could bring tougher OPCON transfer conditions: experts (2026-11-04 12:02)

The Democratic Party’s victory in the U.S. midterm elections could complicate Seoul’s push to regain wartime operational control (OPCON) from Washington, with experts warning that the new congressional majority may seek tougher conditions for the transfer. Democrats secured control of both the House and Senate, putting Congress in a stronger position to scrutinize U.S. President Donald Trump’s security policies, including U.S. troop deployments and defense cooperation with Seoul. Shin Beom-chul, a senior research fellow at the Sejong Institute and former vice defense minister, warned that the Democratic victory could create new hurdles for Seoul’s OPCON ambitions. “If Democrats take control of Congress, they could impose tougher conditions on the OPCON transfer through the National Defense Authorization Act,” Shin said. Seoul seeks to retake OPCON by 2028, with the allies set to decide on the timeline at a security consultative meeting slated for early next year. The election outcome gives Democrats greater leverage over defense legislation. Any new restrictions on OPCON trans

• DPK leader's reversal on Shincheonji claim sparks backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-04 12:02)

Ruling party leader Kim Min-seok's decision to reverse his claim of collusion between party lawmakers and a religious sect has fueled internal divisions and backlash among the main opposition. The ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) had planned to announce the results of an internal investigation into allegations that followers of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus, a nonmainstream religious sect, joined the party to sway the outcome of the party leadership

race, but a briefing planned for Tuesday to make such an announcement was canceled at thelast minute. The party leader, Rep. Kim, instead apologized at a closed-door meeting of partylawmakers, saying the party found no evidence to support his earlier claim that the registrationof the members were orchestrated between the church and lawmakers who were not alignedwith President Lee Jae Myung. Kim first raised the allegations in July ahead of the party's Aug. 17leadership election, claiming that an anti-Lee faction had secretly colluded with Shincheonji in aremark widely seen as targeting former leader Jung Chung-rae. The issue res

• Lee set to launch new YouTube program to communicate with public (2026-11-04 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung will launch a YouTube program aimed at explaining his state administration to the public and answering people's questions, a presidential official said Wednesday. The first 30-minute episode of the new program, "President's Y," will be aired Thursday night on the president's YouTube channel, and new episodes will be released every two to three weeks, according to Lee's press secretary, Seong Ghi-hong. During the pre-filmed program, Lee plans to "voice his frank opinions in the language of the people in a comfortable atmosphere and answer questions from the public," Seong told a press briefing. The new program is part of Lee's efforts to communicate better with the public and provide more sufficient explanations of his thoughts and policies, the presidential official added.

• Imported vehicle sales jump 29.3% in Oct. on strong EV demand (2026-11-04 12:02)

Sales of imported vehicles in Korea rose a sharp 29.3 percent in October from a year earlier, driven by robust demand for electric vehicles (EVs), industry data showed Wednesday. New registrations increased to 31,117 units last month from 24,064 a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association (KAIDA). The three top-selling imported cars were the Tesla Model Y Premium, Mercedes-Benz E200 and Tesla Model 3. The two Tesla models are manufactured in China for the Korean market, allowing the company to offer them at competitive prices. Tesla's sales more than doubled to 9,165 units last month from 4,350 a year earlier. However, its sales fell 25.9 percent from the previous month due to supply shortages, KAIDA said. The U.S. EV maker remained the best-selling imported passenger car brand in Korea for the ninth consecutive month, extending its run since February. Sales by BYD Korea, the local unit of China's BYD, surged 93.4 percent to 1,594 units from 824 a year earlier. The company began local operations in January last year, with sales first reported in

• Police arrest 80 high-risk offenders in relationship-based crime review (2026-11-04 12:02)

Police said Wednesday they have conducted a comprehensive review of about 44,000 cases involving relationship-based crime, such as stalking and domestic violence, and placed under custody 80 individuals identified as high-risk offenders. The 12-day review, which began Oct. 19, covered 44,540 cases, according to the Korean National Police Agency. They included 43,712 existing cases, such as those currently under investigation, individuals subject to high-risk monitoring, stalking reports that had previously been closed at the scene and cases involving ongoing safety measures. The police classified 5,068, or 32 percent, of the 15,840 cases

currently under investigation as high-risk. Regarding high-risk offenders, police requested 376arrest warrants, of which 80, or 21.3 percent, were issued by courts. They also requested 321orders for the attachment of electronic monitoring devices, of which 104, or 32.4 percent, wereapproved by courts. In southeastern North Gyeongsang Province, police confirmed anadditional offense after a man visited his wife in violation of a restraining order and

• More productive, attractive regions outside Seoul key to sustaining growth: OECD officials (2026-11-04 12:02)

Korea needs to boost productivity in regions outside the capital area and make them more attractive places to live as it seeks to sustain economic growth and address demographic challenges, officials at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said Wednesday. Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities at the Paris-based institution, said in an interview with Yonhap News Agency that the OECD has seen "something very interesting" in Korea. Despite the concentration of people and economic activity in the capital region, the country's regional gaps in GDP per capita are among the smallest in the OECD, she said. "Indeed, you have the largest concentration of the capital region across the OECD," Kamal-Chaoui said. "(But the economic growth of Korea came with) a level of regional disparities in terms of GDP per capita that is the lowest among the lowest in the OECD." Kamal-Chaoui said the debate over regional disparities goes beyond economic growth to the question of whether such concentration in the capital region is "susta

• PM pledges to root out price-fixing practices (2026-11-04 12:02)

Prime Minister Han Seong-sook pledged Wednesday to root out price-fixing practices, saying the government has imposed more than 1.8 trillion won ($1.3 billion) in administrative fines this year alone on companies involved in collusion. Han made the remark in a post on X, saying stabilizing prices is an important responsibility of the government. "We will firmly safeguard the people's dining tables from price-fixing," she said. Noting the amount of administrative fines imposed this year for price-fixing of sugar, eggs, flour and starch sugars, Han said the penalties led to price drops of up to 26.5 percent for those items. "This means that companies had been placing a heavy burden on the people's dining tables," she said, promising to root out such collusion. "We will strengthen economic sanctions to ensure that no further profit can be gained through collusion."

• Jeonbuk National University alumna appointed assistant professor at University of Central Florida (2026-11-04 12:02)

Song Seong-mi, an alumna of Jeonbuk National University’s Division of Biomedical Engineering, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the University of Central Florida. Song enrolled in Jeonbuk National University in 2007, where she developed a strong foundation in engineering. In 2014, she began graduate studies in the university’s Department of Healthcare Engineering, gaining research experience in biomedical and rehabilitation engineering. She later earned a Ph.D. in motor

neuroscience from Texas A&M University, further expanding her expertise. Jeonbuk National University said the appointment is significant as it marks an alumna's transition from studying at the university at both undergraduate and graduate levels to pursuing an academic career at a U.S. university. It also demonstrates how interdisciplinary experience in engineering and health care can open up new career opportunities, serving as an inspiring example for students aspiring to become researchers in related fields. The university's Division of Biomedical

• Yoon loses appeal in election law case, putting PPP campaign reimbursement at risk (2026-11-04 12:02)

An appellate court on Wednesday upheld a lower court's conviction of former President Yoon Suk Yeol for making false statements during his 2022 presidential campaign. If the ruling becomes final, it could require the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) to repay 39.7 billion won ($30 million) in campaign reimbursements. The Seoul High Court upheld the lower court's sentence of 18 months in prison, suspended for three years, over statements Yoon made before his election in March 2022. "By making false statements during the campaign, he infringed on voters' right to make an informed decision and undermined the fairness of the election and the integrity of the electoral process," judge Baek Seung-yeop said. The verdict leaves the party facing a substantial financial liability, although the repayment obligation depends on the conviction becoming final. Under the election law, presidential candidates who win or receive at least 15 percent of the vote qualify for full reimbursement of eligible campaign expenses. But the funds must be returned if a candidate receives a prison senten

• Appeals court upholds Yoon's election law conviction, putting PPP funds at risk (2026-11-04 05:57)

An appellate court on Wednesday upheld the conviction of former President Yoon Suk Yeol for making false statements during his 2022 presidential campaign, a ruling that, if finalized, would require the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) to repay 39.7 billion won ($30 million) in campaign reimbursements. The Seoul High Court upheld a lower court's sentence of 18 months in prison, suspended for three years, over statements Yoon made before his election in March 2022. The decision leaves the PPP facing a substantial financial liability, although the repayment obligation depends on the conviction becoming final at the Supreme Court. Under the election law, the government fully reimburses campaign expenses for political parties whose presidential candidates receive at least 15 percent of the vote. But the funds must be returned if a candidate receives a final prison sentence or a fine of at least 1 million won for election law violations. Such a penalty also invalidates the candidate's election.

• Gov't announces successful candidates to host two new regional medical schools (2026-11-04 05:57)

SEJONG — Two new medical schools will be established at Sunchon National University in the southwestern city of Suncheon and Gyeongkuk National University in the southeastern city of Andong, the education ministry announced Wednesday. Starting in 2030, Sunchon and

Gyeongkuk universities will admit 60 and 40 medical students annually, respectively. Thedecision came as part of a key government initiative to establish new medical colleges inregions without medical schools in an effort to improve access to medical services in provincialareas, strengthen public healthcare and address shortages of doctors in essential fields, such aspediatrics and surgery. A government task force comprising officials from the education andhealth ministries first selected North Gyeongsang and South Jeolla provinces as sites for thenew medical schools after finding they suffer from poor access to medical services and need afoundation for training and retaining physicians. The government then requested the provincialgovernments to propose suitable universities to host the schools. While the North Gyeongs

• Hotel manager accused of tricking BTS fan into canceling booking, reselling rooms at 7 times the price (2026-11-04 05:57)

A hotel manager in Busan has been referred to prosecutors on fraud charges after allegedly tricking a guest into canceling a reservation for a BTS concert weekend, then reselling rooms at up to seven times their normal rates. The Busan Metropolitan Police Agency's Anti-Corruption and Economic Crime Investigation Unit said Wednesday that it had referred the manager, a person in their 50s, to prosecutors without detention. According to police, the manager allegedly contacted a guest in mid-May who had booked a hotel room at the regular rate in mid-January to attend BTS concerts scheduled for June 12 and 13 in Busan. The manager, who was responsible for handling reservations and cancellations, allegedly falsely told the guest that the hotel had been overbooked. "We have dozens of overbooked reservations right now, so there's nothing we can do. Please cancel your reservation through the booking website," the manager allegedly told the guest. However, a police investigation, including a search and seizure operation and interviews with people involved, found that rooms were still available for

• Seoul to curb downtown marathons after road closures disrupt 190 bus routes (2026-11-04 05:57)

Seoul plans to tighten oversight of downtown marathons through a joint consultative body with police and other government agencies, responding to mounting complaints about road closures, traffic congestion, noise and litter. The Seoul Metropolitan Government said Wednesday it will work with city police authorities to review race schedules, routes, traffic diversions and safety management plans for 2027. Detailed arrangements will be announced in December. Organizers preparing next year’s events were asked to refrain from recruiting participants until consultations on safety plans and traffic restrictions are complete. “While we recognize the contribution marathons make to the health of many residents, the disruption caused by downtown races has recently become a growing concern for others,” said Cho Sung-ho, director general of the city’s tourism and sports bureau. “We ask event organizers to take the initiative and work with us to address the issue.” The latest such disruption occurred on Sunday, when marathons prompted extensive road closures from Gwanghwamun to Olympic Par

• Sejong University professor explores conditions for scientific development on exoplanets (2026-11-04 05:57)

A Sejong University professor has published a study in an international astronomy journal exploring how the astronomical environments of exoplanets could influence the scientific development of potential intelligent life. The study by Zee Woong-bae, a professor at the university’s School of Liberal Studies, was published last month in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society under the title “Alien Skies: Visibility of Planetary Retrograde Motion from Rocky Habitable-Zone Worlds.” The university said the study goes beyond existing research into conditions that could support extraterrestrial life, focusing instead on astronomical environments that could enable intelligent life on exoplanets to develop science and technology. Until now, the search for extraterrestrial life has concentrated on environmental conditions that could support life, such as planetary temperatures and the possibility of liquid water. In astronomy, this concept is known as “habitability.” Zee proposed a new concept called “developmentability,” expanding on the established concept of habitabilit

• Navy stages maritime maneuver drills to hone operability (2026-11-04 05:57)

The Navy has launched maritime maneuver drills in waters off the country's eastern, western and southern coasts in a bid to hone its operational capabilities against various maritime threats, the armed service said Wednesday. The Republic of Korea Navy Task Fleet Command is taking part in the drills, which kicked off Sunday for a six-day run, involving nearly a dozen warships and other aircraft, according to the Navy. Deployed assets include the Navy's 8,200-ton Jeongjo the Great destroyer, the ROKS Yulgok Yi I destroyer, auxiliary ships, frigates, and patrol aircraft. During the drills, the Navy will train under simulated attack scenarios involving air defense combat, antisubmarine warfare and antisurface warfare, and conduct drills to detect and track ballistic missile launches. The command also took part in maritime drills in southern waters off Jeju Island early Wednesday, involving the Marado amphibious assault ship and other amphibious ships deployed as part of a joint training mission the previous day. The command is a core unit of the military's three-pronged deterrence structure

• IES Global eyes expansion of study abroad, internship programs in Korea (2026-11-04 05:57)

As Korea emerges as a popular destination for international students, global education organization Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) Global is looking to expand two-way student exchanges and internship opportunities, connecting more international students with Korea while opening new pathways for Korean students to gain experience abroad. In an interview with The Korea Times in September, IES Global President and CEO Gregory Hess emphasized that Korea is rapidly gaining ground as a study abroad destination for American students, attracting growing interest not only for its cultural appeal but also for its technological prowess and world-class universities. "Korea is one of the hot countries," he said. "Students are attracted not only to its culture, its entrepreneurial culture,

the prominence of its products, but also the great universities that are here." While K-pop andKorean dramas often serve as an entry point for international students, Hess said Korea'sappeal extends well beyond popular culture to its strengths in advanced technology and highereducati

• Ruling party proposes gov't delay planned taxation of cryptocurrency (2026-11-04 05:57)

The ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) on Wednesday formally proposed that the government postpone the implementation of taxation on cryptocurrencies, set to take effect next year. The party's supreme council decided to make such a proposal in a meeting, considering the need to give businesses and investors time to adjust to the new taxation scheme, according to DPK leader Kim Min-seok. "We agreed that it would be better to first enact the Digital Asset Basic Act to build an overall framework and allow time for companies and investors to adapt after a comprehensive review of taxation principles, domestic industry conditions and fairness among users," Rep. Kim said. Korea first introduced a taxation scheme on cryptocurrencies in 2020, but its implementation has been repeatedly postponed, with the taxation now set to take effect Jan. 1. If the latest proposal is accepted, it would mark the fourth delay. Under the scheme, annual cryptocurrency gains exceeding 2.5 million won ($1,880) will be subject to a 22 percent tax, including the local income tax.

• Special counsel raids NEC headquarters over alleged bid rigging (2026-11-04 05:57)

Investigators raided the National Election Commission (NEC) headquarters Wednesday over allegations of preferential treatment in choosing a ballot printer maker, a special counsel team said. Thirty-two personnel, including two prosecutors, were mobilized to search a division of the NEC at its headquarters in Gwacheon, just south of Seoul, and the office and factory of the company in question, according to the team led by special counsel Lee Tae-han. The team said it found evidence suggesting the election watchdog gave preferential treatment to the unnamed company by providing advance information on a bid to select a maker of early voting ballot issuing machines. The NEC is also suspected of revising its internal guidelines to require all local election commissions to purchase ink and other supplies from the chosen company. As a result, the company supplied around 17,000 ballot issuing machines to the commissions in a 32.1 billion-won ($24 million) project, the biggest commissioned by the NEC in the past five years, according to the independent counsel team. The company also supplied 13.8

• Appeals court to rule on ex-President Yoon's high-stakes election law case (2026-11-04 05:57)

An appeals court was set to rule Wednesday on former President Yoon Suk Yeol's election law violation case in a ruling that could force the main opposition party to cough up nearly $30 million in election expenses, if finalized. The Seoul High Court was scheduled to hold the hearing at 2 p.m., which will be televised live, over allegations that Yoon made false statements during his presidential campaign as a candidate for the PPP before his March 2022 election. A district court sentenced Yoon to an 18-month prison term, suspended for three years, in July

after finding him guilty of the charges. If the sentence is finalized through appeals, Yoon'selection will be nullified and the People Power Party will be forced to return its reimbursedelection expenses of 39.7 billion won ($29.5 million). Under the election law, the state fullyreimburses political parties for campaign spending if their candidate wins at least 15 percent ofthe vote. Parties, however, must return all reimbursed funds if the candidate receives a finalizedprison sentence or a fine of at least 1 million won for election

- JCS chief pays visit to console soldiers injured in DMZ blast (2026-11-03 12:02)

Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Chairman Gen. Jin Yong-sung on Tuesday visited the soldiers injured in an explosion caused by land mines planted by North Korea inside the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and offered his sympathy, officials said. Jin met with the soldiers wounded from the Sept. 21 mine blast and their family members at the Armed Forces Capital Hospital in Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province, according to the JCS. During the visit, he pledged to ensure that the soldiers can focus solely on their recovery, saying he would never forget their sacrifices for the nation. Last month, the South Korean military concluded that the mine blast was caused by resin antipersonnel mines deliberately planted south of the Military Demarcation Line by Pyongyang. The blast injured three South Korean soldiers, two of them seriously. Jin also visited the Army Aviation Command in Icheon, Gyeonggi Province, where he inspected the operational readiness of a KUH-1M military medical evacuation helicopter that was deployed at the time of the DMZ mine blast. The JCS chief urged troops to maintain a high level of readines

- Court cancels bail granted to Unification Church leader (2026-11-03 12:02)

A court on Tuesday canceled a bail granted to Unification Church leader Han Hak-ja after she left a designated hospital without permission, legal sources said. The Seoul High Court decided to revoke the bail of 83-year-old Han, who was sentenced to a two-year prison term for bribing the wife of former President Yoon Suk Yeol and other corruption charges, as she was found to have visited a Unification Church compound, according to the sources. Han was found guilty of giving a luxury necklace and a Chanel bag to Yoon's wife, former first lady Kim Keon Hee, while requesting favors for the church through an intermediary in July 2022. Han was also convicted of colluding with former church officials to give 100 million won ($74,500) to Rep. Kweon Seong-dong of the People Power Party in January 2022.

- Ruling party to push for passage of special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments this week (2026-11-03 12:02)

The ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) said Tuesday it will seek the parliamentary passage of a special counsel bill this week to investigate allegations of "fabricated indictments", including those involving President Lee Jae Myung, after adopting the measure as its official party line. The proposed bill seeks an independent probe into allegations that the prosecution under the previous Yoon Suk Yeol administration had fabricated evidence to indict then opposition leader Lee in multiple cases, including those involving alleged illegal remittances to North Korea and a development corruption scandal. "We adopted the special counsel bill on

fabricated indictments as our official party line," DPK floor spokesperson Kim Sung-hoi toldreporters after a general meeting of its lawmakers. "We plan to hold consultations to introducethe bill at a plenary session on Nov. 5." The bill, combined with Lee's prosecution reform, hadfueled opposition accusations that Lee was trying to have his own indictments cancelled after anumber of trials he faced were suspended following his election and ina

• 100 AI, chip, biotech firms to recruit young talent at Seoul Job Fair (2026-11-03 12:02)

Around 100 high-tech companies in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, semiconductors and robotics will gather in Seoul next week to recruit young job seekers, the Seoul Metropolitan Government said Tuesday. The 2026 Seoul Job Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 9 at Dongdaemun Design Plaza in central Seoul. The city is hosting the event together with the Korea Industrial Technology Association and the Korea Student Aid Foundation. Sixty companies, including pharmaceutical firm Huons and surgical robot maker Meere Company, plan to hire about 400 people. Another 40 or so companies are taking part in a youth AI talent festival held alongside the fair. Job seekers can have one-on-one interviews and consultations with company recruiters on site. A QR code-based system lets them check their place in line and browse other companies’ openings while they wait. AI-based services will recommend companies that match applicants’ preferred jobs and working conditions. An AI “culture fit” test will help them find workplaces suited to their personalities and values. Visitors can als

• AI-built virtual Buddhist temple draws 1 mil. visitors in less than a week (2026-11-03 12:02)

"I don't have the energy to actually go to a temple. So I just sit here for a little while before leaving." A virtual Buddhist temple created with artificial intelligence (AI) by a 26-year-old Korean job seeker has become an unexpected online hit, drawing more than 1 million visitors less than a week after its launch. Called "Sansa," the digital space lets users control a child-monk avatar that can put its palms together in prayer or perform Buddhist bows. Visitors can also use their mouse to roll prayer beads or strike a moktak, a wooden percussion instrument used in Korean Buddhist rituals. Sansa was launched on Oct. 26 by Park Jin-won, 26, who is looking for a job after graduating from university with a degree in English literature. " There are days when I feel like it would be nice to go to a temple, but actually going requires you to make an effort," Park said. That thought inspired the creation of an AI-powered Buddhist temple that people could enter through their phones. Since the launch, Park has been sharing Sansa's visitor numbers and updates to the virtual temple on social media.

• DPK lawmaker acquitted of leaking military secrets (2026-11-03 12:02)

A military court on Tuesday acquitted Rep. Boo Seung-chan of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) of charges of leaking military secrets while he served as the defense ministry's spokesperson. The Central District Military Court handed down the acquittal for Rep. Boo, who was indicted in July 2023 on charges of violating the Military Secret Protection Act. Boo is accused of exposing details of an undisclosed dialogue in his book that former Defense Minister Seo Wook and then U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had during their annual security talks in

December 2021. At that time, he was serving as spokesperson of Seoul's defense ministry underthe administration of former liberal President Moon Jae-in. On Tuesday, the court said therewas not enough evidence to prove that if the military secrets linked to this case were leaked, itwould pose an "evident" threat to national security. The military prosecution earlier requestedthat the court sentence him to five years in prison. Boo has claimed he did not leak militarysecrets in his book, arguing that his indictment was retaliation fo

- Lee questions multicultural benefits: Centrist outreach or political misstep? (2026-11-03 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung's repeated questioning of benefits for multicultural families has raised a question beyond policy fairness: Is he trying to broaden his appeal by challenging his own liberal base? Political analysts and other experts contacted by The Korea Times offered differing interpretations. Some viewed his remarks at official meetings and on social media as a deliberate effort to reclaim the political center. Others were less certain there was any coherent strategy. In the latest such remarks at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Lee said the government had a duty to support socially and economically disadvantaged people, but stressed that such assistance must also reflect the principles of fairness and reasonableness. "Even benefits that seem small or trivial can undermine public trust in the system if they continue without a reasonable basis," he said. "This could not only undermine the foundations of sustainable policy but also give those seeking to incite hatred against vulnerable people a pretext for doing so." Political commentator Lee Jong-hoon interpreted the remar

- Special counsel raids NEC headquarters for 2nd day over improper stipends (2026-11-03 12:02)

Investigators raided the National Election Commission (NEC) headquarters for the second day Tuesday over suspicions that the election watchdog illegally paid commissioners monthly allowances even after the state auditor noted that such payments lacked a legal basis. Sixty-five personnel, including four prosecutors, have been mobilized to search 18 NEC offices, including the offices of the chairperson and the secretary general, in Gwacheon, just south of Seoul, since Monday, according to the independent counsel team led by special prosecutor Lee Tae-han. The home of a former secretary general was also searched, officials said. The independent counsel team has been investigating suspicions of irregularities involving the NEC after the team was launched in early September to look mainly into what led to the unprecedented ballot shortages in June's nationwide local elections and who is responsible. Among the suspicions are allegations that the NEC illegally handed out monthly allowances to commissioners under the label of supporting their "fair election promotion activity," The amount paid t

- Seoul selects 10 hidden night spots to revive local businesses (2026-11-03 12:02)

Seoul is looking beyond its famous landmarks to brighten overlooked corners of the city, betting that better nighttime attractions can draw visitors into neighborhood streets and give local businesses a boost. The Seoul Metropolitan Government has selected 10 locations for its 2026

Seoul Starlight Attractions project, which will transform underused parks, streams, walkingpaths and historic districts into destinations for evening recreation and sightseeing. Theinitiative aims to do more than install decorative lighting, encouraging visitors to stay longer,enjoy cultural activities and spend money at nearby restaurants, cafes and traditional markets.Among the selected sites is Heukseok Waterfront Trail in Dongjak District, where the areabeneath an Olympic Expressway bridge will be redesigned with media art, landscape lighting,accessible walking paths, a running track and riverside seating overlooking the Han River andNodeul Island. In western Seoul's Seodaemun District, the local government will transform theBaramsan hill area of Changcheon Neighborhood Park into a night-view gar

• Korea mulls creation of cross-gov't cybersecurity command (2026-11-03 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday ordered a review of plans to establish a government-wide cybersecurity agency to coordinate responses to increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks, as intelligence authorities conducted security checks across public institutions. Lee told a Cabinet meeting that cyberattacks now pose serious risks not only to people's daily lives but also to the economy and national security. "We need to discuss establishing a government-wide response body covering both the public and private sectors," Lee said. He urged officials to consider a powerful "cybersecurity czar" body capable of coordinating security functions now spread across different agencies. The president said advances in artificial intelligence (AI) were making cyberattacks more sophisticated and widespread, exposing the limits of a system focused on routine inspections and responding only after breaches occur. Citing a recent attack on cryptocurrency exchange Binance, Lee urged authorities to detect signs of cyberattacks early, share warnings and respond before damage spreads. He also called fo

• Seoul's policy think tank guides global megacities on AI, sustainable urban policy (2026-11-03 12:02)

The Seoul Institute — the official municipal policy think tank affiliated with the Seoul Metropolitan Government — and 19 other major urban research bodies from around the world adopted a joint initiative to address pressing global city challenges. The initiative was finalized during the 10th general assembly of the Megacity Think Tank Alliance (MeTTA), held Oct. 22–23 in Beijing. The Seoul Institute, which serves as the permanent secretariat for MeTTA, co-organized the assembly alongside the Beijing Municipal Institute of City Planning and Design (BMICPD). The meeting culminated in the adoption of the Beijing Initiative, a framework defining the alliance's future role and vision across six strategic priorities: preparing for future urban challenges through joint research, building climate resilience and a just transition, creating people-centered cities, leveraging data and artificial intelligence (AI) for the public good, bridging science with policy and strengthening alliance ties. Following the assembly, participants presented 20 policy and research case studies across three

• Gov't to add 9 types of behavior to legal definition of stalking (2026-11-03 12:02)

The government is pushing to expand the definition of stalking to include tracking victims' locations and monitoring their social media activity, among other actions, as part of efforts to swiftly separate perpetrators from victims, the justice ministry said Tuesday. The ministry said an amendment to the Act on Punishment of Crime of Stalking was proposed Oct. 26 to make nine types of controlling behavior within a relationship criminal offenses. The nine types of behavior are forcing victims to maintain a relationship, tracking their whereabouts, notifying them that they are being monitored, exercising digital control over them, interfering with their social relationships, controlling their access to or use of private information, creating threats or instilling fear, threatening their pets and isolating them from others. Under current law, these acts are not recognized as distinct forms of stalking, limiting law enforcement's ability to intervene unless they involve physical assault or bodily injury. If the amendment takes effect, authorities will be able to protect victims before situat

- Drug ring busted for making meth with cold medicine (2026-11-03 12:02)

Police said Tuesday they have busted a criminal ring suspected of manufacturing billions of won worth of methamphetamine using cold medicine. The group allegedly bought large quantities of cold medicine to extract pseudoephedrine, a chemical used to illegally make methamphetamine, and produced 1.36 kilograms of the drug between April 2025 and June this year, according to the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency. The amount is estimated to be worth 4.2 billion won ($3.1 million) and can be taken simultaneously by 40,000 people. Police have referred 13 suspects involved in the scheme, including the group's five members, to the prosecution on drug-related charges. The group had used an abandoned apartment to begin producing the drug in April last year before investigators were tipped off about the scheme in December. Police began apprehending the suspects in June after an undercover investigation. Investigators found that a traditional Korean medicine pharmacist and five other suspects helped the group manufacture the drugs. The pharmacist was found to have sold the group 10,610 bottles of cold m

- [COVER STORY] President, first lady to get new passports after personal data exposure (2026-11-03 12:02)

President Lee Jae Myung and first lady Kim Hea Kyung are having new passports issued after their passport and other personal information were leaked, the foreign ministry said, Tuesday. The government and the police are investigating how the data was exposed, although they believe it was a leak, not an external cyberattack. “The foreign ministry is swiftly taking measures to ensure the smooth reissuance of passports for all affected individuals, including the president and first lady,” ministry spokesperson Park Doo-soon said during a briefing. The measures came after it was known that sensitive personal information of 168 people who were aboard the presidential jet for Lee’s trip to Europe in June had been uploaded on a security-related paid website. The leak affected not only the presidential couple but also ranking officials, including then-chief of staff for policy Kim Yong-beom, National Security Adviser Wi Sung-lac, current Prime Minister Han Seong-sook and several Cabinet members, as well as

senior officials from Cheong Wa Dae and the foreign ministry, security personnel and

• NIS asks 2,100 public institutions to conduct emergency cybersecurity checks (2026-11-03 05:57)

Korea's spy agency has asked 2,100 public institutions to conduct emergency cybersecurity inspections following a series of cyberattacks on financial firms that resulted in customer data breaches, government sources said Tuesday. The National Intelligence Service (NIS) has called on the central government agencies and local governments to carry out their own security checks based on a checklist, the sources said. Separately, the NIS plans to conduct its own vulnerability assessments of critical information and communications infrastructure in the public sector under its jurisdiction, the sources said. The assessments are expected to be completed by mid-November. Local financial institutions, including banks, savings banks and insurance companies, were hit by a series of cyberattacks last month, exposing about 100,000 cases of personal information across the industry, including email addresses, names and phone numbers. The NIS has called for particular attention to be paid to the management of potential cyberattack entry points, the operation of security monitoring systems and the applica

• Congolese diaspora elects new leadership in Korea (2026-11-03 05:57)

Congolese professionals and academics in Korea have elected a new leadership team, seeking to strengthen ties within their diaspora community and expand cooperation with Korean institutions. The Dynamic of the Congolese Elite in Korea, known in French as Dynamique de l'Élite Congolaise en Corée du Sud, held an extraordinary and elective general assembly, bringing together members of the Congolese academic and professional community. The meeting opened under the leadership of Eloi Fataki, vice president of the General Assembly, followed by a presentation by professor Merlec Mpyana, who reviewed the organization's history and its mission to unite and empower Congolese intellectuals and professionals in Korea. Reagan Ingoma, the outgoing president of the Executive Bureau, presented the organization's 2025-2026 activity report, outlining achievements, challenges and key developments during his tenure. Members also welcomed new participants before proceeding to the election of the next executive committee. Frigeant Bahuma was elected president, with Tyno Bashizim named vice president. Chon M

• Kwangwoon University sets sights on becoming AI, robotics powerhouse (2026-11-03 05:57)

Kwangwoon University unveiled plans to establish itself as a leading institution in artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics by nurturing talent and expanding access to education in the two fields as the era of physical AI takes shape. The university held a ceremony on Thursday to unveil its AI and robotics education strategy, drawing some 400 attendees, including lawmakers, local government officials, university presidents, education and research representatives, students and local residents. The event also aimed to strengthen partnerships ahead of the 2027 World Robofest Championship, an international youth robotics competition the university

is set to host next year. "We aim to nurture talent who will drive advances in robotics worldwideand build a future where robots serve people," Kwangwoon University President Yoon Do-youngsaid. The event featured congratulatory remarks from former National Assembly Speaker WooWon-shik, Reps. Kim Yong-tae and Kim Nam-joon, Nowon District Mayor Seo Joon-oh, KoreaMilitary Academy Superintendent Park Hoo-sung, Genesis BBQ Group Chairman Yoon Hong

• Korea launches 3,600-ton submarine, boosting naval deterrence, defense export capacity (2026-11-03 05:57)

Korea's Navy and Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) launched the Seo Hui (SS-088), the nation's second 3,600-ton Dosan Ahn Changho-class Batch-II diesel-electric attack submarine, during a ceremony at Hanwha Ocean's Geoje Okpo Shipyard on Tuesday. The vessel is named after Seo Hui (942–998), a prominent diplomat and statesman of the Goryeo Dynasty renowned for using strategic negotiation to fend off a massive invasion by the Khitan-led Liao Empire in 993, securing vital territory along the northwestern border without shedding blood. Navigating regional security threats around the peninsula, Korea designated his name to symbolize military foresight, national crisis resolution and maritime sovereignty defense. The ceremony was attended by around 200 officials, including National Assembly Speaker Cho Jeong-sik. Following naval tradition, Cho's wife, Cho Mi-seon, cut the launching ribbon attached to the vessel, symbolizing new life breathed into the newly built warship, followed by a ceremonial champagne bottle break against the hull. Measuring 89 meters in length,

• Kookmin University professor recognized among World's Top 2% Scientists (2026-11-03 05:57)

Kim Dae-hwan, a professor at Kookmin University's School of Electrical Engineering, has been included in the 2026 World's Top 2% Scientists list compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier. The list recognizes the top 2 percent of researchers in their respective fields based on a comprehensive analysis of research impact, including citation metrics and publication output, drawing on data from Elsevier's Scopus database. Kookmin University said Kim has focused on the physical characterization of semiconductor devices based on indium gallium zinc oxide, a material used in next-generation memory and display technologies. He has published 484 papers in international journals and major academic conferences proceedings, garnering 7,926 citations, according to Scopus data as of October. "I am honored to be recognized among the World's Top 2% of Scientists, and I owe this achievement to the faculty members and students, research collaborators and industry partners who have worked alongside me," Kim said. He added, "I believe that research into the fundamental principles of semicond

• Lee, first lady to get new passports after personal data exposure (2026-11-03 05:57)

The foreign ministry said Tuesday it is taking steps to reissue passports for all 168 people affected by an online leak of sensitive personal information, including President Lee Jae Myung

and first lady Kim Hea Kyung, as police investigate how the data was exposed. “The foreignministry is swiftly taking measures to ensure the smooth reissuance of passports for all affectedindividuals, including the president and first lady,” ministry spokesperson Park Doo-soon saidduring a briefing. Police have opened a preliminary investigation into the leak, which involvedpersonal information belonging to the presidential couple, Cabinet members, senior officialsfrom Cheong Wa Dae and the foreign ministry, security personnel and reporters traveling withthe presidential delegation. The National Police Agency launched the investigation afterpassenger information and sensitive personal data related to the presidential aircraft werefound posted online. The foreign ministry said it requested an investigation by relevantauthorities immediately after discovering the leak and is working with poli

• Police release identity of suspect in Seoul building arson (2026-11-03 05:57)

Police on Tuesday released the identity and mug shots of a suspect accused of setting fires at two patent firms in southern Seoul last month and leaving 26 people injured. The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency posted the photos of Lee Myung-soo, 77, on its website following a decision by a review committee. Lee is suspected of committing arson in two buildings in Seoul's southern ward of Gangnam on Oct. 20, He was taken into custody shortly after the fires and was referred to the prosecution last week on charges of arson and attempted murder. Investigators believe the suspect planned the arson and was likely aware of people inside the offices. Lee has claimed that he was scammed by the patent firms and only wanted to scare people, not hurt them. Korea releases the identities and mug shots of those suspected of committing serious crimes when there is substantial evidence that they committed the offenses.

• Consumer prices up 2.8% in October, remain in 2% range for 2nd month (2026-11-03 00:02)

Korea's consumer prices rose 2.8 percent in October from a year earlier, data showed Tuesday, as agricultural product prices continued to decline despite energy costs remaining elevated. According to data from the Ministry of Data and Statistics, consumer price growth eased to 2.8 percent in October from 2.9 percent in September and 3.1 percent in August. The data ministry said petroleum products' prices advanced 14.9 percent year-on-year in October, contributing 0.56 percentage point to the month's year-on-year inflation rate. It was the sharpest growth since 15.5 percent posted in July. In detail, diesel prices jumped 19.7 percent year-on-year in October, while gasoline prices increased a sharp 11.6 percent. Korea relies heavily on imports to meet its energy needs. The report showed that prices of industrial products overall rose 4.4 percent year-on-year in October due to higher global energy prices, with those of mobile phones and computers climbing 10.8 percent and 26.2 percent, respectively. Prices of imported automobiles, on the other hand, fell 3.9 percent over the same period. In ad

• Korea prepares launch of new SMR review system this month: nuclear watchdog chief (2026-11-03 00:02)

Small modular reactors (SMRs) have emerged as an important, carbon-free energy source in the era of artificial intelligence (AI), where the explosive growth of data centers requires an unprecedented amount of stable power. In response to such shifts in energy demands, Korea is set to introduce a preliminary review system designed to streamline the commercial development and deployment of SMRs starting later this month. The system will allow SMR developers to undergo safety and design verifications before formal licensing. It has already been adopted in countries such as the United States and Canada. With less than a month to go ahead of the system's launch, around ten companies — both from home and abroad — have expressed their intent to apply, with some considering making a submission immediately after the system takes effect, the head of the country's nuclear watchdog said. "There are a few SMR developers saying they will apply as soon as the preliminary review system is launched," Choi Won-ho, the head of the Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC), said in an interview wit

• THE summit to explore turning university research into business in Seoul (2026-11-03 00:02)

The Times Higher Education (THE) Innovation & Impact Summit 2026 will take place at Korea University in Seoul from Nov. 17 to 19, bringing together global university leaders and industry experts to explore ways to turn academic research into commercially viable technologies and businesses. Under the theme "Universities, industry and investors: Connecting research with commercialisation," the three-day summit will examine strategies for strengthening cooperation between academia and industry, attracting investment and fostering innovation. The event comes as universities worldwide face growing pressure to demonstrate the economic and social impact of their research amid rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and intensifying global competition for technological leadership. The event is expected to draw more than 300 participants from over 150 institutions and organizations worldwide, including university leaders, researchers, investors and industry experts. More than 80 speakers will take part in keynote speeches, panel discussions and workshops focused on translating academic bre

• A year after streamer crackdown, Bucheon's chaos eased but not gone (2026-11-03 00:02)

BUCHEON, Gyeonggi Province — Park Hye-ran, 47, a mother of a 6-year-old son, often finds it unsettling to walk around her neighborhood in Bucheon, Gyeonggi Province, a city known for its many online streaming creators airing outlandish broadcasts. “I’m worried about being filmed, and the broadcasting makes me uncomfortable. As early as the afternoon, many people are streaming around the food alley near Bucheon Station,” Park said, adding that it can’t be good for children to see. Last year, Bucheon made headlines for streamers who vied for viewer donations with attention-grabbing stunts such as dancing shirtless, singing loudly in public and mocking police officers called to the scene. Things turned violent when a YouTuber in her 30s was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder after stabbing a man in his 30s with a weapon during his livestream. In response, the city announced a crackdown on streamers in September 2025, citing broadcasts that seriously damaged its brand image and harmed merchants and residents. It applied crime prevention strategies using environmental design

• Traditional music teachers exploited authority to sexually abuse students: Court records (2026-11-03 00:02)

Sex crimes in the traditional Korean music community persist, fueled by the enormous influence teachers wield over students' future careers and the close-knit, insular nature of the industry. Following the Hankook Ilbo's in-depth coverage of sexual exploitation in the traditional music scene, victims continued to come forward with accounts of widespread sexual harassment and assault. Court rulings also revealed disturbing details of the crimes. An analysis by the Hankook Ilbo of court rulings from 2010 to 2026 involving sexual offenses committed by traditional music instructors who abused their positions of authority over students found that seven of the 11 cases involved underage victims. In four of those cases, the victims were younger than 13. Cases involving adult victims also revealed how perpetrators exploited their control over students' future careers to subject them to repeated abuse. Even as they suffered, victims found it difficult to speak out, and some eventually left the traditional music community altogether. The crimes typically took place in lesson rooms or class

Source: The Korea Herald

• Inside Posco's $474m bet on greener steel (2026-11-10 05:56)

GWANGYANG, Jeonnam-Gwangju — Overlooking the extensive 21.48 million-square-meter Posco Gwangyang Steelworks — the world's largest single steel mill — a massive sky-blue facility stands out against traditional blast furnaces. This 600-billion-won ($474.19 million) electric arc furnace, completed in June, is a vanguard of the steelmaker's green transformation. With an annual output of 2.5 to 2.8 million metric tons — ranking it among the top four worldwide — the green arc furnace serves as a crit

• Nvidia, KAIST tackle Korean AI's data shortage (2026-11-10 05:48)

Nvidia and KAIST plan to release at least 1 million Korean-language AI training samples in 2027, seeking to address a shortage of high-quality data that researchers say is limiting the competitiveness of South Korea's homegrown artificial intelligence models. "Our goal is to create at least 1 million Korean-language data samples and make them publicly available for training," Kim Hyun-woo, head of the Nvidia-KAIST Joint AI Research Lab, told reporters in Seoul on Tuesday. No specific release dat

• Naver-Dunamu deal faces final antitrust review over competition concerns (2026-11-10 05:46)

South Korea's antitrust watchdog has entered the final stage of its review of Naver Financial's proposed acquisition of Dunamu, operator of cryptocurrency exchange Upbit, warning the deal could restrict competition in digital finance and stablecoin markets. The Fair Trade Commission said Tuesday its secretariat had submitted a review report to the agency's full panel, recommending conditional approval after examining revised remedies offered by the

companies. The merger would bring together Kore

• South Korea reaffirms IAEA cooperation on nuclear submarines (2026-11-10 05:45)

South Korea on Tuesday reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining close communication with the International Atomic Energy Agency over its nuclear-powered submarine program, as Seoul accelerates efforts to build its own fleet. Jeong Yeon-doo, South Korea's vice foreign minister for strategy and intelligence, met with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi in Vienna on Monday to discuss cooperation on nuclear safeguards related to the country's planned acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines, accord

• Jaguar Land Rover Korea names Magnus Hansson new CEO (2026-11-10 05:42)

Jaguar Land Rover Korea announced Tuesday that Magnus Hansson, head of JLR Japan, has been named its new CEO and will oversee both the South Korean and Japanese markets. Hansson, a Swedish national, brings over 25 years of experience in the global automotive industry, having held senior positions across Europe, North America and Asia. He began his career at Saab in 2000 before taking on key roles at Nissan and Infiniti, overseeing operations in the Asia-Pacific region and global market. Hansson

• Korea to permit dual appointments for overseas professors in advanced technology fields (2026-11-10 05:41)

Professors at overseas universities will be allowed to hold concurrent positions at South Korean universities in advanced technology and other designated fields starting Nov. 20, under a revised enforcement decree approved by the Cabinet on Tuesday, the Education Ministry said. Under existing laws governing public officials, university professors are generally barred from holding dual appointments, meaning overseas professors previously had to leave their positions abroad to take up teaching pos

• Seoul reiterates noninvolvement in Iran war as Tehran warns against naval deployment (2026-11-10 05:37)

South Korea reiterated Tuesday that it would not become involved in the war with Iran, after Tehran warned Seoul against deploying military forces near the Strait of Hormuz. The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a plan to extend the deployment of the Cheonghae Unit, expand its operational area and send additional military assets. “The government is proceeding with a motion to extend the Cheonghae Unit’s deployment while strengthening its mission, under the principle of noninvolvement and noninterferen

• Lee says will continue cooperation with US admin., seek bipartisan support in Congress (2026-11-10 05:37)

President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday that South Korea will continue to closely cooperate with the US administration following the recent US midterm elections, while also seeking to expand bipartisan support in Congress for issues related to the country and the alliance. Lee made the

remarks at a Cabinet meeting after the opposition Democratic Party in the United States won control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives in last week's midterm elections. " After the US midterm election

• [WDAF 2026] Crypto treasury firms must look beyond token gains: experts (2026-11-10 05:30)

Unlike bitcoin exchange-traded funds, which track cryptocurrency prices, companies that accumulate digital assets must prove they can generate returns on their holdings and cover operating costs without being forced to sell when markets fall, industry executives said Monday. The challenges facing digital asset treasury companies, or DATs, took center stage at the World Digital Assets Forum 2026 in Seoul during a panel moderated by Chris Park, head of Korea commercial strategy at BitGo, with exec

• Samsung Fire bets W2.26tr on UK insurer (2026-11-10 05:28)

Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance will invest 2.26 trillion won ($1.68 billion) to take control of UK specialty insurer Canopius. The deal is expected to lift the overseas share of Samsung Fire's business from about 10 percent to roughly 25 percent. South Korea's largest non-life insurer said Tuesday it agreed to acquire an additional 40.5 percent stake in Canopius' holding company, Fortuna Topco, raising its ownership from about 40 percent to 80.6 percent. The acquisition would give Samsung Fire

• Namdaemun Market opens after dark for festival with Netflix chefs and food tours (2026-11-10 05:28)

Seoul’s Namdaemun Market will host an eight-night food festival starting Saturday, serving dishes made with ingredients from the market as the city seeks ways to draw shoppers and diners after dark. The Seoul Moonlight Food Festival will run from 6 to 9 p.m. each night from Nov. 14 through Nov. 21, the Seoul Metropolitan Government said. It will take place mainly along a 135-meter stretch of the market beneath a roof modeled on traditional Korean eaves. Chefs Nam Jun-young and Cho Seo-hyeong, wh

• Run, push, repeat: Hyrox finds a following in Korea (2026-11-10 05:27)

Fitness has always moved in waves in Korea. Hiking, yoga, Pilates and barre have each had their moment, and running club members still fill Seoul’s riverside paths on weeknights. The latest wave is Hyrox, a race that takes place entirely indoors. One race has eight rounds. Each pairs a 1-kilometer run with one functional workout, from sled pushes and rowing to sandbag lunges and wall balls. The movements are simpler than those in CrossFit. Because participants alternate between running and stren

• Popera tenor Lim Hyung-joo takes 'one-day detour' into baroque (2026-11-10 05:24)

For nearly three decades, Lim Hyung-joo has been Korea’s best-known pop-opera tenor. On Nov. 20, he will put down the microphone and sing nothing but baroque. Lim, 40, will join

Italy’s Orchestra da Camera di Mantova for its first concert in Korea at 7:30 p.m. at YongsanArts Hall in Seoul. He will sing three pieces: the “Ave Maria” by Vladimir Vavilov longattributed to Giulio Caccini, Alessandro Scarlatti’s “Gia il Sole Dal Gange,” and “LasciaCh’io Pianga” from Handel’s opera “Rinaldo.” “When

• Close-knit traditional music world faces reckoning over sexual abuse, silence (2026-11-10 05:24)

More than 3,000 people from Korea's traditional performing arts community have signed a joint statement condemning sexual violence in the field and calling for an end to a culture of silence that they say has allowed abuse to persist across generations. The statement, released Saturday by an emergency coalition of traditional performing artists, had drawn more than 3,190 signatures as of Monday morning, according to the group. More than 500 signatories are students. The outpouring followed a ser

• French gastronomy meets Korea at Seoul masterclasses (2026-11-10 05:10)

Three days of masterclasses led by chefs from France and Korea will bring French gastronomy and Korean culinary influences together in Seoul this November. Organized by Kleman Events in collaboration with Seoul Cooking Club, Je ne sais Koi Experience will hold its Seoul edition following events in France and Japan. On Nov. 18, French chef Sylvain Belouin will lead a masterclass exploring French gastronomic traditions and their intersection with Korean influences. Belouin is the chef behind Le 21

• Beyond steel: Posco charts its future in critical resources (2026-11-10 05:00)

GWANGYANG, South Jeolla Province — Posco Group, the steelmaking giant that helped power South Korea's industrial rise, is seeking a bigger role in securing the country's critical resources, expanding into lithium, rare earths and energy as geopolitical tensions expose vulnerabilities in global supply chains. The shift is central to the group's "Triple Core" strategy, unveiled by Chairman Chang In-hwa in July, which aims to reshape Posco around three pillars: steel, strategic resources and energy

• N. Korea accelerates underwater warfare push with new torpedo test (2026-11-10 04:54)

North Korea is moving closer to deploying a new high-speed torpedo as part of its broader naval modernization drive. Pyongyang announced Tuesday that the weapon could enter operational service with the North Korean Navy as early as 2027, a development analysts say could bolster its ability to challenge South Korean and US naval forces. According to the state-run Korean Central News Agency, three key defense research bodies — the Academy of Defense Sciences, the Missile Administration and the Tor

• Deux revives late Kim Sungjae's voice with AI for new album (2026-11-10 04:53)

Legendary Korean hip-hop duo Deux is releasing a full-length album on Nov. 21, and will use artificial intelligence to replicate the vocal performances of the late Kim Sungjae. “4th Deux”

rolls out more than 30 years after the duo's previous album, “Force Deux,” which is largely recognized as one of the best albums in K-pop history. It was the last album the pair made before parting ways barely three months after the album dropped. The two musicians then each began pursuing solo careers, althoug

• Army commander faces trial for firing blanks at subordinate (2026-11-10 04:41)

A South Korean Army battalion commander has been brought before a military court for allegedly firing blank rounds at a subordinate captain after the officer mistakenly fired at him during a training exercise, news reports said Tuesday. The incident occurred in late June during a tactical training exercise at an Army unit in Yeoncheon, Gyeonggi Province. The captain, who was serving as a company commander during the exercise, reportedly failed to hear the signal marking the end of the drill and

• Messi returns to World XI as Spain dominates both lineups (2026-11-10 04:27)

GENEVA (AP) -- Lionel Messi's peers gave him one more appearance in the FIFPRO World XI lineup Monday after nearly 20,000 players voted for their best team in a poll organized by the global union. At age 39, the Argentina icon was elected to the team as part of a four-superstar attack alongside Kylian Mbappe, Erling Haaland and Lamine Yamal. Ballon d'Or winner Harry Kane missed out. This is Messi's 18th selection to the World XI, and he was last chosen in 2023. The Inter Miami forward was also t

• Trump: Iran war 'effectively over' (2026-11-10 03:47)

WASHINGTON (AP) — US President Donald Trump on Monday told reporters he believes the war in Iran “militarily is effectively over," suggesting that — at least for now — he’s not prepared to resume the bombardment that has devastated the Islamic Republic and caused reverberations across the global economy. The president made a surprise visit to the White House briefing room after meeting earlier in the day with Qatar’s prime minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani. “Iran mili

• Trump says FBI is looking at Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's affair with alleged Chinese agent (2026-11-10 03:45)

WASHINGTON (AP) — US President Donald Trump said Monday that the FBI is investigating Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang’s affair with an alleged Chinese government agent, but said he doesn’t think the executive who has helped to develop artificial intelligence has a reason to worry. “I know the FBI is looking into it in terms of something else, and I think that he’ll be in good shape,” Trump said at a White House briefing. The sudden emergence of Huang's infidelity has rocked the political class and Ameri

• First-time national team call-up Son Jeong-beom recovers from fever, set to depart (2026-11-10 03:26)

FC Seoul's rising star Son Jeong-beom, 19, has recovered quickly from a high fever and is set to depart for his first South Korean national soccer team camp. The Korea Football Association (KFA) said Monday that Son, who had been scheduled to leave Sunday, delayed his departure by a day because of a high fever but has since improved. "Son Jeong-beom, who was scheduled to depart yesterday, took a day off due to a high fever, and his symptoms have improved," the KFA said. "He is scheduled to depar

• Yoo Hyun-jo climbs to world No. 30 after winning KLPGA season finale (2026-11-10 03:13)

South Korean golfer Yoo Hyun-jo climbed eight places in the women's world golf rankings after winning the season-ending tournament on the Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA) Tour. In the latest rankings released Tuesday, Yoo rose from No. 38 to No. 30. Yoo claimed the title at the KLPGA Tour's Daebo HausD Championship, which concluded Sunday. She finished at 14-under 202, edging runner-up Lee Ye-won, who shot 13-under 203, by one stroke to claim her third victory of the season and

• Oh Se-hee wins world championship silver, secures LA Olympic quota (2026-11-10 03:06)

South Korean shooter Oh Se-hee of Chungbuk Health & Science University won a silver medal at the 2026 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships in Doha, Qatar, securing a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Oh finished second in the women's 50-meter rifle three positions final at the Lusail Shooting Range in Doha on Monday, scoring 357.7 points. The result also earned South Korea one of the Olympic quota places awarded to the top three finishers in the event.

• After midterms, Lee calls for efforts to keep allies’ security deals on track (2026-11-10 03:04)

President Lee Jae Myung called for stepped-up diplomatic efforts to ensure that security agreements with Washington are properly implemented while safeguarding South Korea's national interests and corporate investments. Speaking Tuesday about last week's US midterm elections, Lee emphasized the need to strengthen ties with Washington on a mutually beneficial basis and broaden diplomatic engagement across the American political landscape to help ensure that bilateral commitments under their Joint

• Stanford University offers ‘Namjooning’ course inspired by BTS’ RM (2026-11-10 03:01)

Stanford University is offering a course inspired by BTS leader RM’s approach to creativity and well-being, bringing the K-pop star’s outlook into the classroom. Named “Namjooning, and other well-being inspiration from BTS,” the course explores topics such as art, literature, creative block, self-love and self-awareness. The course comes from the term “Namjooning,” which is used among BTS fans to refer to taking time to slow down, enjoy nature and art, read and reflect. The three-unit seminar is

• Korean-language learners from 30 countries gather in Korea for cultural exchange (2026-11-10 03:00)

More than 90 Korean-language learners and teachers from 30 countries arrived in South Korea on Friday for a five-day program combining language study and cultural experiences, the Education Ministry said Tuesday. The 92-person delegation, comprising middle and high school students studying Korean in their home countries and accompanying teachers, participated in the 2026 International Korean Education Youth Camp, hosted by the Education Ministry and organized by the International Korean Educatio

• Stem cell researcher Hwang seeks to regain Korean citizenship (2026-11-10 02:58)

Disgraced stem cell researcher Hwang Woo-suk says he has applied to regain South Korean citizenship after becoming a United Arab Emirates national. The former Seoul National University professor told The Asia Business Daily in an interview Monday that he was awaiting the Justice Ministry’ s decision on his application. He lost his Korean citizenship after acquiring UAE nationality on April 9. Hwang said he reported the loss of his Korean citizenship to the South Korean Embassy in the UAE that day

• [WDAF 2026] Tether eyes USDT as bridge between Korea, global consumers (2026-11-10 02:51)

USDT, the world's largest dollar-pegged stablecoin, could help South Korean businesses reach millions of overseas consumers, particularly in emerging markets where access to international payment services remains limited, Tether co-founder and CEO Paolo Ardoino said Monday. " Korea is one of the most advanced economies in the world, and it sells to the world," Ardoino said in a video address at the World Digital Assets Forum 2026 in Seoul. "Those are the same markets where USDT is already popular

• [WDAF 2026] Zero crypto exposure is an investment choice: Sygnum (2026-11-10 02:51)

Keeping digital assets out of an investment portfolio is itself an active investment decision, as wealthy investors increasingly consider how much exposure to cryptocurrencies they should have, according to Gerald Goh, co-founder and Asia-Pacific executive chairman of digital asset banking group Sygnum. "The decision not to include digital assets, so staying at zero, let's also be clear, that is an active decision," Goh said at the World Digital Assets Forum 2026 in Seoul on Monday. Speaking dur

• Phillies reportedly considering signing free agent Kim Ha-seong (2026-11-10 02:51)

The Philadelphia Phillies are considering signing South Korean free agent infielder Kim Ha-seong, NBC Sports reported Monday. Citing sources, the US sports network reported that Philadelphia is concerned about starting shortstop Trea Turner's defensive struggles and is considering moving him to second base, third base or the outfield. The report said the Phillies would need a versatile infielder capable of playing multiple positions, including shortstop, if Turner changes positions. Philadelphia

• Korean whisky maker Ki One wins top US spirits award again (2026-11-10 02:45)

South Korean whisky distiller Ki One has won a top prize at the 2026 San Francisco World Spirits Competition for the second consecutive year, beating rivals from Taiwan and China in the Other Single Malt Whisky category. The company's travel-exclusive Ki One Sun was named best of class at the competition's Top Shelf gala in San Francisco on Sunday, the distiller said Tuesday. Founded in 2000, the San Francisco World Spirits Competition evaluates spirits through blind tastings. The Best of Class

• Kolmar Korea's AI lip product wins top CES beauty award (2026-11-10 02:44)

Kolmar Korea has won three CES 2027 innovation awards for two AI-powered beauty devices, including a top honor for a system that creates personalized lip colors in about one minute. The company's ChromaFlow received the Best of Innovation Award in the beauty tech category and an Innovation Award in the artificial intelligence category. Its skin care device, LumiJet Pro, also earned an Innovation Award in the AI category. The recognition marks Kolmar Korea's second consecutive year of winning the

• Samsung SDI's backup battery for AI data centers wins CES award (2026-11-10 02:44)

Samsung SDI has won a CES 2027 Innovation Award for a battery system designed to provide reliable backup power for AI data centers, where surging electricity demand is increasing the need for stable power supplies. The company's SDI U8A3-UPS, which uses prismatic batteries, was recognized in the Enterprise Tech category, according to the Consumer Technology Association on Monday. Uninterruptible power supply, or UPS, systems provide emergency electricity when the main power supply is disrupted.

• UN climate summit kicks off in Turkey (2026-11-10 02:41)

ANTALYA, Turkey (AP) — World leaders, delegates and climate activists on Monday kicked off talks in Turkey on curbing climate change, which in the last year has led to rising temperatures and deadly heat waves in Europe and beyond, and played a role in disasters such as the devastating floods in Nepal. This UN climate summit — called the Conference of the Parties, or COP31 — comes as the war in Iran has effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz, hiking global prices of gasoline, oil and products m

• Ceragem wins 9 CES awards for AI wellness innovations (2026-11-10 02:38)

South Korean healthcare appliance maker Ceragem has won nine CES 2027 Innovation Awards for eight products, ranging from AI-powered home healthcare systems to smart cribs and wellness furniture, the company said Tuesday. The recognition marks Ceragem's fourth consecutive year of winning CES Innovation Awards, bringing its total to 30 since 2024. Presented by the US Consumer Technology Association, the awards recognize technological advances, engineering and design in consumer products. Among thi

• Russia, Ukraine to meet for US-backed talks after Trump says broad deal possible (2026-11-10 02:38)

Russian and Ukrainian officials planned to meet on Tuesday for two days of US-brokered talks — their first since February — after President Donald Trump suggested last week that a broad peace deal was possible in their 4 1/2-year-old war and could incorporate Europe's security. European powers, including France, Germany and the European Commission, will send officials to the talks in Abu Dhabi, but Russia has made it clear it doesn’ t want the Europeans to take part in negotiations. Instead, Uk

• Is Europe warming up to iced coffee? (2026-11-10 02:36)

Iced coffee, an everyday favorite in South Korea, is catching on across Europe as demand for cold coffee drinks rises in countries known for their hot coffee culture, data shows. According to Luxembourg-based market research firm Fyre, iced coffee sales in the food service sector rose by double digits in the UK, the Netherlands, France and Germany from February to August compared with the same period last year. The Netherlands saw the largest increase at 44 percent, followed by the UK at 39 perc

• France: Iran behind cyberattacks on fridges (2026-11-10 02:36)

PARIS (AFP) -- France on Monday said Iran's Revolutionary Guards were behind cyberattacks on supermarket fridges in the country last month, vowing sanctions on a European level against Tehran over the first such large-scale cyber sabotage on French territory. Numerous French supermarkets were hit in the Oct. 11 and 12 cyberattacks, which raised the temperatures in their refrigerators, in some cases forcing them to throw away entire inventories of perishable food. "I can confirm that this attack

• Netanyahu seeks unity government despite denial (2026-11-10 02:35)

JERUSALEM (AFP) -- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called again Monday for a unity government that would keep him in power, a day after opposition rival Gadi Eisenkot was given a mandate to form a coalition. "A unity government is, simply, a necessity," Netanyahu said in a video posted on social media that ignored President Isaac Herzog Sunday formally giving Eisenkot the first chance at a government. Eisenkot's opposition bloc received 48 out of 61 seats needed for a majority in Israe

• Pentagon chief Hegseth expected to face House impeachment vote (2026-11-10 02:33)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Pete Hegseth, the US defense secretary, calls himself the secretary of war, part of his effort to rebrand a military he said was too weak and "woke" when he took office last year. Now, with an expected House impeachment vote this week, he could soon share something in common with an actual secretary of war. William Belknap, who held that title in 1876, became the first, and to date only, civilian leader of the US military to be impeached by Congress. US Rep. Thomas Massi

• TXT invites 1,000 fans to Seoul theme park (2026-11-10 02:29)

Tomorrow X Together is spending the night at an amusement park in Seoul on Nov. 30, according to label Big Hit Music on Tuesday. The five members are hosting a fan meetup, “Tomorrow X Together in Magic Land,” at Lotte World for 1,000 fans. The event will have two parts: The idols will first perform on stage and then join fans around the amusement park. The first segment will be livestreamed. The event is part of the promotions for the group’s ninth EP “Perfect Storm,” which will be unveiled on N

• LG Energy Solution's AI cuts battery testing time to 10 minutes (2026-11-10 02:28)

LG Energy Solution said Monday its AI-powered battery diagnostic software, Re.Pulse, has won a CES 2027 Innovation Award for cutting the time needed to assess used batteries from more than seven hours to less than 10 minutes. The technology, recognized in the Vehicle Tech & Advanced Mobility category, uses artificial intelligence to analyze changes in battery voltage in response to controlled electrical pulses, which can be used to assess battery health and remaining capacity. The results help d

• Illit tops 200m streams with ‘Do the Dance’ (2026-11-10 02:06)

Illit’s hit song from last year has surpassed 200 million streams on Spotify as of Sunday, Belift Lab announced Tuesday, citing platform data. “Do the Dance” is the group’s sixth song to accomplish the feat after “Magnetic,” “Lucky Girl Syndrome,” “Cherish (My Love),” “Tik-Tack,” “Not Cute Anymore,” and the group's collaboration with Le Sserafim and Katseye, “Iconic by Mistake.” The track fronted the quintet’s third EP, “bomb,” which sang of the butterflies that come with a first date. Illit’s l

• Blackpink’s Jennie ties Rose’s record on Billboard’s Hot 100 with Tame Impala collab (2026-11-10 02:04)

Jennie of Blackpink claimed the No. 3 spot on Billboard’s Hot 100 with her collaboration with Aussie band Tame Impala, “Dracula,” according to a chart preview published in the US on Monday. Boosted by Halloween, the single climbed two rungs from the previous week, putting Jennie alongside bandmate Rose, who nabbed the highest spot for a K-pop female solo act on the main songs chart with her megahit collaboration with Bruno Mars, “APT.” “Dracula” has charted for 58 weeks, taking the longest time

• S. Korea, US hold combined air resupply exercise for wartime readiness (2026-11-10 02:02)

South Korea and the United States conducted Tuesday a combined aerial resupply exercise aimed at bolstering their capabilities for rapid airborne logistics supply in wartime scenarios, the allies' combined forces said. The exercise, led by the South Korea-US Combined Forces Command (CFC), is designed to maintain rapid aerial sustainment capabilities using combined air transport assets when ground resupply routes are compromised during wartime, the CFC said in a release. The latest drills focused

• [Graphic News] 5.4% of population have migrant background (2026-11-09 23:00)

The ratio of people with a migrant background living in South Korea increased in 2025 from a year earlier to 5.4 percent, data showed, with those in their 20s leading the overall gains. The total migrant population came to 2.81 million in 2025, up from 2.71 million a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. South Korea’s total population stood at 51.82 million. The Data Ministry defines people with a migrant background as those who are immigrants themselves or who have at

• [Lim Woong] Political debate should focus on policy, not words (2026-11-09 20:30)

President Lee Jae Myung recently used his X account to say out loud what a large share of the country has been muttering for years. Political correctness, he wrote, has collided with public fatigue. The problem, in Lee’s telling, is not the values that political correctness claims to serve, but the people who preach them. Their hypocrisy has worn the public down, as have their double standards, captured by the Korean expression “nae-ro-nam-bul”: An act is romance when I do it, but adultery when

• [Reed Galen] The Democrats' historic duty (2026-11-09 20:30)

Twenty years. Thirty years. Eighty years, and even 90. Some of the positions US Democratic candidates won in the 2026 midterm elections, from Senate seats to attorneys general, have not had a blue occupant in decades. The outcome of this election, even more than the 2018 midterms, could reshape American politics and policy for years to come. But if the Democrats are to make the most of their gains, they must be ambitious — even audacious. The coming weeks will bring countless hot takes, deep div

• Twenty-one migrants die trying to reach Greece's Crete: authorities (2026-11-09 12:42)

ATHENS -- Twenty-one people have died over the weekend trying to reach Greece's island of Crete, a top destination for migrants headed for the European Union from Africa, authorities said on Monday. Eight bodies were found on one boat and 12 on another, while some 40 people were rescued off both, the Greek coast guard said on Monday. Another body was later found on Monday afternoon. Maritime police launched an emergency rescue late Saturday after a boat issued an alarm signal, with strong winds

• Krakow shooting suspect has died: police (2026-11-09 12:14)

Krakow, Poland -- A Polish man accused of carrying out a deadly shooting spree in Krakow died in hospital on Monday, two days after he was critically wounded in a gunbattle with officers, police said. "We inform you that the perpetrator of the tragic events died this morning in the hospital," regional police said in a post on X. The 24-year-old, dressed in military garb, allegedly opened fire on Saturday in a Krakow square killing six people. The bodies of his parents and a sister were found at

• Nvidia's shares slide as chip giant probes CEO over spy claims (2026-11-09 12:05)

SEOUL/SYDNEY -- Nvidia shares tumbled on Monday after an internal investigation into whether CEO Jensen Huang had been targeted by a foreign intelligence effort put his future at the AI chipmaker under scrutiny. The internal probe followed a media report that Huang had a close relationship with a Chinese businesswoman who allegedly passed information to Beijing. Huang told Nvidia's employees that he had been unfaithful to his wife, without disclosing details of the relationship. The investigati

- Death toll rises to 39 after migrant boat capsizes off Senegal (2026-11-09 12:01)

Senegal — The death toll from the capsize off Senegal of a boat carrying migrants has risen to 39 following the discovery of new bodies on Monday, the country’s emergency services said. The boat, which left Saint-Louis in northern Senegal and was headed to the Spanish coast, overturned on Sunday, offshore from the town of Kébémer, north of the capital Dakar. The Ministry of Interior said Sunday at least 21 people had died and rescuers were looking for possible survivors. It did not say how many

- Kosdaq loses nearly half its value from April peak, nears post-martial law low (2026-11-09 11:55)

South Korea's Kosdaq has given back nearly all the gains it made after the December 2024 martial law crisis. The index has fallen almost twice as much as the benchmark Kospi since reaching its peak for the year in April. The tech-heavy Kosdaq closed Monday at 638.97, down 0.82 percent on the day and 47.9 percent from its April 27 closing high of 1,226.18, according to Korea Exchange data. The Kospi ended Monday at 5,018.85 points, about 24 percent below its April 27 close. The Kosdaq now stands

- Top US envoy says trust, communication key to alliance (2026-11-09 11:51)

The top US envoy to South Korea on Monday named alliance modernization, economic ties and regional cooperation as her priorities, saying "trust and communication" are key to achieving them. US Ambassador Michelle Park Steel made the remarks in a video posted on the embassy's YouTube channel to mark her 100th day in the post. In the video, Steel said her three priorities are "modernizing our alliance, expanding economic opportunities and working with Korea to address regional challenges." "None o

- Samsung Fire seeks control of Canopius in $2.2b deal (2026-11-09 11:11)

Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance is seeking to raise its stake in British specialty insurer Canopius from 40 percent to about 80 percent in a deal with US investment firm KKR and other investors, according to local industry reports Monday. Samsung Fire and its partners would pay a combined $2.2 billion for the 60 percent of Canopius that the Korean insurer does not already own. Samsung Fire would raise its stake from the current 40 percent to about 80 percent, while the other institutional invest

- K-pop industry group pushes back on NYT report over artist contracts (2026-11-09 11:07)

A major K-pop industry association has criticized a recent New York Times report examining NewJeans' exclusive contract, arguing that the article unfairly generalized a dispute involving one group into a broader indictment of the K-pop industry. The Korea Popmusic Industry Association said Monday that it was "deeply concerned" by the report, which analyzed the contract signed between NewJeans and Ador when the bandmates were minors. The association, whose members include major entertainment comp

- 'Paycheck defense squad' now goes on duty at presidential office (2026-11-09 09:19)

South Korea's presidential office is putting its "Paycheck Defense Squad" to work, aiming to help salaried workers cut living expenses and keep more of their hard-earned money. Presidential Chief of Staff Lim Kwang-hyun announced the launch of the task force during a weekly meeting of senior presidential aides Monday, according to a written statement from Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Ahn Gwi-ryeong. "There's a rueful saying among office workers that their current accounts are like bus stops

- Ludensia partners with Santa Claus Foundation ahead of Christmas (2026-11-09 08:33)

Ludensia, a European-style theme park covering about 70,000 square meters in Yeoju, Gyeonggi Province, signed a partnership agreement with Finland's Santa Claus Foundation in hopes of securing a role as a Christmas attraction. The two bodies held an event in celebration of their partnership on Saturday, according to industry sources. Attendees included Finnish Ambassador to Korea Jyri Jarviaho, Finland Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Korea Chairman Heikki Ranta and Yeoju Mayor Lee Chung-woo.

- Stocks close lower as investors search for direction amid AI sector uncertainties (2026-11-09 08:31)

Seoul stocks closed lower Monday as investors digest uncertainties facing the artificial intelligence sector, including an internal probe at Nvidia Corp., following allegations its chief was targeted by a Chinese spy. The local currency strengthened against the US dollar. After rocky trading, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index closed down 40.84 points, or 0.81 percent, to 5,018.85. Trade volume was light at 231.8 million shares worth 17.26 trillion won ($12.8 billion). Losers outnum

- Blackpink's Jisoo signs with WME for worldwide representation (2026-11-09 08:25)

Jisoo of Blackpink has signed on with US talent agency WME for worldwide representation, adding an international agency partner to her existing solo management and record-label structure. The deal does not replace Jisoo's current arrangements. She will continue to oversee her solo career through Blissoo, the company she established in 2024, while Warner Records will handle her global music releases. Her activities with Blackpink will remain under YG Entertainment. WME will instead act as Jisoo's

- Baby Shark's first musical ditches seats for interactive fun (2026-11-09 08:25)

Baby Shark, which has topped global YouTube views for 72 consecutive months, is coming to the Seoul stage in a musical where the audience helps make the music. The Pinkfong Company said Monday that “Baby Shark Sound Play Musical” will open Dec. 2 at Yeongdeungpo Art Square in Seoul and run through March 28. The production is billed as a “sound play musical” and has no assigned seats. Audience members will move through seven themed zones in a venue of about 790 square meters. Along the way, they

• [WDAF 2026] Tokenized assets must be put to work: Evernorth (2026-11-09 08:21)

Tokenized assets must move beyond digital recordkeeping to become actively traded, used as collateral and deployed to generate returns if blockchain technology is to transform financial markets, an industry executive said Monday. "The first phase was about getting assets onchain. What we're excited for is the next era where these assets that are sitting onchain become productive," said Sagar Shah, chief business officer of Evernorth, at the World Digital Assets Forum 2026 in Seoul. Shah said the

• [WDAF 2026] AI agents to reshape global finance: Don Tapscott (2026-11-09 08:20)

Don Tapscott, executive chairman of the Blockchain Research Institute, predicted Monday that artificial intelligence agents would increasingly manage assets, execute transactions and make financial decisions on behalf of individuals, reshaping the global financial system. "It's an agentic economy with an agentic financial system," Tapscott said at the World Digital Assets Forum 2026, hosted by The Korea Herald and Herald Business in Seoul. In a welcome address titled "The Transformation of Asset

• [WDAF 2026] Lawmakers call for clearer crypto rules, tax reforms (2026-11-09 08:19)

South Korea needs clearer rules for companies looking to expand their digital asset businesses, and for investors facing a tax on crypto gains, lawmakers said Monday at the World Digital Assets Forum in Seoul. Rep. Min Byoung-dug of the Democratic Party of Korea said the Digital Asset Basic Act he proposed would give financial institutions and digital asset firms a base in Korea from which to expand across Asia. Gaps in Korean law already prevent domestic firms from offering services their overs

• [WDAF 2026] Digital asset industry must prepare for quantum threats: DFNS (2026-11-09 08:14)

The rapid advancement of quantum computing and artificial intelligence threatens to undermine cryptographic systems, a security threat industry urgently needs to prepare for, a digital asset custody expert said Monday. Felix Eigelshoven, managing director and the head of Asia-Pacific at DFNS, a digital asset banking platform, gave a speech under the title "The Quantum Threat to Digital Assets: Will What You Hold Today Still Be Safe in 10 Years?" at the World Digital Assets Forum held at The Gran

• [WDAF 2026] WDAF 2026 draws 1,000 as digital assets reshape finance (2026-11-09 08:13)

The inaugural World Digital Assets Forum 2026, hosted by Herald Media Group, drew some 1,000 participants to The Grand Lotte Seoul on Monday, bringing together global financial leaders to explore the changing financial landscape under the theme "The New Financial Architecture." The forum featured 22 senior executives and industry leaders from major global financial institutions and digital asset companies, including Standard Chartered, BNY, Circle, Ripple and Tether. Industry executives, financi

• [WDAF 2026] Herald CEO sees Korea emerging as global hub for digital finance (2026-11-09 08:04)

South Korea is well positioned to emerge as a global hub for the new digital financial order as blockchain and digital assets reshape the foundations of the global financial system, according to Herald Media Group CEO Choi Jin-young on Monday. "We are standing at a turning point in the history of finance, where a new chapter is being written. Finance has evolved through continuous innovation, driven by the pursuit of faster, safer and more efficient ways to exchange value," Choi said during an o

• Inside Shin Min-a's wardrobe in 'The Remarried Empress' (2026-11-09 07:53)

As Empress Navier on "The Remarried Empress," Shin Min-a rules the screen in gowns that cost as much as a small car. The Disney+ original series released its first four episodes on Wednesday. It has drawn attention for its lavish imperial costumes as much as for its cast. Several of the gowns worn by lead actor Shin Min-a are high-end designer pieces that range from several million won to well over 10 million won ($7,400) each. Directed by Cho Soo-won and produced by Studio N, the series is base

• Police uncover ecstasy-making plans near campus (2026-11-09 07:34)

Police referred 66 foreign nationals to prosecutors over alleged drug offenses in seven separate cases, ranging from preparations to manufacture ecstasy to drug smuggling, distribution, purchase and use. The Gyeonggi Nambu Provincial Police said Monday that the suspects were referred from March through October on suspicion of violating the Narcotics Control Act. Of the 66 foreign nationals, 30 were detained. One case involved preparations to manufacture drugs, another involved smuggling and the

• Top South Korean golfers set sights on PGA Tour Q-School in December (2026-11-09 07:16)

Leading players from the Korea Professional Golfers' Association (KPGA) Tour are preparing for a new challenge after wrapping up the 2026 season. With the season-ending KPGA Tour Championship concluding Sunday, the tour's top-ranked players will head straight into qualifying school, or Q-School, seeking a place on the US PGA Tour. Players ranked in the top five in the Genesis points standings after the Golfzon Open in September earned eligibility for Q-School. Shin Sang-hun, who finished atop th

• For Korean moms, time off depends on where they work (2026-11-09 07:07)

For Kim, a 37-year-old employee in Seoul expecting her second child in January, one of the most welcome changes at work is that it has become easier to take a day off when her child needs her. “It’s easier to juggle work and childcare when you can take annual leave more flexibly, because mothers feel guilty when they can’t be there in an emergency,” Kim said. “I think people at work are starting to understand that.” Park, a Seoul resident with a 2-year-old daughter, said she feels comfortable as

• Nvidia scandal raises export risks for Korean chipmakers (2026-11-09 06:24)

South Korean chipmakers Samsung Electronics and SK hynix could face tighter export compliance requirements if US authorities step up scrutiny of Nvidia's AI chip shipments to China, following reports that CEO Jensen Huang had a personal relationship with a woman suspected of ties to Chinese intelligence. The controversy has raised questions about Nvidia's safeguards against potential espionage and the diversion of restricted AI chips to China. Any additional US export controls could affect Korea

• Small agencies launch 90% of K-pop groups, but struggle to keep them alive: study (2026-11-09 06:14)

Nearly 90 percent of K-pop idol groups debuted under small and midsized entertainment agencies over the past 30 years, but groups from major agencies remained active for more than twice as long on average, according to a study released Monday. Of the 1,159 K-pop idol groups that debuted between 1996 and 2025, 1,042 groups, or 89.9 percent, came from small and midsized agencies, while 117 groups, or 10.1 percent, debuted under major agencies, according to the study led by Kim Jung-seop, a profess

• Rahm returns from absence to claim Abu Dhabi title (2026-11-09 06:13)

ABU DHABI (AFP) -- Jon Rahm completed a winning return to the European tour as he held off Tyrrell Hatton by two strokes Sunday to win the Abu Dhabi Championship. The Spaniard was playing in his first event on the DP World Tour since leaving the bankrupt LIV Golf tour last month. "It means a lot," Rahm, who turns 32 on Tuesday, said. "I'm almost not letting myself believe it because it's been quite a while since I played good in a DP World Tour event and my last showing, if we don't count withdr

• Policy rift emerges within Seoul over N. Korea sanctions (2026-11-09 06:11)

The South Korean government is facing a growing dilemma over whether to impose additional unilateral sanctions on North Korea, as differing approaches within the administration expose tensions between maintaining international pressure on Pyongyang and preserving prospects for renewed inter-Korean dialogue. The disagreement also appears to reflect a broader policy divide within the administration between officials who prioritize close coordination with Washington and the international community

• Lee Kang-in helps set up opener as Atletico Madrid falls 2-1 to Barcelona (2026-11-09 06:09)

South Korean national team midfielder Lee Kang-in helped create Atletico Madrid's opening goal against Barcelona, but his team failed to protect its lead and suffered a 2-1 comeback defeat, ending its seven-match winning streak in La Liga. Atletico lost 2-1 to Barcelona in the 12th round of the 2026-27 Spanish La Liga season at Riyadh Air Metropolitano in Madrid on Sunday, with Fermin Lopez scoring twice for the visitors. Barcelona maintained its lead atop the standings with 33 points from 11 wi

• Exo proves experience counts in hit-packed tour finale (2026-11-09 06:04)

Fourteen years into its career, Exo demonstrated the strength that comes with experience as it closed out its sixth tour on Sunday in Seoul. Performing at Kspo Dome in southern Seoul, members Suho, Chanyeol, D.O., Kai and Sehun exhibited the confidence and precision they've built through years onstage during three hours of powerful vocals, tightly synchronized choreography and hits spanning the group's career. The concert, “Exo Planet #6 - EXhOrizon [dot],” marked the finale of a tour that began

• South Korea wins silver in men's standard pistol team event at world championships (2026-11-09 06:01)

South Korea's men's shooting team claimed the silver medal in the 25-meter standard pistol team event at the 2026 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships in Doha, Qatar. The team of Lee Geon-hyeok of the Daegu Public Facilities Management Corp., Hong Seok-jin of KB Kookmin Bank and So Seung-seop of Seosan City Hall finished second Sunday with a combined score of 1,700 points, including 38 inner 10s. Latvia won gold with 1,703 points, while Ukraine took bronze with 1,69

• Disgraced cloning scientist Hwang becomes UAE citizen, loses Korean citizenship (2026-11-09 05:56)

Hwang Woo-suk, a former Seoul National University professor who was dismissed over fabricated research, appears to have acquired United Arab Emirates citizenship and lost his South Korean citizenship, according to immigration officials. A list of people who lost their South Korean citizenship, published by the Cheongju Immigration Office on Aug. 13, included a man named Hwang Woo-suk, born in 1953, who acquired Emirati citizenship on April 9. The man's birthdate, registered domicile in Buyeo, So

• FBI-wanted N. Korean hacker back in spotlight (2026-11-09 05:50)

A North Korean programmer accused of helping orchestrate some of the world's most disruptive cyberattacks is back in the spotlight. Park Jin-hyok has drawn renewed attention after the FBI attributed the Oct. 29 theft of approximately $6.3 billion in cryptocurrency from Binance to a North Korean cyber operation known as TraderTraitor. Though US authorities have not identified Park as a suspect in the latest breach, his alleged involvement in earlier attacks offers

a window into how North Korea's

• Global ramyeon craze turns factory towns into festival hot spots (2026-11-09 05:46)

Korean instant noodles are enjoying a record export streak, and the cities that make them are cashing in at home. Ramyeon exports reached $1.41 billion from January through September, up 25.5 percent from a year earlier, according to the Korea Agro-Fisheries & Food Trade Corp. That pace puts them on course to surpass last year’s record of $1.52 billion. That fervor has sparked a string of local festivals, with factory towns teaming up with instant noodle makers Nongshim and Samyang Foods to cour

• Lee vows gov't will be a lifeline for firefighters as on-duty deaths raise alarm (2026-11-09 05:33)

President Lee Jae Myung pledged Monday to secure stable funding for fire services and strengthen firefighter safety amid growing calls for reform following a series of deaths in the line of duty. In a speech marking the 64th Firefighters' Day, Lee highlighted the significance of 119, the country's emergency number for fire, rescue and ambulance services, as a symbol of public trust. "Those three digits embody the faith and hope that someone will surely come to our rescue when we are in danger,"

• Kakao eyes Seoul Arena as new growth engine amid strong early demand (2026-11-09 05:33)

Seoul Arena, scheduled to open in the first half of 2027, is already drawing strong demand from concert promoters and entertainment companies, raising expectations for the venue's role in Kakao Group's global entertainment business. Seoul Arena, a 28,000-capacity venue under construction in northern Seoul, is set to become the city's first large-scale arena dedicated to live music. It is expected to help ease Seoul's long-standing shortage of major concert venues while hosting K-pop concerts, pe

• Kim Dong-seon commits another W27b to Hanwha M&S; share buyback (2026-11-09 05:30)

Kim Dong-seon, president of Hanwha Machinery & Service Holdings and Hanwha Group Chair Kim Seung-youn's youngest son, has decided to launch a second tender offer for company shares worth about 27 billion won ($20 million), citing the need to protect minority shareholders after a recent decline in its stock price. According to Hanwha M&S' regulatory filing on Monday, the latest offer covers approximately 3.38 million common shares, equivalent to around 4 percent of the company's total shares. The

• Late Hyosung Chairman S.R. Cho's legacy of Korea-US friendship honored (2026-11-09 05:30)

S.R. Cho, the late honorary chairman of Hyosung Group, has been posthumously awarded the 24th Korea-America Friendship Award for his contributions to economic cooperation and stronger ties between South Korea and the US. Presented annually by the Korea-America

Association since 2002, the award recognizes individuals who have made significantcontributions to relations between the two countries. Cho was recognized for his decades ofefforts to promote economic exchanges, particularly, his role in

• South Korea ships first sweet persimmons to China after 17 years of talks (2026-11-09 05:27)

South Korea sent its first shipment of fresh sweet persimmons to China on Friday, opening a new market for growers after 17 years of plant quarantine negotiations. The shipment of 19.6 metric tons, packed in 1,960 boxes, left the Port of Busan and was expected to reach Shanghai on Nov. 10, South Korea’s Agriculture Ministry said. Local importers will distribute the fruit to upscale retailers, including City Super. Growers, exporters and government officials marked the shipment at the Dong-eup Ag

• Korean food exporters sign $15 million in preliminary deals at Melbourne fair (2026-11-09 05:27)

South Korean food exporters have signed 11 preliminary agreements worth a combined $15 million at a trade fair in Melbourne, Australia, South Korea’s Agriculture Ministry and its food export agency said Monday. The event, running Thursday to Saturday at the Melbourne Showgrounds, was the first K-Food Fair held in Oceania, organizers said. It paired a food trade show with an expo focused on the Korean Wave, the international popularity of South Korean entertainment, beauty products and other cons

• Nvidia, SK Telecom, Rebellions forge AI chip alliance (2026-11-09 05:18)

Nvidia, SK Telecom and Korean chipmaker Rebellions signed an agreement Monday to bring locally developed AI processors into Nvidia data center systems, the Ministry of Science and ICT said. Under the memorandum of understanding, signed at Nvidia’s AI Day Seoul event at Coex, the firms will use Nvidia’s NVLink Fusion technology to link Rebellions’ neural processing units with Nvidia GPUs as SK Telecom develops AI data center infrastructure. NVLink Fusion lets third-party chipmakers integrate thei

• 4 years and 20 million views later, Lim Yunchan and Marin Alsop reunite in Seoul (2026-11-09 05:18)

Four years ago in Fort Worth, Texas, Marin Alsop was seen wiping away tears as an 18-year-old Lim Yunchan finished Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in the final round of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. On Sunday at the Seoul Arts Center, the two returned to the same concerto, this time with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the audience rose to its feet, drawing an encore of Elgar’s “Salut d’amour” from Lim. Korean poet Chung Hyun-jong once wrote that when a person comes to you

• Baemin, Coupang Eats hit with record W632b antitrust penalty (2026-11-09 05:18)

South Korea's antitrust watchdog said Monday it would impose a combined 631.9 billion won ($467 million) fine on Baemin and Coupang Eats for pressuring restaurants to match rivals' prices and terms, restricting competition. The Fair Trade Commission announced provisional fines of 331.1 billion won for Woowa Brothers, operator of Baemin, and 300.8 billion won for Coupang, which runs Coupang Eats, alongside corrective orders. Combined, the fines mark the largest penalty ever imposed on food delive

- [단독] 서울대, 신설 외국인 전용 학부 첫 입학생에 ‘등록금 전액+월 100만원’ 검토 (2026-11-09 05:10)

서울대학교가 2027년 2학기 신설 예정인 외국인 전용 학부의 첫 입학생 전원에게 전공 진입 전까지 등록금 전액과 월 100만 원의 생활비를 지원하는 방안을 검토 중인 것으로 확인됐다. 신설되는 글로벌인재학부 출범을 준비 중인 노유선 서울대 학부대학장은 코리아헤럴드와의 인터뷰에서 이 같은 장학금 지원안을 준비하고 있다고 밝혔다. 노 학부대학장은 "초기에는 숫자가 굉장히 적게 선발할 것이라고 예측해서 모든 인원에게 장학금을 지급하려고 준비하고 있다"고 밝혔다. 글로벌인재학부는 외국인 학생이 전공을 정하지 않은 채 입학한 뒤 약 2~3개 학기 동안 집중적인 한국어 교육과 기초 교과를 이수하고, 이후 10개 단과대학 내 진입 가능한 전공으로 이동하는 방식으로 운영될 예정이다. 현재 준비 중인 장학금 안에 따르면 학생들은 전공 진입 전 약 3개 학기의 '인큐베이션' 기간 동안 등록금 전액과 월 100만 원의 생활비를 지원받게 된다. 노 학부대학장은 "현재 결정된 것은 아니다"라면서도 "현재

- [Exclusive] SNU weighs full tuition coverage, W1m monthly stipend for inaugural foreign-student cohort (2026-11-09 05:08)

Seoul National University is preparing a scholarship package that would provide all students in the inaugural cohort of its new foreigner-only undergraduate division with full tuition and 1 million won ($740) in monthly living expenses, a senior university official said. The package is being prepared for students entering SNU's new Global Talent Division, which is scheduled to admit its first students for the fall semester of 2027, SNU College Dean Noh Yoo-sun, who is overseeing the division's l

- Kakao Mobility, Nvidia team up to develop Level 4 autonomous driving technology (2026-11-09 04:46)

Kakao Mobility, the ride-haling service affiliate of Kakao Corp., said Monday it has joined hands with Nvidia Corp. to collaborate on the advancement of autonomous driving technology. The two sides signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in Seoul on the sidelines of the Nvidia AI Day event, a tech event hosted by the US chipmaker, which kicked off its two-day run. Kakao Mobility and Nvidia aim to develop a Level 4 autonomous driving system that meets global standards by combining Kakao's prop

- Opposition steps up attack as special counsel looms (2026-11-09 04:42)

The People Power Party on Monday stepped up attacks against the ruling bloc's plan to investigate prosecutors' alleged power abuse against President Lee Jae Myung, calling it an "

insane" attempt to allow Lee to "escape from prison." The ruling party-dominated parliament on Friday passed a bill to launch a 200-day special counsel into criminal indictments against Lee and former liberal President Moon Jae-in. The bill now awaits final signing by the president. "In the end, Lee holds the key to unl

• Boots sees K-wellness as next big thing in UK (2026-11-09 04:39)

Is wellness the next wave of Korean innovation? British health and beauty retailer Boots sure says so. Boots has launched a dedicated K-wellness category, building on growing demand for Korean beauty products and rising interest in wellness, the retailer said Nov. 2. The launch brings together Korean brands alongside three ranges sourced by Boots, including Seoul Bloom and Yongsan Wellbeing. The launch offers edible supplements, spanning from chia fiber jellies and collagen cool melts to hyaluro

• Hyundai Motor, Air Liquide China partner on hydrogen mobility (2026-11-09 04:31)

HTWO Guangzhou, Hyundai Motor Group’s first overseas hydrogen fuel cell production hub, has partnered with Air Liquide China to accelerate the development of a hydrogen mobility value chain in China’s rapidly growing clean commercial vehicle sector. According to Hyundai Motor on Monday, the two parties signed a memorandum of understanding at the 9th China International Import Expo 2026 in Shanghai from Thursday to Tuesday. Key executives attended the signing ceremony, including Choi Doo-ha, head

• Shearling boots go knee-high this winter (2026-11-09 04:29)

The fuzzy sheepskin boot that once stopped at the ankle is moving up this winter. Having gone past fad status to become a fixed part of winter wardrobes, shearling footwear now comes in a range of heights, and shoppers are choosing by length as much as by color. Slippers, ankle boots and slip-ons are still selling, but the knee-high boot is the style drawing the most attention this season. The numbers back that up. The Ultra Tall, the longest style yet in Ugg's Classic boot line, passed a 65 per

• Convictions upheld for attempted fire that started with burning Bible (2026-11-09 04:24)

The Seoul High Court upheld a 30-month prison sentence for a Seoul resident who started a fire in a residential building’s hallway by setting a Bible alight, legal sources said Monday. The court upheld the defendant’s convictions for attempting to set fire to a residential building and for a separate assault, finding the lower court’s sentence reasonable. On March 18, the defendant was reading the Bible in the building’s hallway when they took apparently issue with a passage, placed the book on

• KT&G; launches Flex in Kazakhstan, expanding global tobacco business (2026-11-09 04:05)

South Korean tobacco maker KT&G has launched its heated tobacco device Flex and four variants of Faim tobacco sticks in Kazakhstan, expanding its product lineup in Central Asia, the company said Monday. The products, introduced Oct. 30, are locally rebranded versions of its

Lil Aible device and Aiim tobacco sticks sold in South Korea. The products are initially available only in Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest city, but the company plans to gradually expand distribution nationwide. To support the l

• Musinsa to open 100th store; cumulative visits top 100 million (2026-11-09 04:04)

South Korean fashion retailer Musinsa will open its 100th store Wednesday, marking a major milestone in its expansion just five years after launching its first physical location in 2021. The opening of Musinsa Beauty Seongsu in eastern Seoul will bring the retailer's network to 93 stores in South Korea and seven overseas, the company said Monday. Including four Champion outlets it took over in 2025, Musinsa will operate 104 stores in total. Cumulative visits to its physical stores have exceeded

• Hana Bank opens community hub for foreign residents in Gwangju (2026-11-09 04:04)

Hana Bank opened a four-story banking and community hub in Gwangju on Sunday, offering financial services, free medical care and educational programs for foreign residents, the lender said Monday. Named Hana EZ Lounge, the facility occupies a renovated building housing the bank’ s existing Gwangsan branch. It provides banking assistance, healthcare, employment support and cultural activities for foreign residents in Gwangju and the wider Honam region. The first floor houses the Gwangsan branch, w

• Olive Young to expand US presence with five new California stores (2026-11-09 04:04)

CJ Olive Young said Monday it plans to expand its US operations by opening five additional stores in California by the first half of 2027. The company aims to expand its physical store network across the greater Los Angeles area and San Diego, bringing its total number of US stores to seven, including two existing locations. Four of the new stores will be located in the greater LA area. They will open at Spectrum Center in Irvine, Del Amo Fashion Center in the South Bay area, Bloom on 3rd near t

• Half of Korean men in their 30s, 40s classified as obese (2026-11-09 04:04)

More than half of South Korean men in their 30s and 40s were classified as obese in a government analysis released Monday. The analysis, based on the 2025 Community Health Survey, found that obesity rates among men were highest in those two age groups, at 52.1 percent for men in their 30s and 53.1 percent for those in their 40s. Across all age groups, the obesity rate was 42.5 percent for men, nearly twice the 22.9 percent recorded for women. Among men, the rate declined after their 40s. Among w

• Samsung rolls out red carpet for Hyundai Motor executives (2026-11-09 03:49)

Samsung Electronics is bringing together top executives from Hyundai Motor Group for an unprecedented gathering Monday, signaling closer ties between two of South Korea's largest conglomerates as they deepen cooperation in automotive chips, batteries and robotics. The event, called "Appreciation Day," was scheduled for Monday afternoon at Samsung's training

center in Yongin, Gyeonggi Province, according to industry sources. About 170 executives and their spouses were expected to attend. Samsung

• Trump says his deportation policy 'might have been too tough' for voters in the election (2026-11-09 03:17)

US President Donald Trump in his first major interview since his party lost control of the House and Senate in the midterm elections said he thinks his administration was too aggressive on deportations and that he thinks he can work with Democrats in the new Congress on some kind of immigration deal. Trump said his deportation policy was part of the reason Republicans lost, telling CBS’s “60 Minutes” in an interview that aired on Sunday, “I think it might be too tough, yeah.” He added that he th

• Merz says will name Aigner as Germany's first woman president (2026-11-09 03:10)

BERLIN (AFP) -- German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said Sunday he intended to appoint Bavarian politician Ilse Aigner as the country's next president, in 2027, making her the first woman in the post. He made his announcement at a dinner for leaders of his center-right CDU party, confirming information leaked last week by party sources. Aigner, 61, belongs to the CSU, the Bavarian sister party of the CDU. Aigner's nomination by Merz virtually guarantees her election on Jan. 30, as those votings are

• Busan fireworks festival crackdown nets ticket scalpers, beach spot sellers amid price-gouging complaints (2026-11-09 03:10)

Eight people, including a middle school student, were caught scalping tickets and trying to charge visitors for beach viewing spots at Saturday’s Busan Fireworks Festival. The Busan Metropolitan Police Agency said Monday that it carried out the crackdown around Gwangalli Beach, where an estimated 1.2 million people gathered for the festival’s 21st edition. Some of those caught had laid out picnic mats to claim spots on the sand, then offered the spaces for a fee on a secondhand trading app. Two

• New Zealand's new lawmakers start to arrive at parliament as government remains in limbo (2026-11-09 03:09)

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters) -- Dozens of newly elected lawmakers will start to arrive at New Zealand's parliament this week, even as the country faces a weekslong wait to learn who will govern after an election that left the incumbent center-right bloc with a razor-thin lead. Preliminary results gave Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's National Party, ACT New Zealand and New Zealand First 67 seats in a 131-seat parliament, one more than the 66 required for a majority. But almost 400,000 v

• Big Bang halts concert in Bangkok due to heavy rain (2026-11-09 03:08)

Big Bang’s live show in Bangkok, Thailand on Sunday was stopped midway by torrential rain. The trio had a standalone concert at the National Stadium in the Thai capital city on its world

tour, “XX: Cosmos.” The three members braved the rain and carried on, but the storm onlypicked up and eventually brought down some equipment. “Although we promised to keepgoing however much it rains, this is too dangerous,” the artists told the audience bowing theirheads down and offering their apologies. G D

• Taeyeon to return with 4th LP (2026-11-09 02:59)

Taeyeon will return on Nov. 30 with her fourth solo LP “Unspecial,” her label SM Entertainment announced Monday. The forthcoming LP will feature 12 tracks, including the title track, delivering a range of emotions and consolation to listeners. The album comes a year after her compilation set, “Panorama: The Best of Taeyeon,” which marked the tenth year of her solo career. In terms of a full-length album, it will be her first in nearly five years, since her third LP, “INVU,” which swept all major

• KITA's landmark Manhattan tower gets $200m makeover (2026-11-09 02:55)

The Korea International Trade Association is investing $200 million to renovate its landmark Manhattan building, purchased over 50 years ago, into a modern commercial tower in one of New York’s most prestigious business districts. Located at 460 Park Avenue, the 22-story Hahn Kook Center was the first building a Korean institution acquired in Manhattan. KITA, South Korea’s leading business organization, signed the purchase agreement in 1974 for $14.66 million. Built in 1954, the property has hos

• Hyundai Card Vice Chair Chung Tae-young named MoMA honorary trustee (2026-11-09 02:53)

Chung Tae-young, vice chairman of Hyundai Card, has been named an honorary trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the company said Monday. He was named in recognition of his contributions to promoting exchange between the Korean and international art communities and supporting the museum's activities. The honorary trustee title is one of the highest distinctions MoMA bestows on individuals. Recipients are recognized for their expertise and international influence and provide strategic

• Failure feels more unforgiving to young Koreans: study (2026-11-09 02:47)

Young Koreans feel greater anxiety and frustration over failure than older generations, a report showed Monday. According to a nationwide survey of 1,500 adults conducted by KAIST's Failure Research Institute in October 2024, 62.3 percent of Gen Z respondents, born between 1997 and 2012, and 65.3 percent of millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, agreed that people who fail once are viewed as losers in Korean society. The figures were roughly 10 percentage points higher than those among first-g

• Lngshot to gain momentum from Kakao, AMG partnership (2026-11-09 02:35)

Boy group Lngshot is releasing its second EP “Swish” on Tuesday, and the promotion for the upcoming set will be boosted by a joint project between Kakao Entertainment and Atlantic

Music Group, according to Kakao Entertainment on Monday. The two companies are joiningforces for an initiative called “Global K-Pop Super IP” and chose the four-member group asthe first K-pop act to promote in North America. The Korean agency will provide its experiencein K-pop while AMG will help the team to enter

• Crash costs could fall by W3.3b if 1 in 10 elderly drivers give up licenses: study (2026-11-09 02:35)

Voluntary license surrender by older drivers could reduce traffic crashes, lower crash-related costs and curb greenhouse gas emissions, a study using data from Daejeon suggests. The findings come as crashes caused by drivers aged 65 or older are rising in South Korea, even as the overall number of crashes declines. If 1 in 10 license holders aged 65 or older in Daejeon voluntarily gave up their licenses, the city could see about 137 fewer traffic crashes a year, saving about 3.3 billion won ($2.

• PPP leaders gather outside Cheong Wa Dae to protest special counsel bill (2026-11-09 02:33)

Leaders of the main opposition People Power Party gathered outside Cheong Wa Dae on Monday to protest the recent passage of a bill calling for a special counsel investigation into alleged fabricated indictments targeting President Lee Jae Myung and others. The PPP leadership held a Supreme Council meeting outside the presidential office, after the ruling Democratic Party railroaded the bill through a plenary session of the National Assembly on Friday. The legislation calls for appointing an inde

• Poland calls Krakow shooting rampage 'terrorist' attack (2026-11-09 02:33)

KRAKOW, Poland (AFP) -- Poland on Sunday launched a terrorism probe as mourners brought candles and flowers to Krakow's cordoned-off Main Market Square in tribute to six people killed by a gunman who authorities said was "fascinated by far-right ideologies." The 24-year-old Polish man opened fire apparently at random Saturday in the historic center of the country's second city, in what Prime Minister Donald Tusk called an act of "terrorism." UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the sh

• Justice minister nominee cautious on withdrawal of indictments against Lee (2026-11-09 02:32)

Justice Minister nominee Lee Yong-cheol on Monday expressed reservations about nullifying indictments against President Lee Jae Myung following last week's passage of a special counsel bill to investigate allegations of fabricated indictments, including those that currently involve the president. The nominee, who currently serves as head of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration, said the special counsel should focus exclusively on uncovering the truth. He was tapped Friday to become the

• Collision between 2 trains in Egypt kills 7 and injures at least 125 (2026-11-09 02:31)

AL-AYYAT, Egypt (AP) — Two trains collided Sunday south of the Egyptian capital of Cairo, killing seven people and injuring at least 125, authorities said. The train’s conductor was among those killed. The Health Ministry gave the casualty toll, saying in a statement that over 70 of the injured were discharged after receiving treatment. The crash happened in al-Ayyat district in Giza province, about 52 kilometers south of Cairo, when a train traveling to southwestern Fayoum province crashed into

• Apple, Samsung turn to Chinese AI rivals to stay competitive (2026-11-09 02:08)

Apple and Samsung Electronics are increasingly relying on Chinese technology giants to power their artificial intelligence services in China, highlighting a growing dilemma for foreign smartphone makers: Competing in the world's largest smartphone market means depending on local companies that could eventually become AI rivals. Apple's new partnership with Alibaba Group and Samsung's existing collaboration with Baidu reflect the growing importance of Chinese AI technology in a market where stric

• After US midterm rout of Trumpism, world struggles to trust America again (2026-11-09 01:56)

LONDON (AP) — For Joe Reeve, the midterm afterglow faded fast. The London startup founder was among the wave around the Trump-weary world awakening to the stunning news that Americans had sharply rejected President Donald Trump's fist-in-the-eye stewardship of the United States that had started a war with Iran, forged no peace in Ukraine or the Mideast and made gas and food so expensive. Voters, Reeve saw online, had flipped control of both houses of Congress, handing the power to check the pres

• Democrats plan probes of Musk, Miller, corporate America after midterm rout (2026-11-09 01:55)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- Tech mega billionaire Elon Musk and US President Donald Trump's newly appointed White House chief of staff, Stephen Miller, and some large companies will likely be targets of congressional probes when Democrats take control of Congress in January, senior lawmakers said Sunday. In television appearances, US Rep. Robert Garcia of California and US Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, set to lead the House Oversight and Senate Banking committees, vowed aggressive oversig

• Nvidia investigating reports that CEO Jensen Huang was targeted by Chinese intelligence (2026-11-09 01:52)

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nvidia is opening an investigation into reports that CEO Jensen Huang was the “target of a foreign intelligence effort,” the company's board of directors said Sunday. The announcement came after Huang acknowledged to the board that he had been intimate with a business executive whom US intelligence determined was gathering information for Beijing, The New York Times reported. In a letter to Nvidia employees obtained by The Associated Press, Huang said he had been unfaithful

• Hanwha Aerospace to conduct ship-based Chunmoo missile tests in US (2026-11-09 01:33)

Hanwha Aerospace Co. said Monday its US subsidiary plans to conduct two test-firings of missiles from its Chunmoo multiple rocket launcher system in the United States as part of its effort to adapt the land-based system for naval use. The missiles will be launched from a vessel off the southern US coast later this month to assess the system's suitability for shipboard deployment. The tests follow an April agreement between Hanwha Defense USA and Florida-based Magnet Defense to develop a containe

• Illit’s ‘Tick-Tack’ music video exceeds 100m YouTube views (2026-11-09 01:22)

Illit added the music video for “Tick-Tack” to its list of those with more than 100 million views on YouTube, according to agency Belift Lab on Sunday. It is the group’s fourth video to reach the milestone, and it did so right on the heels of the music video for “jellyous.” Its videos for “Magnetic” and “It’s Me” have both amassed over 200 million hits on the platform. “Tick-Tack” is the follow-up track from the group's second EP, “I’ll Like You.” It had clocked 200 million streams on Spotify as

• Top S. Korean golfers set to enter US tour qualifying tournaments (2026-11-09 01:22)

The 2026 seasons for the men's and women's domestic golf tours ended Sunday, but top stars from those circuits are not done playing this year. Some of the big names from the men's KPGA Tour and the women's KLPGA Tour have said they will enter the qualifying tournaments for the PGA and LPGA tours in the United States in December. Shin Sang-hun, by winning the KPGA Tour Player of the Year points race, has earned a bye to the final stage of the PGA Tour's qualifying tournament, colloquially known a

• CJ Olive Young to operate 7 US stores by H1 2027 (2026-11-09 01:19)

CJ Olive Young Corp., South Korea's leading health and beauty retailer, said Monday it plans to operate seven stores in the United States by the first half of 2027. In addition to its two existing stores in Los Angeles, the company plans to open four more outlets in the city and one in San Diego by June 2027, it said in a press release. The expansion of its brick-and-mortar presence is aimed at helping South Korean beauty and lifestyle brands establish a foothold in the US market and expand into

• Late Hyosung honorary chairman receives Korea-US Friendship Award (2026-11-09 01:17)

Hyosung Group said Monday its late honorary chairman, Cho Suck-rai, has been posthumously honored with the 24th Korea-US Friendship Award in recognition of his contributions to strengthening the alliance between South Korea and the United States. Cho played a leading role in promoting international economic exchanges, serving as international president of the Pacific Basin Economic Council in 2002, and heading major business cooperation organizations at home and abroad. He was among the first So

• WDAF 2026 brings global finance leaders to Seoul (2026-11-08 23:01)

Global banking and digital asset leaders will gather in Seoul on Monday for Herald Media Group's inaugural World Digital Assets Forum, where they will explore how blockchain technology, tokenized assets and digital currencies are reshaping the global financial system. Held under the theme "The New Financial Architecture" at The Grand Lotte Seoul, the forum will focus on three major shifts in finance: the tokenization of real-world assets, corporate digital asset treasury strategies and the trans

• [Aziz Huq] Utilizing US midterm tsunami (2026-11-08 20:30)

Imagine, for a moment, that the US midterm elections had not delivered Democratic wins at a generational scale, but merely a trickle of flipped seats — enough, perhaps, to change control of the House of Representatives but not enough for a Senate majority. Is there any doubt that President Donald Trump would embrace such results as a good-enough validation of his often lawless and brutal administration? American democracy skirted a disabling blow. Yet it would be a grave mistake to take a furthe

• [Yoo Choon-sik] Chance to make Yeosu island fair a success (2026-11-08 20:30)

The World Island Fair closed last week after offering exhibitions, performances and various hands-on activities related to the oceans, islands and their ecosystems in and around Yeosu in Jeonnam-Gwangju for two months. Yeosu City said the fair differed from conventional expositions by adopting an experiential, travel-oriented format. The fair attracted attention as a major international event hosted outside the capital following the World Scout Jamboree in Saemangeum, North Jeolla Province, whic

• Riyadh financial district targeted, Aramco skyscraper damaged (2026-11-08 12:25)

An Aramco building in Riyadh was targeted in an "attempted attack", the Saudi energy ministry said on Sunday, with eyewitnesses telling AFP the skyscraper sustained damage, after the Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Houthis said it had intercepted missiles launched by the group. Aramco facilities and infrastructure have been repeatedly struck by the Houthis in recent months, with tankers, refineries, storage areas and the company headquarters all targeted by the group. "Aramco tower in KAFD

• Poles mourn rare mass killing as authorities say attacker had far-right views (2026-11-08 12:20)

Poland began two days of national mourning on Sunday, after a 24-year-old man with far-right views drove into a busy central square in Krakow and opened fire, killing six people and wounding 15 others before police shot and wounded him. The attack, which Poland’s defense minister described as an “act of terror,” happened on Saturday in Main Square, which is in the heart of Krakow’s Old Town and is a major tourist hub in the country’s second-largest city. By evening, mourners had left candles in

• US military officials visit HD Hyundai shipyard to assess shipbuilding capabilities (2026-11-08 11:50)

Senior US Navy and Marine Corps officials have visited South Korean shipbuilding giant HD Hyundai Heavy Industries' shipyard to assess its naval shipbuilding capabilities, photos showed Sunday. Their Nov. 4 visit to the shipyard in the southeastern South Korean city of Ulsan came as Seoul and Washington are jointly seeking to revive the US shipbuilding industry under the MASGA, or "Make American Shipbuilding Great Again," initiative. "The visit brought together senior US Navy and Marine Corps le

• Netanyahu rival given first chance at forming new government (2026-11-08 11:35)

Israel’s president has designated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s main rival, Gadi Eisenkot, as his choice to form the next government. President Isaac Herzog announced his decision late Saturday after days of consultations with the parties elected to parliament on Oct. 27. Herzog’s decision is another blow to Netanyahu, who lost his parliamentary majority in the election. But it does not guarantee that Eisenkot will be the next prime minister. After an official ceremony Sunday, Eisenkot wil

• Taste of Winter: Korea issues first heavy snow advisory of season (2026-11-08 11:23)

South Korea issued its first heavy snow advisory of the autumn season Sunday evening for the mountainous areas of Inje in Gangwon Province. The Korea Meteorological Administration issued the advisory at 7 p.m., warning that more snow could accumulate overnight at higher elevations. A heavy snow advisory is issued when snowfall is expected to reach at least 5 centimeters within 24 hours. As of 7 p.m., Mount Seorak had recorded 3.9 centimeters of snow, followed by 2.6 centimeters in Imnam, Cheorwo

• Gov't weighs W2tr in urgent firefighting aid amid local funding strain (2026-11-08 11:10)

South Korea’s central government and ruling party have agreed to consider providing around 2 trillion won ($1.5 billion) in financial support for urgent, essential firefighting investments, amid growing scrutiny of a funding system that leaves local governments bearing most of the costs. The ruling Democratic Party announced the plan on Sunday following a high-level meeting involving the party, government and presidential office at the prime minister’s official residence in Seoul. “We agreed to

• Vietnam takes baton from Seoul for 2028 gathering of Asia, Oceanian parties (2026-11-08 09:33)

Vietnam will take the baton from Seoul to host the next gathering of ruling and opposition parties from across Asia and Oceania in 2028. The International Conference of Asian Political Parties, a forum bringing together political parties regardless of ideology or political system, concluded two days of plenary sessions at its 13th General Assembly on Friday. The assembly drew representatives of 83 political parties from 36 countries, according to organizers. Jointly hosted by South Korea's rulin

• Osmanthus? Meet Korea's trending seasonal scent (2026-11-08 08:39)

Seoul may have skipped much of fall this year, but the city has found another way to experience the season: through the scent of osmanthus. The sweet, delicate floral fragrance has been gaining popularity in Korea, fueled by travelers returning from Japan, China and Taiwan with osmanthus-scented body care products as souvenirs to remind them of their trips. As travelers shared their discoveries and recommendations, word spread about the fragrance, turning once-obscure products into sought-after

• Lions defeat Wiz for 1st Korean Series title in 12 years (2026-11-08 08:17)

The Samsung Lions are the king of South Korean baseball once again. The Lions hammered the KT Wiz 12-1 in Game 5 of the Korean Series at Daegu Samsung Lions Park in the southeastern city of Daegu on Sunday to close out the best-of-seven battle and capture their first title in 12 years. The Lions blew the game wide open in an eight-run fifth inning before a sellout crowd of 23,550 fans, while starting pitcher Won Tae-in tossed five innings of one-run ball for the victory. Captain Koo Ja-wook went

• N. Korea rolls out its own version of 'cupbap' with over 60 ready-to-eat meals (2026-11-08 07:46)

North Korea is producing more than 60 varieties of ready-to-eat meals resembling South Korea's popular "cupbap," or rice-in-a-cup products, as the regime seeks to showcase advances in its food-processing industry and improvements in people's diets. According to the October edition of "Korea," a monthly propaganda magazine published by North Korea for foreign audiences, the Taedonggang Kumok Instant Rice Factory in Pyongyang's Taedonggang District has developed a diverse lineup of convenience foo

• Online retailers under fire for listing hanbok as hanfu (2026-11-08 07:46)

South Korean shopping platforms including Coupang and Naver carry listings that label hanbok, Korea’s traditional attire, as hanfu, a traditional Chinese style of dress, Sungshin Women’s University professor Seo Kyung-duk said Sunday. In a Facebook post, Seo also named Gmarket and 11st, saying sellers on major Korean marketplaces had used the two terms interchangeably. He called on the platforms to monitor third-party listings and ensure sellers clearly distinguish between the garments. “Hanbok

• Seoul is beginning to look like Christmas (2026-11-08 06:31)

Seoul is hauling out the holly as the city's major department stores unveil seasonal decorations to attract visitors ahead of the holiday. Each retailer is showcasing its take on Christmas, from luxury brand collaborations to elaborate Christmas markets and immersive installations. Many have already set up seasonal displays, transforming store entrances into festive attractions, around 50 days before Christmas amid strong public interest. At Galleria Department Store in Apgujeong, a Christmas tr

• Seoul’s deal with Trump now hinges on two powers in Washington (2026-11-08 06:18)

South Korea’s sweeping deal with US President Donald Trump was already under strain, with investment delays holding back progress on nuclear cooperation. Now, the Democrats’ midterm landslide has introduced another complication for Seoul: a divided Washington that could make both sides of the deal harder to deliver. The November 2025 joint fact sheet brought together $350 billion in South Korean investment, tariff concessions, US backing for nuclear-powered submarines and a path toward civilian

• First-grade class set to fall below 300,000 for first time (2026-11-08 06:05)

No first graders arrived this year at Deungmyeong Elementary School in western Seoul. The school is now facing a merger, and a similar situation is playing out across South Korea, where the smallest incoming class on record is expected to start elementary school next spring. The number of new elementary school students is likely to fall below 300,000 for the first time in 2027, just three years after it dropped below 400,000, based on national birth figures and enrollment data from the Korean Ed

• Fitch sees Korean banks shifting focus from growth to quality (2026-11-08 06:04)

South Korean banks are shifting their focus from aggressive growth to capital efficiency and higher-quality earnings, helping them maintain strong credit profiles despite rising shareholder payouts and government pressure to expand corporate lending, according to Fitch Ratings. " Competition used to focus more on market share and the size of earnings. Now, banks are placing greater emphasis on the quality of earnings," Matt Choi, a director in Fitch's Financial Institutions Group, said in an inte

• Korean brokerages to offer near-24-hour US stock trading from Dec. 6 (2026-11-08 06:00)

South Korean brokerages are set to offer virtually round-the-clock trading in US stocks from Dec. 6, by combining Nasdaq's expanded 23-hour trading schedule with an additional hour through alternative trading platform Blue Ocean. According to financial industry sources, Korean brokerages and the Korea Securities Depository are preparing for the expanded system. The KSD said it would support brokerages by asking its local custodian, Citibank, to strengthen monitoring and ensure smooth settlement,

• CJ’s Miky Lee wins Asian Hall of Fame lifetime honor (2026-11-08 05:50)

CJ Group Vice Chairwoman Miky Lee received the Centennial Medal of Lifetime Achievement at the Asian Hall of Fame ceremony in Los Angeles on Thursday, local time, in recognition of more than three decades of efforts to bring Korean film, music and television to global audiences, CJ ENM said Sunday. The medal that the 68-year-old Korean American businesswoman won recognizes individuals for long-term contributions to the industry, culture and cross-cultural collaboration. “Culture is like oxygen.

• Samsung, LG seek robotics talent overseas as commercialization push grows (2026-11-08 05:40)

Samsung Electronics and LG Electronics are expanding their robotics operations through overseas recruitment, with Samsung focusing on technologies that improve robotic hands and LG building sales and engineering capabilities to supply robot components in North America. The recruitment, detailed in job postings reviewed Sunday, offers a closer look at how the two Korean electronics giants are putting their robotics plans into practice. Samsung's Japanese research subsidiary in Yokohama renewed a

• Badminton queen An Se-young ties record with 11 titles for second straight season (2026-11-08 05:34)

World No. 1 badminton player An Se-young of Samsung Life Insurance made history on home soil Sunday, claiming her 11th title of the season to tie the all-time record for the most tournament victories in a single season for the second consecutive year. An, who boasts a remarkable 98.6 percent winning percentage, defeated Japan's Akane Yamaguchi 2-1 (21-12, 15-21, 21-16) in the women's singles final of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour Super 500 Korea Open at Jinnam Gymnasium in Yeos

• Samsung's Texas chip plant could begin trial runs in December (2026-11-08 04:55)

Samsung Electronics is reportedly preparing to begin trial operations at its new chip foundry in Taylor, Texas, as early as December, ahead of planned mass production next year. The South Korean chipmaker has been installing manufacturing equipment, setting up production lines and conducting performance checks at the facility, according to industry sources Saturday. Trial operations could begin around mid-to-late December. Samsung has not confirmed a date. Samsung Austin Semiconductor, the compa

• Cho heads to G7 as Cheonghae Unit expansion puts Hormuz, US security talks in focus (2026-11-08 04:44)

Foreign Minister Cho Hyun departed for France on Sunday to attend a Group of Seven foreign ministers' meeting, with attention turning to whether he will meet US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to discuss South Korea's expanded naval mission near the Strait of Hormuz and stalled bilateral security consultations. A meeting between the two top diplomats would come just days after Seoul moved to expand the operational area of its Cheonghae Unit, a naval contingent traditionally tasked with anti-pirac

• Man in 40s critically injured after hot water pipe bursts in Seoul (2026-11-08 04:44)

A man in his 40s suffered burns over 60 percent of his body after falling into a hole created by a ruptured underground heating pipe in western Seoul, authorities said Sunday. The accident occurred around 1 a.m. Saturday on a road near an apartment complex in Magok-dong, Gangseo-gu, Seoul. The area had been cordoned off while repair work was underway after the pipe ruptured at 8:18 p.m. Friday. Surveillance footage obtained by YTN shows the man

approaching the site, stepping over a rope barrier

• Regular employment rises among older workers in Q3, falls among youth (2026-11-08 04:42)

More than 70 percent of the increase in regular employees in South Korea in the third quarter came from workers aged 60 and older, while the figure for workers in their 20s and 30s declined, the statistics ministry said Sunday. The number of regular workers came to 16.84 million in the July-September period, up 167,628 from a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Data and Statistics. While those in their 60s and older made up less than 14 percent of all regular employees, the number of work

• Gunman opens fire in Polish market square (2026-11-08 04:25)

Six people were killed and at least 15 wounded on Saturday when a gunman opened fire in the landmark historic center of Poland's second city of Krakow, in the country's deadliest shooting in decades. Three bodies -- of two women and a man -- were later found at the suspect's home, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said, adding there was "much to suggest that they are members of the (suspect's) immediate family." Tusk also announced Poland would hold two days of mourning over the shooting that he

• Over 70 and in sync: Busan grandmas debut as trot girl group (2026-11-08 04:15)

Eight women who have spent decades working in Busan's fishing villages have formed a trot group, turning their stories into a song. The Moon-o-seong Trot Girls, made up of women born between 1950 and 1956, have released their debut song, "Story of Moon-o-seong," which draws on their experiences in eastern Busan's coastal villages. Moon-o-seong refers to five towns — Mundong, Munseo, Munsang, Munjung and Munha — in Illgwang-eup, Gijang-gun in eastern Busan. "The dreaming sea, seaweed and kelp, fu

• Unchild returns with ‘Ting Ting’ after unexpected delay (2026-11-08 04:15)

Rookie girl group Unchild has returned nearly seven months after its April debut, following an unexpected postponement that left its future uncertain. The group released its second single, “Ting Ting,” on Thursday, marking its first new music since debuting with “We Are Unchild” in April. The release had originally been scheduled for Sept. 2, but agency High Up Entertainment abruptly postponed it on Aug. 24, citing “internal circumstances at the company.” The announcement came after promotional

• Tomato virus that spreads by touch detected in Busan (2026-11-08 04:00)

A virus that can severely damage tomatoes and peppers has been detected in greenhouse crops in Busan, the city’s Agricultural Technology Center said Sunday, urging growers to limit contact between farms. The pathogen, known as the tomato brown rugose fruit virus, or ToBRFV, is subject to plant quarantine controls in South Korea. It affects tomatoes and peppers, including bell peppers and chili peppers. Infected tomatoes can develop brown spots and wrinkled

patches, and the fruit may ripen uneven

• Heavy rains leave tens of thousands without shelter in Gaza: local authorities (2026-11-08 03:44)

Heavy rain on Saturday flooded tens of thousands of displaced people's tents in war-devastated Gaza, Palestinian authorities said, leaving them without shelter. In a statement, the Hamas-run government media office said that about "70,000 tents sheltering tens of thousands of displaced people were flooded on the first day" of rains. It also noted the "collapse of dozens of cracked walls and roofs, which caused injuries," some critical, in various areas of the tiny territory. Since early Saturday

• New mass protests in France as police seek to thwart banned rally (2026-11-08 03:42)

Tens of thousands of people were set to protest across France Saturday in a new show of anger against the government with Paris police imposing strict security to prevent an unauthorized gathering close to the Elysee Palace. The protests mark the fourth weekend in a row of demonstrations, which have burst on the scene as the country tilts toward presidential elections in five months' time in which the far right sees its best chance yet to win power. Authorities expected up to 170,000 people to p

• US military says it fired on commercial vessel in Gulf of Oman after it attempted to breach blockade (2026-11-08 03:41)

JERUSALEM (AP) — US Central Command said late Saturday it disabled a St. Kitts-flagged ship after it ignored multiple warnings and attempted to leave the region after visiting an Iranian port. US forces have been enforcing a naval blockade on Iran for months in and around the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial strategic waterway for global shipping, including of oil. The last confirmed US strike on a cargo vessel was nearly a month ago in the Gulf of Oman. Saturday’s disclosure comes in the wake of at

• Israel president taps Eisenkot to form new government (2026-11-08 03:38)

Israel's president announced Saturday he would task Gadi Eisenkot with forming the next government following an election, in what Netanyahu's rivals see as a first step to remove the country's longest-serving prime minister. The opposition bloc led by Eisenkot, a former military chief and political newcomer who has tried to appeal to secular and liberal Israelis, has opened the door to a once improbable alliance with ultra-Orthodox Jews, which could give it the numbers to form a coalition. Presi

• Trump asks UFC's Dana White to be press secretary (2026-11-08 03:37)

US President Donald Trump said Saturday that he has offered the job of White House press secretary to his friend and UFC boss Dana White, an announcement unconventional even for the norm-busting president and one that nobody in the White House immediately confirmed. Trump, while he was at his golf club in Florida, posted on social media that he made the offer to

“the Great Dana White, a violent Fighter and Warrior” to become the Republican president's chief spokesperson. Trump said he requested

• Seoul records first snowfall, 26 days earlier than last year (2026-11-08 03:24)

Seoul recorded its first snowfall of the season on Sunday, according to the Korea Meteorological Administration. The first snow was observed at 10 a.m. at a weather station in Songwol-dong, Jongno-gu, the weather agency said. It was 26 days earlier than last year and 12 days ahead of the seasonal average. The official date of Seoul's first snowfall is based on observations at weather stations, rather than by when it is first seen by residents. Early November snowfall is not unprecedented in Seou

• ‘Possible Love’ tops Netflix in Korea through weekend (2026-11-08 03:14)

Korean Netflix viewers aren't exactly known for their taste for three-hour-long slow-burners. Lee Chang-dong is one filmmaker who can get them to watch one. The art house auteur's latest, " Possible Love," rose to No. 1 on the streamer's local movie chart within hours of its release at 5 p.m. Friday and has stayed there since. As of Sunday morning, the film remained atop the "Top 10 Movies in South Korea Today" list. Netflix updates the chart daily for each country where it operates. All subscrib

• [World Class] Ewha seeks global edge through women’s leadership, research (2026-11-08 02:37)

Behind each university’s global ambitions are choices about what to preserve, what to develop and where to go next. In “World Class,” The Korea Herald interviews leaders of Korean universities about the strengths they are cultivating and the futures they envision. — Ed. For Ewha Womans University President Lee Hyang-sook, internationalization is not a new direction for a university founded by an American missionary 140 years ago. “We sometimes joke that Ewha was a ‘born-to-be international unive

• Will imported water bottles also be label-free? (2026-11-08 02:32)

South Korea is reviewing whether to extend its label-free requirement for domestically produced bottled mineral water to imports. The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment recently met with bottled water importers to seek feedback on whether they could switch to bottles without wraparound plastic labels, according to Yonhap News Agency Sunday. The ministry described the meeting as part of routine industry consultations that covered several issues and said it had yet to decide whether to ex

• Lee Hae-in wins bronze at season's first senior Grand Prix event with triple axel (2026-11-08 02:25)

South Korean figure skater Lee Hae-in of Korea University won the bronze medal in the women's singles competition at her first International Skating Union (ISU) senior Grand Prix event of the season. Lee earned 143.30 points in the free skate at the Cup of China, the third

event of the 2026-27 ISU Grand Prix series, held Saturday at the Shenzhen Universiade Center in Shenzhen, China. She received 76.77 points for technical elements and 66.53 for program components. Combined with her short progra

• Lee Jae-sung has goal ruled out as Kim Min-jae remains on bench in Bayern victory (2026-11-08 02:18)

South Korean national team midfielder Lee Jae-sung of Mainz 05 had a goal ruled out against Bundesliga powerhouse Bayern Munich, while compatriot Kim Min-jae remained on the bench, preventing a head-to-head encounter between the two players. Lee started Saturday's home match against Bayern in the ninth round of the 2026-27 Bundesliga season at MEWA Arena in Mainz, Germany, and played until the 63rd minute, when he was replaced by Paul Nebel. Lee, who was an unused substitute against Elversberg o

• Gentle Monster to open US preorders for AI glasses (2026-11-08 02:03)

South Korean eyewear brand Gentle Monster will open US preorders for its first AI-powered smart glasses, developed in partnership with Samsung Electronics and Google, on Thursday, ahead of a planned December release. The company unveiled a teaser Friday for its Intelligent Eyewear campaign film starring Hollywood actor Joaquin Phoenix and directed by Jonathan Glazer, known for "The Zone of Interest" and "Under the Skin." The full film is scheduled for release later this month. The teaser follows

• LG Electronics secures industry-first top safety certification for automotive module (2026-11-08 02:01)

LG Electronics said Sunday that its vehicle communications control module had received the highest automotive functional safety rating, becoming the first in the industry to achieve the certification for the component. The South Korean tech giant said the module earned Automotive Safety Integrity Level D certification under the ISO 26262 international standard from global testing and certification organization TUV Rheinland. ISO 26262 sets safety requirements for electrical and electronic system

• Kakao X's growth outlook takes shape ahead of split (2026-11-08 01:35)

Kakao is highlighting stronger earnings and new business opportunities across its content, mobility and financial technology affiliates as it prepares to split into two companies, seeking to build investor confidence in the growth prospects of its investment-focused entity, Kakao X. The three businesses will form the core of Kakao X, which will manage affiliate stakes and investments after the planned February 2027 split. The newly established Kakao AI will take over KakaoTalk, advertising, comm

• US calls for coordinated action against N. Korean cyber threats following Binance hack (2026-11-08 01:26)

The United States on Saturday called for international cooperation to combat North Korea's illicit cyber activities following a massive cryptocurrency theft involving Binance. "Particularly in light of the recent hack of Binance, it is critical for governments to work together and do their own part to mitigate the DPRK cyber threat and curb illicit DPRK revenue generation," a State Department spokesperson told Yonhap News Agency in a written response. DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Repu

- New elementary school enrollment to drop below 300,000 for 1st time amid low birth rate (2026-11-08 01:24)

The number of children entering elementary schools in South Korea is expected to fall below 300,000 for the first time next year amid the country's low birth rate, data showed Sunday. The number of first graders, born in 2020, entering elementary school for the 2027 academic year, is expected to fall short of 300,000, just three years after dropping below the 400,000 mark, according to data compiled by the Korean Statistical Information Service and the Korean Educational Development Institute. T

- Musk's futuristic Cybertruck rolls toward exit (2026-11-08 01:24)

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Production of Cybertrucks -- the pickups hailed by enthusiasts as a symbol of Elon Musk's futuristic ambitions and equally hated as ugly reminders of the Donald Trump era -- will wind down, the Tesla CEO said Friday. Tesla will stop building the truck at its Texas factory around the middle of 2027 to free up space for its Cybercab robotaxi, Musk said. " Tesla will be winding down production of the Cybertruck at Gigafactory Texas around the middle of next year to make room for

- Fed policymakers consider rate hike after strong jobs report (2026-11-08 01:24)

A stronger-than-expected US jobs report bolstered the case for further Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, which had lost some momentum amid a post-election stock market selloff and growing fears that weaker AI-driven demand could undercut the economy. Employers added 165,000 jobs last month, more than twice what economists had expected, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Friday, and the unemployment rate ticked down to 4.1 percent. Average hourly wages gained 3.1 percent from a year earlier,

- At Nam June Paik Art Center, four artists pick up the satellite signal (2026-11-08 00:38)

Seoul and Sao Paulo sit almost exactly on opposite sides of the globe, 12 hours apart on the clock, but ours is an age in which even half a planet's worth of distance amounts to just a few taps on a phone. The everyday wonder of instant, borderless connectivity is at the heart of " Hyundai Translocal Series: Via Satellite — Moon, Echo, Mosquitoes, and Memes," which opened Thursday at the Nam June Paik Art Center in Yongin, south of Seoul. The show grew out of three years of long-distance collabor

- Nvidia CEO's daughter cancels planned visit to S. Korea: sources (2026-11-07 13:29)

A planned visit to South Korea by Madison Huang, a senior director at Nvidia Corp. and the daughter of CEO Jensen Huang, has been abruptly canceled, sources said Saturday. The younger Huang had planned to visit South Korea on Sunday to attend the "Nvidia AI Day Seoul 2026" event, set for Monday and Tuesday at the COEX exhibition center in southern Seoul, and meet with South Korean government officials. But her scheduled trip was abruptly called off due to " family issues," the sources said, witho

• Court approves arrest of Eunpyeong stalking-murder suspect (2026-11-07 12:09)

A Seoul court on Saturday issued an arrest warrant for a man in his 60s accused of murdering his ex-girlfriend in Eunpyeong-gu, citing the risk of flight. Seoul Western District Court Judge Park Seok-keun granted the warrant following a pre-trial detention hearing for the suspect. He faces murder charges for killing the victim, a woman in her 70s, at his residence in Bulgwang-dong on Thursday. Appearing for the hearing earlier in the day, the suspect remained silent as reporters asked him with q

• Court issues arrest warrant for woman accused of stabbing doctor at hospital (2026-11-07 11:25)

A Seoul court on Saturday issued a warrant to formally arrest a woman for allegedly stabbing and injuring a doctor at Severance Hospital in western Seoul. The Seoul Western District Court issued the warrant for the woman in her 50s on charges of attempted murder, citing the risk of flight. The woman was apprehended Wednesday after allegedly stabbing a psychiatry professor with a knife at Severance Hospital. The doctor sustained injuries to his face and hand. Arriving in court for an arrest warra

• Lee hails Korea’s first persimmon export to China in 17 years (2026-11-07 10:30)

President Lee Jae Myung pledged to actively back the opening of new export markets to boost the agricultural industry, following South Korea’ first persimmon shipment to China after 17 years of negotiations. Writing on social media platform X Saturday, Lee highlighted that Korean persimmons are making their entry into the Chinese market. Lee said, “Expanding the export footprint beyond Southeast Asia to China creates fresh opportunities for local agricultural communities… Diversifying export des

• Posco union votes down tentative wage agreement (2026-11-07 09:52)

Posco union has voted down a tentative wage agreement reached with management for this year, leaving both sides in a stalemate in the monthslong negotiations. Posco labor union -- affiliated with the Federation of Korean Metalworkers’ Unions under the Federation of Korean Trade Unions -- said Saturday that the proposal was rejected in a union vote, with 51.69 percent voting against it. Labor and management had reached the tentative deal on Oct. 30 following a series of intense talks. The propose

• North Korea-China strengthen ties with 3rd high-level meeting (2026-11-07 09:25)

Kim Song-nam, director of the international affairs department of the Workers' Party of Korea, has held a series of high-level meetings in Beijing, signaling a push to deepen strategic ties between the two countries. According to North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency, Kim met with Liu Haixing, minister of the international department of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing on Friday. During his meeting with Liu, Kim outlined k

• Trump names Stephen Miller new White House chief of staff after midterm defeat (2026-11-07 08:28)

US President Donald Trump announced Friday that he will replace White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles with Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller, three days after Republicans suffered a crushing defeat at the midterm elections. Trump said in a post on Truth Social that Miller, one of his closest aides, will assume the position Monday. "I am pleased to announce that Mr. Stephen Miller, the current Deputy Chief of Staff of the Trump Administration, and one of my most trusted advisors, will become

• [Photo News] Black Eagles soar over Busan (2026-11-07 08:25)

South Korea's Air Force aerobatic team, the Black Eagles, held an air show on Saturday to celebrate the 21st Busan Fireworks Festival. Held at Gwangalli Beach, Busan, at 4 p.m., the show lasted for 10 minutes, kicking off the festivities ahead of the main event. The official fireworks program runs from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. across Gwangalli Beach, Igidae and Dongbaek Island. The main event opens with an international showcase featuring designs from a renowned Chinese fireworks team, followed by the s

• UN chief calls for restoration of inter-Korean communication channels amid DMZ tensions (2026-11-07 07:57)

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for the restoration of communication channels between South and North Korea amid concerns over a potential escalation of tensions across the border. "The Secretary-General remains concerned about the situation in the Korean Peninsula, including potential escalation of tensions across the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)," United Nations spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said during a regular press briefing Thursday. Dujarric said that Guterres encourages rel

• Labor Minister vows "zero tolerance" on repeated workplace accidents (2026-11-07 07:17)

Labor Minister Kim Young-hoon on Saturday called for strict scrutiny of companies where similar types of serious industrial accidents recur, stepping up pressure on corporate workplace safety. Speaking at an emergency meeting attended by the heads of 49 regional labor offices across the country, Kim outlined key measures to strengthen workplace safety governance and enforce accident prevention protocols. Under the directive, regional authorities will substantially step up post-inspection monitor

• Korean retailers follow tourist boom beyond Seoul (2026-11-07 07:00)

Korean retailers no longer treat Seoul as the only game in town. More are fanning out to regional cities, especially Busan, where a tourism surge opens new ground for growth. By late October, Korea had already topped last year’ s record count of foreign visitors, and many now land outside Seoul to begin with. According to the Korea Airports Corp., arrivals at regional airports climbed about 37 percent to roughly 3.24 million in the first nine months, outpacing the 17.3 percent rise at capital-are

• Take the slow train (2026-11-07 07:00)

Forget the KTX. The high-speed train is a fast way to get around the country, but there are other, more scenic rail options that let passengers fully take in their surroundings. The beauty of these sightseeing trains comes from their slowness. While the KTX takes you across the country at break-neck speed, the V-train winds through the mountains at speeds as low as 20 kilometers per hour. Other trains take passengers along the coast, giving travelers more options to enjoy autumn colors as the ai

• Seoul hotel buffets hike year-end prices (2026-11-07 07:00)

A buffet bill for a family of four could approach 1 million won this Christmas, as major hotels raise their prices ahead of the year-end holiday season. Buffet prices are climbing by as much as 13.6 percent from the same period last year, with luxury hotels citing rising operating costs and demand for premium dining experiences. Operating expenses such as sourcing premium ingredients and labor are driving the price increases. Imported ingredients, including lobsters and bluefin tuna, add further

• Butter is having a moment in Korea (2026-11-07 07:00)

Good butter comes from good milk — a principle that has shaped French baking traditions for centuries and is now finding new ground in Korean cuisine. Butter has become a staple of Korea's growing dessert scene, with locally adapted creations such as salt bread and butter tteok drawing long lines of customers, including international visitors. As interest in butter grows, more consumers are paying attention to its quality and seeking other ingredients to pair it with to improve their gastronomic

• Paws on the yoga mat (2026-11-07 07:00)

Sometimes, what dogs offer people is much greater than what people can offer them. Rows of yoga mats are laid out neatly, but soon a dozen puppies bring some mischief to the scene as they run over the mats and crawl under yogis' legs. Most participants have stopped following the instructor. Some pause to pet the dogs, while others offer their laps to the curious visitors. Everyone is smiling. "I'm used to doing yoga on my own," the instructor joked midway through the class. For around 70 minutes

• Art Taipei chief seeks to connect Asia's collectors across borders (2026-11-07 07:00)

Korea Herald correspondent TAIPEI, Taiwan — As Korean galleries expand their presence at Art Taipei, Claudia Chen, chairperson of the Taiwan Art Gallery Association, is seeking to connect Asia's art markets through exchanges among collectors, believing that greater exposure to different artists and art communities can help cultivate new buyers. To that end, Chen has helped develop The Collector Circle, an initiative connecting Art Taipei, Kiaf Seoul and Art Jakarta through exchanges among collec

• Personal info of some 39,000 leaked from Mirae Asset Securities (2026-11-07 06:49)

The personal information of some 39,000 customers and employees has been leaked from Mirae Asset Securities Co., the country's leading brokerage house, the securities firm said Saturday. According to Mirae Asset Securities, the account numbers of some 3,800 customers and the personal information of over 35,000 current and former employees, as well as contractors, were leaked. The South Korean brokerage said unauthorized external access occurred Wednesday and Thursday, targeting its mobile web ph

• Musk celebrates Tesla’s top market spot in Korea (2026-11-06 12:02)

Tesla CEO Elon Musk celebrated the automaker’s continued dominance in South Korea’s fiercely competitive imported car market. On Friday, Musk reposted an image of the Korean national flag Taegeukgi modified to feature Tesla’s “T” logo. Writing “Tesla Korea” above the shared post, Musk highlighted data showing the US EV maker maintained its top spot among imported car brands for the ninth consecutive month. The original post noted that Tesla registered 9,165 vehicles in October -- a 110.7 percent

• Kia to invest W3tr to build new EV facility in Gwangju (2026-11-06 11:49)

Kia said Friday that it would invest 3 trillion won ($2.21 billion) in a new electric-vehicle production facility at AutoLand Gwangju, transforming the plant into a strategic mobility base. Running through 2029, the investment is part of Hyundai Motor Group’s broader commitment announced in November 2025 to inject 125.2 trillion won into domestic operations over five years. The new funding will expand the Gwangju plant's manufacturing line beyond internal combustion engine models into a primary

• China's Chery to recall 53,882 cars over rear-axle welding defect (2026-11-06 10:41)

Chery will recall 53,882 vehicles starting later this month over a manufacturing defect in the rear axle, China's market regulator said on Friday. The recall, covering Tiggo 5x and Omoda models produced between June 2022 and December 2023, stems from a rear-axle welding defect that could, in extreme cases, lead to loss of wheel control and increase crash risks, according to a company filing with the market regulator. Chery's Chair Yin Tongyue has publicly apologised over quality

• GOPAX suspends withdrawals following hacking threats (2026-11-06 10:32)

South Korean cryptocurrency exchange GOPAX said Friday it had suspended withdrawals as an emergency measure following hacking threats. The exchange said it halted withdrawals at 2:55 p.m. and was transferring most of the assets held in its so-called hot wallets to cold wallets, which are not connected to the internet. The precautionary measure was taken in response to hacking threats, and no actual loss of assets had been reported, GOPAX said. The South Korean financial sector has recently been

- Veteran tax investigator named new head of S. Korea's tax agency (2026-11-06 10:18)

Ahn Duk-su, tapped to lead South Korea's National Tax Service (NTS) on Friday, is widely regarded as a veteran tax investigator with extensive experience in tax administration and protecting taxpayers' rights. Ahn, 55, began his career in public service after passing the national civil service examination in 1996 and has since built a decadeslong career in tax administration, according to the presidential office. He has headed the NTS' Seoul Regional Office since July. Until June 2021, he oversa

- Assembly passes bill to probe alleged fabricated indictments by prosecutors under Yoon (2026-11-06 09:20)

A contested bill passed Friday that will allow investigations into alleged politically motivated actions by prosecutors under former President Yoon Suk Yeol against President Lee Jae Myung, former President Moon Jae-in and other figures. The bill, pushed by the ruling Democratic Party of Korea, passed with 167 votes in favor and one against. Of the 300 members of the National Assembly, 168 lawmakers were present, as the main opposition People Power Party boycotted the vote. The investigation wil

- Temu survey finds 9 in 10 Korean sellers report growth (2026-11-06 08:32)

More than nine in 10 Korean sellers on Temu say their businesses have improved since joining the online marketplace, according to a recent company survey. Of the more than 100 local sellers Temu polled in August, 91 percent reported gains, led by higher sales at 58 percent and new customer groups at 47 percent. Respondents also cited reduced excess inventory, better cash flow management and lower operating costs. Most respondents were small operators, with 85 percent employing fewer than 50 peop

- Incheon Airport steps up security amid bomb threats in Europe (2026-11-06 08:18)

Police at the Incheon Airport said Friday that they have stepped up security in light of the series of bomb threats targeting over a dozen flights in Europe. Officials said there had been no threat of terrorism, but they are staying vigilant by monitoring overseas cases and maintaining security protocols. "We are on constant guard all year, regardless of bomb threats targeting planes, for the safety of the passengers," an official of the airport police was quoted as saying. Airport police are tr

• Samyang Foods on track to hit W3tr in revenue as Buldak fires up US, China growth (2026-11-06 08:10)

Samyang Foods' quarterly operating profit hit a record high in the July-September period, jumping nearly 50 percent on-year on robust Buldak sales in the US and China and putting the company within reach of 3 trillion won ($2.2 billion) in annual revenue. In a regulatory filing Friday, the company reported preliminary third-quarter revenue of a record 791.8 billion won, up 25.3 percent from a year earlier. Operating profit jumped 49.9 percent to 196.2 billion won. With cumulative revenue of 2.28

• Former West Point cadet sued for drugging girlfriend, forcing abortion (2026-11-06 07:53)

A former West Point cadet of Korean descent who pleaded guilty to secretly drugging his pregnant girlfriend before forcing abortion pills into her body without her consent in 2022 was sued last week over the incident, news reports said Friday. The woman, identified as "Jane Doe" in court filings, filed a civil lawsuit against Caleb T. Suh in New York Supreme Court on Oct. 28, alleging assault and battery and seeking damages. Suh is the son of Dr. Ryung Suh, chief of staff at the Washington, D.C.

• Korean YouTuber 'Jin's Travel' dies in hit-and-run during Bolivia cycling trip (2026-11-06 07:49)

South Korean travel YouTuber Cho Jin-woo, known as "Jin's Travel," died Wednesday in a hit-and-run accident in Bolivia. He was 33. Cho was riding his bicycle in El Alto early that morning when he was struck by a large cargo truck, according to news reports. The truck driver reportedly fled the scene but was arrested by police several hours later. He told police he had not seen Cho on his bicycle. A breath alcohol test showed no alcohol in his system. Since launching his YouTube channel in 2020,

• 25-ton truck crashes into overpass sound barrier (2026-11-06 07:49)

Three people were injured Thursday evening after a 25-metric-ton cargo truck crashed into a sound barrier on an overpass in Anyang, Gyeonggi Province, according to news reports Friday. Police said the accident occurred around 7 p.m. when the truck, traveling in the rightmost lane of a four-lane road, struck a guardrail near the entrance to Pyeongchon Interchange before colliding with a passenger car entering the expressway. The truck then veered to the right and crashed into a sound barrier. The

• Kospi plunges 6% amid brutal AI sell-off (2026-11-06 07:48)

Fears of tighter regulation on AI data center investments after the US midterm elections have rattled markets, sending South Korea's benchmark Kospi below the 5,000 mark at one point during intraday trading Friday. According to the Korea Exchange, the index closed at 5,059.69, down 6.02 percent from the previous session. It plunged 8.78 percent to an intraday low of 4,911.28 shortly after the opening bell, triggering a circuit breaker and a sell-sidecar in quick succession before recovering slig

• Hybe defends NewJeans' contracts amid scrutiny over leaked agreements (2026-11-06 07:24)

Ador and its parent company Hybe defended NewJeans' exclusive contracts on Friday following a US media investigation that raised questions about protections for minors, financial penalties and restrictions imposed on the members. The response came after The New York Times published an investigation Thursday examining contracts signed in 2022, when all five NewJeans members were minors. The report raised concerns about termination penalties, surveillance, the use of artists' voices and likenesses

• DAPA chief tapped as justice minister (2026-11-06 07:14)

Lee Yong-cheol, the current head of South Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration, was nominated as justice minister Friday, marking his second appointment to a senior government post under President Lee Jae Myung. Born in June 1960 in Sunchang, North Jeolla Province, the 66-year-old nominee graduated from Yonsei University with a law degree in 1982 and passed the national bar examination in 1989. Lee's ties to the presidential office date back to the Roh Moo-hyun administration, a pr

• Seoul stocks crash for 2nd day on AI rout after US midterms (2026-11-06 07:07)

Seoul stocks sank for the second consecutive session on Friday amid fears that a Democratic Congress could decelerate the pace of data center construction for artificial intelligence. The Korean won was trading sharply lower against the US dollar. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index closed down 324.11 points, or 6.02 percent, at 5,059.69, falling as low as 4,911.28. On Thursday, the index plunged over 5 percent. The index had plummeted over 8 percent right after the opening bell, tri

• US data center backlash clouds outlook for Korean power makers (2026-11-06 06:43)

Growing voter opposition to data center construction across the US, reflected in the midterm election results, is putting pressure on South Korean power equipment makers that have been counting on the region’s AI infrastructure boom. Of 41 local ballot measures related to data center construction across 10 US states, 28 proposed restrictions ranging from construction bans to temporary moratoriums and stricter regulations, according to Ballotpedia. Locals have raised concerns over electricity cos

• K-beauty shines globally, but big players face growing pains (2026-11-06 06:13)

Korean beauty’s export boom shows no signs of slowing, with shipments through September nearly matching last year’s total. But third-quarter earnings at the industry’s biggest players paint a less rosy picture. APR, Korea’s most valuable beauty company worth roughly 10 trillion won ($7.35 billion), led the pack. It doubled its third-quarter sales to a record 773.1 billion won and lifted operating profit 69 percent to 160.6 billion won, with overseas markets supplying 94 percent of revenue. Despi

• Coupang granted suspension for W201b penalty related to collecting user information (2026-11-06 06:12)

The Seoul Administrative Court on Friday granted Coupang a stay of execution for the 201.16 billion won penalty surcharge levied for the unauthorized collection of online user activities. It denied the suspension requested for the much larger penalty imposed directly for the massive data breach last year. The court accepted the e-commerce giant's request to temporarily suspend the penalty imposed by the Personal Information Protection Commission, allowing a 30-day suspension from the day the rul

• S. Korea, Timor-Leste agree to deepen ties (2026-11-06 05:52)

President Lee Jae Myung met with Timor-Leste President Jose Ramos-Horta in Seoul on Friday, with the two leaders agreeing to deepen bilateral cooperation in economic development, security and other areas. The summit at Cheong Wa Dae marked the first official visit by a Timor-Leste president since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 2002. Welcoming Ramos-Horta, Lee highlighted the two countries' shared experiences of overcoming historical adversity and defending peace and democr

• Mingles, Onjium climb World's 50 Best ranks as Korean dining gains ground (2026-11-06 05:44)

Korean fine dining climbed further up the global rankings this year. Two Seoul restaurants and a Korean tasting counter in New York all rose on The 50 Best Restaurants 2026 list. Mingles, the three-Michelin-starred restaurant led by chef Kang Min-goo, ranked No. 17, up from No. 29 last year. It is the highest-ranked restaurant in Korea. Onjium, a Korean fine dining restaurant in Jongno-gu, central Seoul, entered the top 50 at No. 41 after ranking No. 57 last year. The ranking was announced Wedne

• Social media buzzes about stocking up survival kits, but how much preparation is necessary? (2026-11-06 05:43)

Posts showing people stocking up on bottled water, food and survival supplies amid fears of war are gaining traction on social media, prompting others to wonder whether they should do the same. One user shared a shopping list that included 72 liters of bottled water, 80 packs of instant rice and 40 packets of instant noodles, along with a portable gas stove, emergency radio and power banks. Others reported purchasing gas masks, water purification tablets, protective helmets and portable toilets.

• 9 out of 10 suspects of public weapon possession not arrested: report (2026-11-06 05:41)

Only 10.3 percent of the individuals investigated for possessing illegal weapons in public areas have been placed under detention, National Police Agency data showed Friday, raising concerns over law enforcement's capacity to prevent incidents like last month's stabbing spree in Incheon. Since the Criminal Act clause was implemented on April 8, 2025, the number of people accused of possessing illegal weapons in public has reached 1,164 as of August. Of these cases,

only 120 were formally arreste

• 7 out of 10 'multicultural' marriages in Korea involve foreign wives (2026-11-06 05:32)

More than 70 percent of multicultural marriages in South Korea last year involved foreign wives and Korean husbands, and husbands in over one-third of such unions were at least a decade older than their wives, government data showed Friday. According to the Ministry of Data and Statistics, marriages between Korean men and foreign women accounted for 71.4 percent of the country's 21,399 multicultural marriages in 2025, while marriages between Korean women and foreign men made up 18.9 percent. The

• Woori, MSCI chiefs discuss climate and AI (2026-11-06 05:20)

Woori Financial Group Chairman Yim Jong-yong met Henry Fernandez, chairman and chief executive of global index provider MSCI, in Seoul on Thursday to discuss climate change and artificial intelligence's impact on finance. The meeting at Woori's headquarters covered financial firms' responses to both trends, as the Korean banking group expands financing for companies' low-carbon transition and adopts AI to streamline lending assessments. Woori targets 100 trillion won ($73.7 billion) in environme

• World Bank taps 2nd Korean vice president (2026-11-06 05:20)

The World Bank Group named former Asian Development Bank executive Um Woo-chong to lead its new accountability body, making him the second South Korean appointed to a vice-presidential post at the group. Um will take office Jan. 18 as vice president and director general of the Independent Accountability Mechanism, South Korea's Finance and Economy Ministry said Friday. The group announced his appointment Wednesday. The new body will handle complaints from communities affected by World Bank Group

• Hana Financial holds first meeting with mom-and-pop investors (2026-11-06 05:11)

Hana Financial Group held its first-ever meeting with individual shareholders to discuss its plans to enhance corporate value and expand shareholder returns. The meeting took place Thursday at Place1 in Samseong-dong, southern Seoul, with around 30 individual shareholders in attendance. The event marked an expansion of the group's investor relations activities, which had previously focused mainly on overseas and institutional investors. Park Jong-moo, Hana Financial's executive vice president an

• Record-breaking El Nino raises prospect of warmer, wetter winter in Korea (2026-11-06 04:36)

The strongest El Nino on record is expected to affect the Korean Peninsula throughout winter, bringing milder and wetter conditions, the Korea Meteorological Administration said Friday. The El Nino, which started in May, is expected to strengthen the flow of warm and humid air toward Korea, potentially bringing higher temperatures and more precipitation through December. However, weather conditions could change sharply as cold air temporarily moves into the

country in January, the KMA said. El N

• Gen.G, T1 keep Korea's Worlds title hopes alive (2026-11-06 04:34)

South Korea's hopes of winning the 2026 League of Legends World Championship rest on Gen.G and T1 as the tournament enters its final stages in the US. Gen.G advanced to the semifinals Thursday after defeating North America's Lyon 3-0 in the quarterfinals in Allen, Texas, extending its unbeaten run at this year's tournament. The team had advanced through the Swiss Stage without losing a series. The stage features 16 teams matched against opponents with similar win-loss records. Three victories ar

• Jennie’s latest hot springs getaway is closer to home than it looks (2026-11-06 04:30)

A khaki bikini and a private garden framed by dark stone and trees. The recent photos that Jennie of Blackpink shared on Instagram could pass for a resort far from Korea. They were actually taken in Suanbo, a quiet spa town in Chungju, North Chungcheong Province. The setting is Youonejae, a hot spring hotel where a night in the largest suite can cost more than 2 million won ($1,474). In September, it earned its first Michelin Key in the 2026 Michelin Guide Hotel Selection, one of nine Korean hot

• Firefighter saved by son, who used CPR he learned from his father (2026-11-06 04:16)

A 58-year-old firefighter suffered sudden heart problems while running, but was saved by his son, who calmly applied the emergency procedures that he had learned from his father. According to the Jeonbuk Fire Headquarters, Gimje Fire Station chief Lee Jong-ok fell into cardiac arrest while running with his son Lee Gang-hyeon at a park in Iksan, North Jeolla Province, at around 9 p.m. on Oct. 11. The younger Lee immediately called the 119 emergency service and proceeded to perform CPR on his fath

• Korea eases visa rules for foreign-born children seeking recognition of Korean parentage (2026-11-06 03:15)

Foreign nationals seeking legal recognition of their Korean parentage will be allowed to stay in South Korea for longer periods than before, and potentially obtain work permits while their lawsuits are pending, the Justice Ministry said Friday. The measure applies to foreign nationals born out of wedlock who have filed lawsuits against their Korean father or mother to establish legal parentage with them. Their caregivers would also be eligible for the new measure. Previously, those who entered K

• Illit’s ‘jellyous’ music video reaches 100m on YouTube (2026-11-06 02:41)

Illit’s music video for “jellyous” passed 100 million views on YouTube on Thursday, Belift Lab announced Friday. The music video, released in June last year, is the group's third to accomplish the feat, after “Magnetic” and “It’s Me.” Single “jellyous” is a B-side track from its third EP “bomb,” which plays on the word jelly to compare the mix of emotions felt towards a crush. The single has been associated with “You’re Under Arrest,” which the

quintet dropped last month as the lead track of its

• DP leader makes public apology over Shincheonji claim amid backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-06 02:39)

Ruling Democratic Party leader Kim Min-seok issued a public apology Friday over allegations he had raised that members of a religious sect had joined the party en masse to influence the party's leadership race. The renewed apology came after Kim apologized at a closed-door meeting earlier this week, acknowledging that an internal party investigation had found no evidence to support his earlier claim that followers of the Shincheonji Church of Jesus, a nonmainstream religious sect, had colluded w

• Pyongyang accuses US of political manipulation over anti-money laundering blacklist (2026-11-06 02:37)

North Korea on Friday again accused the US and the international community of pursuing a political agenda against Pyongyang, denouncing a decision by the global anti-money laundering watchdog to keep the country on its blacklist. A spokesperson for North Korea’s Foreign Ministry said the Financial Action Task Force had become a “highly politicized” body serving what Pyongyang described as Washington’s hostile policy toward North Korea, according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency. The r

• NCT Dream to unveil new tracks in advance at listening session (2026-11-06 02:36)

NCT Dream will host a listening party in Seoul on Saturday, where it will present all tracks on its upcoming album, SM Entertainment announced Friday. The six-piece subunit is set to bring out it sixth studio album, “Dream After Dream,” on Nov. 9. All ten songs from the LP will be played and discussed at Saturday's event. On release day, the six members will host a livestream to introduce the genre-spanning set fronted by “Boogie Woogie,” which Jaemin helped write. The 10-year-old team will hold

• Mercedes-Benz overtakes BMW to rank second in imported car sales (2026-11-06 02:36)

Mercedes-Benz overtook BMW to become South Korea's second-best-selling imported car brand, marking a shift in the two leading German premium automakers' rankings. According to the Korea Automobile Importers and Distributors Association, imported passenger car registrations totaled 31,117 units in October, up 29.3 percent from a year earlier but down 10.8 percent from the previous month. January-October registrations reached 310,846 units, exceeding the 2025 full-year total of 307,377. Tesla regi

• Blackpink’s Jennie, Jisoo sing animation soundtracks (2026-11-06 02:27)

Jennie and Jisoo of Blackpink are participating in soundtracks for feature-length animated films. Jennie will sing “Someone to Hold” for the Netflix animation “Steps,” a first for the artist, according to her agency OA Entertainment on Friday. “I had so much fun working on a track for an animated film for the first time,” she told via the agency, “I loved the warm hearts and

personalities of each character, and was happy to be a small part of their world." The film,which twists the plot of Cind

• Busan shark remains unsighted for 11 days after monthlong stay in canal (2026-11-06 02:18)

Bukang-i the shark, which drew more than a million viewers while staying in a coastal canal in the southeastern city of Busan for over a month, has not been seen for 11 consecutive days, raising the possibility that it has finally headed out to the open sea. According to the National Institute of Fisheries Science and relevant agencies, no sightings of Bukang-i have been reported since Oct. 27 near the exit of the canal leading out to Busan's North Port, located about 330 kilometers southeast of

• Labor rallies, marathons to cause congestion in Seoul this weekend (2026-11-06 02:14)

Traffic congestion is expected in central Seoul this weekend due to labor rallies and marathon events, police said Friday. The Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, a major umbrella labor union, plans to hold a preliminary rally near the Seoul Regional Employment and Labor Office in downtown Seoul at 1 p.m. on Saturday, according to the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency. KCTU members will then march through downtown Seoul before holding their main rally for about an hour on the road between Sungn

• Incheon Airport puts Korean airport technology on global stage (2026-11-06 02:08)

Incheon International Airport Corp. said Friday it showcased its smart airport technologies at Asia's largest airport trade show this week, in a bid to win new markets and grow its business abroad. The state-run operator joined Super Terminal Expo 2026, held in Hong Kong from Tuesday through Thursday, where some 120 global brands from about 60 countries and around 6,000 aviation industry professionals gathered. At a joint booth with partner companies, themed around artificial intelligence and ad

• Shin Ramyun takes to the streets of India (2026-11-06 02:04)

Nongshim is boosting brand awareness and expanding its market presence by bringing its signature spicy ramyeon closer to Indian consumers. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 22, a Shin Ramyun food truck will tour four northeastern cities, including Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawl and Agartala, visiting 20 locations such as university campuses and major commercial districts. India's monsoon season, which brings rainy weather and cooler conditions, makes warm, brothy noodle dishes particularly appealing, giving Shin

• Lions holding edge in Korean Series bullpen battle despite missing star closer (2026-11-06 02:01)

Before the Korean Series started this week, it appeared as though the KT Wiz would have an advantage in the battle of the bullpens over the Samsung Lions. After all, the Wiz boasted their All-Star closer Park Yeong-hyun, who finished third in the Korea Baseball Organization with 30

saves in the regular season. The Lions, on the other hand, were without their own All-Star closerKim Jae-yoon, who led the league with 35 saves but was ruled out of the postseason in Octoberdue to an upper body inju

• Lee's approval rating tops 40% for 1st time since late Aug.: poll (2026-11-06 01:57)

President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating rose slightly to 41 percent, a poll showed Friday, marking the first time in over two months that the figure exceeded 40 percent. The survey, conducted by Gallup Korea from Tuesday through Thursday on 1,001 people aged 18 and older, showed that positive assessments of Lee's performance rose 2 percentage points from a week earlier. Negative assessments also rose 1 percentage point to 50 percent. Lee's approval rating last exceeded 40 percent in the last w

• Korea designates 2 'urgently-needed medical devices' for dialysis of babies (2026-11-06 01:48)

South Korean government on Friday designated two devices developed by US-based companies as crucial medical supplies, as it seeks to improve dialysis treatment for newborns and young children. According to the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, two medical devices have been designated as scarce or in urgent need of introduction: PD Catheter from Merit Medical and Dialy-Nate Set & Dialy-Nate Catheter from Utah Medical Products. Officials stressed that treating kidney failure is especially crucial

• This viral Santa recruitment notice can only be deciphered by Korean adults (2026-11-06 01:43)

This viral Santa recruitment notice can only be deciphered by Korean adults null Keeping the magic of Santa Claus alive takes some effort and creativity, especially when children are old enough to read. This is why, at an apartment complex in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province, residents are once again being again being recruited to play Santa through a deliberately coded notice.

• Stray Kids' LeeKnow to enlist early next year. (2026-11-06 01:31)

LeeKnow of Stray Kids will likely begin his mandatory military service by March at the latest, label JYP Entertainment announced on Thursday. Though he may not be able to attend activities scheduled for the first quarter of 2027, he will stay in touch with his fans through a range of content and individual activities, the company added, seeking understanding for the surprise announcement. The 28-year-old performer is the eldest of the group's eight members and will be the first to enlist. He deb

• Stalking suspect murders woman; arrest warrant turned down due to poor health (2026-11-06 01:18)

A man in his 60s murdered his former girlfriend on Thursday, months after the prosecution turned down suggestions to have him arrested for stalking. The victim, a woman in her 70s, was reported to the police as missing at around 6:40 a.m. on Thursday. Police tracked her mobile

phone and found the victim's body inside the home of the suspect, who was unconscious. It was found that the victim reported the suspect multiple times for stalking. She reported him in June for waiting outside her workpla

• N. Korea says Japan's push to raise defense spending will only burden its people (2026-11-06 01:00)

North Korea on Friday criticized Japan's push to increase defense spending, saying it will darken prospects of Japan's economic recovery and impose "heavy hardships" on its people. In an article carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, a researcher at the Institute for Japan Studies under the North's foreign ministry, issued the criticism, following reports that Tokyo is considering nearly doubling its defense expenditures over the next five years. The North has long responded sensiti

• Seoul stocks open sharply lower on AI fears after US midterms (2026-11-06 00:55)

Seoul stocks opened sharply lower Friday, tracking an overnight rout on Wall Street as investors feared a Democratic sweep in Congress could decelerate the data center build-out. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index was down 460.33 points, or 8.55 percent, to 4,923.47 as of 9:25 a.m. After opening over 2 percent lower, Seoul's bourse operator had issued a circuit breaker soon after the opening bell, suspending trading for 20 minutes, as the benchmark index came under heavy selling pre

• Deputy FM meets British lawmakers for talks on N. Korea, Ukraine (2026-11-06 00:52)

Deputy Foreign Minister Chung Eui-hae has met with a delegation of British lawmakers to discuss bilateral relations and major regional issues, including the Korean Peninsula and the war in Ukraine, Seoul's foreign ministry said Friday. Chung met with a six-member delegation, led by Alicia Kearns of the House of Commons and including two members of the House of Lords, Godfrey Bewicke-Copley and Tessa Blackstone, in Seoul the previous day, according to the ministry. The two sides exchanged views o

• Lee set for summit with East Timor President Horta on strengthening ties (2026-11-06 00:47)

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung was set to hold a summit with East Timorese President Jose Ramos-Horta on Friday to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation between their countries. Horta, the 1996 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, arrived in South Korea the previous day for a three-day trip at Lee's invitation, marking the first visit to South Korea by an East Timorese leader since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 2002. During Friday's summit, the two leaders are expec

• Melania Trump calls for lasting peace after brokering local Russia-Ukraine ceasefire (2026-11-06 00:44)

US first lady Melania Trump on Thursday called for continued cooperation between Russia and Ukraine toward lasting peace after helping broker a local ceasefire in southern Ukraine last month. Speaking at the White House with representatives from both countries in attendance, the first lady highlighted the humanitarian achievements of the recent ceasefire in Oleshky in Ukraine's southern Kherson region. The ceasefire, which began Oct. 27, lasted six days, according to foreign media reports. "Ever

- USFK chief, Japanese defense minister discuss regional defense cooperation (2026-11-06 00:35)

The commander of US Forces Korea has met with Japan's defense minister to discuss defense cooperation among allies and like-minded countries in the Indo-Pacific region, according to Japan's defense ministry. Gen. Xavier Brunson, who also leads the United Nations Command and South Korea-US Combined Forces Command, paid a courtesy call on Japanese Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi in Tokyo, according to a post on the ministry's official X account. The post showed that US Ambassador to Japan George

- Trading of KOSPI stocks suspended amid tech sell-off (2026-11-06 00:29)

South Korea's bourse operator on Friday activated a circuit breaker for the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index on an extended sell-off in tech shares. Trading of KOSPI-listed shares was halted for 20 minutes from 9:03, as the index plunged more than 8 percent from the previous session's close. The benchmark index came under heavy selling pressure following a tech rout on Wall Street, triggered by concerns that Democrats' sweeping victory in the US midterms could slow down the pace of th

- Samsung, SK hynix slide 10% as AI data center fears spread (2026-11-06 00:28)

Blue-chip semiconductor stocks plunged around 10 percent during intraday trading Friday, dragging the benchmark Kospi below the 5,000-point mark as investor sentiment was rattled by a sharp overnight sell-off in major technology stocks on Wall Street following the US midterm elections. The benchmark Kospi opened at 5,263.63, down 2.2 percent from its previous close. Losses deepened, triggering a 20-minute trading halt just three minutes into the regular session. The first-stage circuit breaker k

- Movies in theaters this week (2026-11-06 00:00)

“Wild Horse Nine” (UK/US) Opened Nov. 4 Comedy/Thriller Directed by Martin McDonagh Shortly before the 1973 coup in Chile, two CIA officers (John Malkovich and Sam Rockwell) head to Easter Island on a classified assignment. “Final Interview” (South Korea) Opened Nov. 4 Mystery/Thriller Directed by Kim Jung-hoon Six candidates reach the final interview at a top tech company, where a mysterious envelope reveals a secret about each of them. Based on Akinari Asakura’s novel. “Heart of the Beast” (US

• [Graphic News] Seoul ranks third globally in AI cities index, tops AI adoption (2026-11-05 23:00)

Seoul ranked third overall and first in artificial intelligence adoption and use in the 2026 AI Cities Index released by The Observer, according to the Seoul Metropolitan Government. The San Francisco Bay Area topped the ranking, followed by New York, while Seoul placed ahead of Beijing, Paris and London. The index evaluated 57 cities across 36 countries in three AI categories: investment, innovation, and adoption and use. It drew on 50 indicators, combining quantitative data with qualitative fi

• [Lee Byung-jong] Korea needs to join CPTPP (2026-11-05 20:30)

Can an extremely trade-dependent country afford to remain outside the most important free trade agreement in its region? Unfortunately, that is what South Korea appears to be trying to do. President Lee Jae Myung recently announced that his government is unlikely to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership during his term, which ends in 2030. Citing concerns about the agreement's harmful effects on agriculture and other sectors, he said Korea would not apply

• Lee floats going live from his office at ‘The President’s Y’ premiere (2026-11-05 12:25)

President Lee Jae Myung said he was considering an unconventional way to bring the public closer to the presidency: going live from his office, without warning. “I'm thinking of occasionally going live without warning, even from my office,” Lee said in the debut episode of a new presidential YouTube program, “The President's Y,” which premiered Thursday at 9 p.m. “I'm thinking I might go live occasionally, even from my office, without announcing it in advance.” Son Jeong-eun, a former television

• Sewol ferry sinking archive, ancient cookbooks added to regional UNESCO list (2026-11-05 11:34)

An archive documenting the 2014 Sewol ferry sinking and ancient Korean cookbooks have been added to a regional list of the UNESCO Memory of the World program Thursday. The "Danwon High School 4.16 Archive: Records of Citizens' Memory and Healing Movements" was granted inscription at a general meeting of the UNESCO Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific held in Jakarta. The "Suunjapbang and Eumsikdimibang: Community Archives of Traditional Korean Culinary Knowledge," another submi

• N. Korean fishing boat found in waters off Ulleungdo (2026-11-05 11:27)

South Korean military said Thursday that a fishing boat from North Korea has been found in the East Sea and is currently under investigation. The Korea Coast Guard and the military discovered the boat drifting in international waters north of Ulleungdo on Tuesday, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The military identified the boat and conducted a search and inspection with the coast guard. The JCS said related agencies are now conducting a joint investigation on the boat. It did not reveal

• Appellate ruling for Yoon Suk Yeol's insurrection to be made on Jan. 26 (2026-11-05 10:49)

The Seoul High Court said Thursday that the ruling for former President Yoon Suk Yeol's insurrection charge will be made at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, at the final hearing for the appellate trial. Wrapping up the high-profile trial, final statements were made by both the prosecution and the defendants. The defense included Yoon, former Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun, retired military intelligence commander Noh Sang-won, former National Police Agency chief Cho Ji-ho, and former Seoul Metropolitan Poli

• Korean galleries expand presence at Art Taipei (2026-11-05 10:45)

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Art Taipei concluded its 33rd edition Monday, bringing together international galleries and emerging Taiwanese artists while highlighting growing connections among art markets across Asia. Organized by the Taiwan Art Gallery Association, the four-day event drew 127 galleries to the Taipei World Trade Center. Under the theme "Symbiosis," the fair explored the relationship between art, technology and contemporary life through works ranging from traditional painting and sculpture t

• Court rejects Coupang's request to suspend execution of breach-related penalty (2026-11-05 10:29)

A South Korean court on Thursday shot down Coupang's request for a stay of execution for the 423.58 billion won ($315.72 million) penalty surcharge imposed for a massive data breach last year. The Seoul Administrative Court partially accepted the e-commerce giant's request to suspend measures levied by the Personal Information Protection Commission: the penalty and orders to implement corrective measures regarding the protection of customer information. The court granted a 30-day suspension of t

• Bae, Kim & Lee bolsters antitrust practice with 3 new lawyers, expanded data analytics center (2026-11-05 10:19)

South Korean law firm Bae, Kim & Lee (BKL) has strengthened its antitrust and competition practice by hiring three lawyers and expanding its economic analysis center to incorporate data science capabilities, the firm said Thursday. The firm has reorganized its Center for Law and Economics, established in 2021, into the Center for Economics and Data Analytics (CEDA), bringing together lawyers, economists and data scientists to handle increasingly complex competition cases. The expanded center wil

• Doctors demand protective measures after knife attack on psychiatrist (2026-11-05 09:54)

South Korea's largest association of doctors on Thursday called for effective measures to protect the safety of medical staff, in light of the recent knife attack against a psychiatrist. "The government and the National Assembly must diverge from the current method of ‘patching things’ up, focusing on punishment after the crime. They must set up safety measures so that medical circles will not be intimidated (by threats)," the Korean Medical Association said in a

media briefing Thursday. The gro

• Uncollected duty-free goods amount to W307b since 2022 (2026-11-05 09:00)

Duty-free goods worth about 307.6 billion won ($229 million) went uncollected at pickup counters in South Korean airports and ports from 2022 through September 2026, according to Korea Customs Service data obtained by Rep. Hwang Hee of the Democratic Party of Korea. The customs agency recorded 1.13 million cases over the period. Incheon Airport accounted for 82.8 percent of the cases and 83.7 percent of the total value. Travelers who buy goods online or at downtown duty-free shops can collect th

• Seoul’s most architectural cafes are made for more than coffee (2026-11-05 08:58)

A cup of coffee in Seoul can come with a sweeping view of Namsan, a shortcut up a 15-meter cliff or a seat inside a former oil depot. A handful of the city’s cafes are drawing visitors for their architecture as much as their menus, each recognized by the Seoul Architecture Awards. The awards were first held in 1979 and are now in their 44th edition. They honor buildings and spaces that serve the public and improve residents’ quality of life. The Seoul Metropolitan Government describes them as th

• New website lets Koreans rate police investigations like restaurants (2026-11-05 08:53)

A new website lets people rate and review police units after their cases are handled. Police Map went live Wednesday and lists nearly 2,900 units at 263 police stations across South Korea. It describes itself as a platform for people with firsthand experience of police investigations, including complainants, witnesses and defense attorneys. Users can score units on a five-point scale across five categories, including whether officers followed procedures, how they conducted questioning and how qu

• US midterm outcome won't affect alliance, Cheong Wa Dae says (2026-11-05 08:46)

South Korea's presidential office said Thursday that the US midterm election results would not affect the bilateral alliance, pledging close cooperation with the US administration and Congress. “The Korea-US alliance is a relationship that has developed into a strong and steadfast partnership over more than 70 years, with bipartisan support from the US,” senior presidential spokesperson Kang Yu-jung said during a press briefing. “We do not believe the outcome of any particular election will affe

• Katseye’s first arena tour tested by repeated health absences (2026-11-05 08:40)

Katseye’s first arena tour has hit another health-related setback, adding to a months-long string of illnesses, injuries and absences that has repeatedly left the six-member group performing with a reduced lineup. The group postponed its Detroit concert at Little Caesars Arena on Tuesday after Megan became ill and was unable to perform. The announcement came just 30 minutes before the show's scheduled start, and many concertgoers had already entered the arena and taken their seats. Little Caesar

• KT&G; on track for W7tr revenue after record quarterly earnings (2026-11-05 08:34)

KT&G posted record quarterly revenue of more than 1.9 trillion won ($1.4 billion) amid robust overseas cigarette sales and a thriving heated tobacco business, while pledging bigger shareholder returns over the next four years. The South Korean tobacco maker said Thursday that in the July-September period, consolidated revenue rose 4.3 percent from a year earlier to 1.91 trillion won, while operating profit climbed 13.9 percent to 530.1 billion won, both all-time quarterly highs. For the full yea

• Handball gymnasium protests face deadline to leave (2026-11-05 08:32)

Several tents and other makeshift structures remained outside the Handball Gymnasium at Olympic Park in Songpa-gu, Seoul, on Thursday, the deadline for demonstrators to leave voluntarily. Some tents had been dismantled, and the number of protesters had dwindled considerably. The gymnasium, which served as a ballot-counting center during the June 3 local elections, became the focus of months-long protests over ballot shortages at several polling stations, including those in Seoul's Songpa-gu dist

• 'The Devil’s Plan' Season 3 reunites champions, controversial winners (2026-11-05 08:16)

Forget rookies, the masters are back. Netflix Korea's entertainment show franchise "The Devil’s Plan" took global Netflix charts by storm in 2023 with a simple, unique premise: Throw lawyers, gamers, science YouTubers, and K-pop idols into an intellectual war zone and see who survives. Previous seasons pitted prominent figures — including Go legend Lee Se-dol — against one another in complex board and memory challenges. Now, star producer Jung Jong-yeon ("The Genius," "The Great Escape") returns

• Kakao delays split, speeds up W150b share buyback (2026-11-05 08:16)

Kakao has pushed back its planned corporate split by one month to February 2027, as a preliminary relisting review by the Korea Exchange takes longer than expected, while accelerating a 150 billion won ($112 million) share buyback and cancellation plan to bolster shareholder confidence ahead of the restructuring. The company said Thursday that its board had approved the revised schedule, delaying the separation into Kakao AI and Kakao X from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1. An extraordinary shareholders meetin

• Korean traditions find new expressions at K-Lifestyle Platform Preview (2026-11-05 08:14)

Traditions meet contemporary sensibilities at the K-Lifestyle Platform Preview, where modern designs and ideas reinterpret traditional Korean culture. Organized by the Korea Craft and Design Foundation and hosted by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, the exhibition brings together 69 traditional culture businesses presenting products inspired by Korean traditions. Collections span crafts, lifestyle products, fashion, food and beverages. Participating businesses include Mujagi, Somoksob

• Korea seeks another delay to crypto tax until 2029 (2026-11-05 07:36)

South Korea plans to push back cryptocurrency income taxation by another two years to 2029, the government said Thursday, responding to calls for more time to prepare time and proposing to let investors carry losses forward for up to three years. Finance and Economy Minister Lee Hyeong-il said the government would work with the National Assembly to postpone the introduction of the tax, which is due to take effect in January. If approved, the move would mark the fourth delay since the tax was leg

• Seoul shares plunge over 5% on AI regulation concerns after US midterms (2026-11-05 07:30)

South Korean stocks plunged more than 5 percent Thursday as the Democratic Party's landslide in the US midterm elections sparked concerns over tighter regulations on artificial intelligence investments. The local currency fell against the US dollar. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 300 points, or 5.28 percent, to close at 5,383.80. After opening 1.82 percent lower, the index extended losses in the morning, and the bourse operator activated a sell-side sidecar at 10:16 a.m. to

• In Myeong-dong, street vendors take your trash (2026-11-05 07:18)

In Seoul’s Myeong-dong shopping district, visitors looking for somewhere to toss a coffee cup or snack wrapper can hand it to a street vendor, even if they didn't buy anything at the stall. A total 364 vendors participating in a local cleanup campaign have agreed to accept trash from food and drinks bought elsewhere. The Seoul Metropolitan Government has distributed signs in English, Japanese and Chinese to help visitors identify participating stalls, and the Seoul Tourism Organization is promot

• [단독] 軍, 작년부터 동해 이지스함 상시배치 중단…北 미사일 정보수집 영향 우려 (2026-11-05 07:06)

우리 군이 지난해 9월부터 동해상 이지스구축함의 상시 배치를 중단한 것으로 확인됐다. 북한이 다양한 종류의 미사일 시험을 이어가는 가운데, 미사일의 세부 제원을 파악하기 위한 추가적인 비행정보 수집에 제약이 생길 수 있다는 우려가 나온다. 군 당국은 기존 감시자산만으로도 미사일 탐지·추적과 방어태세를 충분히 유지할 수 있다는 입장이다. 다만 군 내부 일각에서는 미사일 방어에 필요한 정보 확보와 북한 미사일의 성능을 분석하기 위한 정보 수집은 구분해서 봐야 한다는 지적이 제기된다. 복수의 군 관계자에 따르면 해군은 2025년 9월 인력 부족과 함정의 장기간 해상 운용에 따른 부담 등을 이유로 합동참모본부에 동해상 이지스함 상시 배치 중단을 요청했고, 합참은 이를 승인했다. 당시 합참의장은 해군 출신인 김명수 대장이었으며, 같은 해 9월 30일 진영승 공군 대장이 후임 합참의장으로 취임했다. 우리 해군은 현재 이지스구축함 4척을 운용하고 있다. 이지스함은 장거리에서 탄도미사일을 탐지·추

• FM Cho to attend G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Paris next week (2026-11-05 06:59)

Foreign Minister Cho Hyun will visit Paris next week to attend the Group of Seven (G7) foreign ministers' meeting, the foreign ministry said Thursday. This year's second G7 ministerial meeting, scheduled for Monday to Tuesday in Marseille, is expected to address key global

challenges, including artificial intelligence (AI) and developments in the Middle East, following the G7 leaders' summit in June, according to the ministry. South Korea will attend the meeting at the invitation of France, whic

• Shin Sug-ok is always ready for a fight (2026-11-05 06:57)

Lately, Shin Sug-ok has found herself to be something of a social media star in Korea. In the short clip that has now drawn over 10 million views, a right-wing pundit on a late-’90s Japanese talk show argues that the “comfort women,” the women forced into sexual slavery by the Japanese military during World War II, are only after money when they demand an apology. The woman across from him never raises her voice, but she wastes no time putting him in his place. In the even, courteous tone of a d

• DP seeks probe into prosecutors who targeted Lee, Moon (2026-11-05 06:56)

The ruling Democratic Party of Korea is stepping up its push for a new special counsel probe into prosecutors' alleged power abuse concerning cases of President Lee Jae Myung and former President Moon Jae-in. The ruling party submitted the bill for a vote Thursday despite conservative opposition and will likely push the bill through with its majority in parliament on Friday. The liberal ruling party has claimed the bill seeks to rectify politically motivated prosecutions against Lee and Moon. Th

• Samsung Electronics faces push for sixth labor union amid alleged internal rifts (2026-11-05 06:50)

A sixth labor union is being formed at Samsung Electronics Co., labor officials said Thursday, following reported internal divisions among existing union members. According to the tech giant's largest labor union, which has a membership largely comprising employees in the company's lucrative semiconductor division, an application to establish a union was filed with the labor ministry the previous day. The largest union said the proposed union is being pursued by former and current leaders of the

• S. Korea joins as co-sponsor of UN resolution on N. Korean human rights (2026-11-05 06:38)

South Korea has decided to co-sponsor this year's UN General Assembly resolution on North Korean human rights, which calls for an end to human rights violations in the reclusive country while stressing the importance of dialogue with Pyongyang, the foreign ministry said Thursday. The resolution, proposed by the European Union (EU), is currently under review by the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly in New York and is expected to be adopted by the committee around Nov. 18-19. "As it is cr

• Financial firms weigh tougher cyber controls for executives (2026-11-05 06:35)

South Korean financial firms are considering tighter cybersecurity oversight for senior executives next year, including more detailed security responsibilities and compliance checks,

as a wave of data breaches puts pressure on corporate leadership to strengthen internalcontrols. The proposed measures would go beyond assigning cybersecurity tasks on paper,placing greater emphasis on how executives monitor security risks, to demonstrate that theyare fulfilling their obligations under the countr

- [Exclusive] S. Korea scales back Aegis patrols in East Sea, raising concerns over North Korean missile analysis (2026-11-05 06:30)

South Korea suspended the continuous deployment of Aegis destroyers in the East Sea in September last year, raising concerns that the decision could limit the military's ability to gather detailed flight data on North Korean missiles as Pyongyang continues to test an increasingly diverse range of weapons. The military says its existing surveillance assets are sufficient to sustain missile detection, tracking and defense readiness. But some officials have raised concerns about reduced opportuniti

- BOK chief to attend BIS governors' meeting in Switzerland (2026-11-05 06:22)

Bank of Korea (BOK) Gov. Shin Hyun-song will depart for the Swiss city of Basel this week to attend meetings with central bank governors from member nations of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), his office said Thursday. During his six-day visit starting Friday, Shin is scheduled to join fellow central bank chiefs from BIS members in discussions on recent developments in the global economy and financial markets through the Global Economy Meeting, the Meeting of Governors from Major Em

- Multicultural marriages in S. Korea edge down in 2025 (2026-11-05 06:18)

The number of multicultural marriages in South Korea edged down in 2025 from a year earlier, data showed Thursday, taking up 8.9 percent of all marriages. The country recorded 21,399 multicultural marriages last year, down 0.2 percent, or 51, from 21,450 in 2024, according to data from the Ministry of Data and Statistics. Marriages involving foreign wives accounted for 71.4 percent of multicultural marriages, followed by those with foreign husbands at 18.9 percent and those with naturalized citi

- Weakened at home, ambitious abroad: Could Trump revive diplomacy with Kim Jong-un? (2026-11-05 06:16)

The heavy Republican defeat in the midterm elections could prompt opposing reactions from US President Donald Trump and North Korea, fanning eagerness from the former and reluctance in the latter to seek a breakthrough in top-level diplomacy, experts say. With Democrats having wrested control of both chambers of the US Congress in Tuesday's midterm elections — securing at least 54 Senate seats and surpassing the 218-seat threshold needed for a House majority — Trump faces a difficult final two y

- Korean traditional paper moves closer to UNESCO heritage recognition (2026-11-05 06:13)

South Korea's centuries-old papermaking tradition, known as hanji, is closer to UNESCO recognition after an evaluation body recommended its inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on Thursday. The recommendation covers " Traditional knowledge and skills associated with the production of hanji and related cultural practices in the Republic of Korea." The final decision will be made by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangi

- One taekwondo, two Koreas: The irony of a heritage divided by politics (2026-11-05 06:13)

South Korea's efforts to secure a UNESCO inscription of taekwondo with North Korea appear to have effectively stalled, as Pyongyang moves closer to having the traditional martial art recognized under its name alone. North Korea is expected to have taekwondo inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list this year after an evaluation body in Paris recommended approval of its nomination on Wednesday. The episode exposes another facet of Korea's division: A martial art rooted in a shared h

- TirTir's Seongsu flagship wins Red Dot Design Award (2026-11-05 06:04)

K-beauty brand TirTir's flagship store in Seongsu-dong, eastern Seoul, won in the Brands & Communication Design category of the Red Dot Design Award 2026. The Germany-based Red Dot is often grouped with Germany's iF Design Award and the US' Idea as one of the world's three major design awards. It honors work ranging from product design to brand identity and communication design. The store was developed under the concept "Shade Valley," which the brand describes as a space for defining beauty on

- Korea prepares to host half a million young pilgrims in Seoul for World Youth Day (2026-11-05 06:04)

South Korea is preparing to welcome half a million young Catholics from around the world for World Youth Day Seoul 2027, a landmark gathering that will bring the global Catholic community to a non-Christian-majority country for the first time, along with an expected visit by the pope. The organizing committee, headed by Archbishop Peter Chung Soon-taick, presented its plans for the six-day event slated for next August at a press conference on Thursday at Myeongdong Cathedral in central Seoul. Th

- No talks yet on sanctions over N. Korea's alleged Binance theft (2026-11-05 06:04)

The government has not begun discussing sanctions on North Korea over its alleged theft of a massive amount of cryptocurrency, a unification ministry official said Thursday. "As of now, the government has not fully grasped the exact circumstances of the hacking case, so a discussion on how to respond to it has not even begun," the official told reporters at the government complex in Seoul. "Internal sharing and discussion inside the government are needed, but we have not reached that stage," the

- Hanroro releases new single 'Question Mark' (2026-11-05 06:00)

Singer-songwriter Hanroro released her new single "Question Mark" on Thursday. The song deals with conflicting emotions in personal relationships, including affection, resentment and regret, continuing Hanroro's exploration of the difficulties and uncertainties of young adulthood. Ahead of the release, Hanroro shared a synopsis on social media last month, outlining a story involving two childhood friends who meet at a swimming school and grow up sharing their dreams. Their friendship deteriorate

• Lee commends Korean team's No. 2 finish at world skills event, vows support (2026-11-05 05:58)

President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday commended the South Korean team's No. 2 finish at this year's WorldSkills Competition, calling human skills a matter of national competitiveness and pledging support to nurture the field. The president made the remarks at a lunch meeting with the Korean team, which finished second at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, held in Shanghai in September. The biennial competition is regarded as the world's largest vocational skills event. " If skills are a matter of So

• Financial policymakers to monitor US AI, trade policies following election (2026-11-05 05:53)

South Korea's key financial policymakers on Thursday vowed to closely monitor potential changes in US policies on artificial intelligence (AI) and trade and their implications for the South Korean economy. Finance Minister Lee Hyoung-il discussed the issues with Bank of Korea (BOK) Gov. Shin Hyun-song, Financial Services Commission Chairman Lee Eog-weon and Financial Supervisory Service Gov. Lee Chan-jin after the US Democratic Party secured a huge win in the midterm elections this week. During

• US copyright lawsuit over BTS song 'Swim' dropped (2026-11-05 05:49)

American songwriters who earlier claimed that South Korean superband BTS' chart-topping song "Swim" was copied from their own demo have withdrawn their claims in a US lawsuit, a report showed Thursday. The attorneys for the accusers, who are three little-known songwriters, requested the judge to dismiss the lawsuit in its entirety in a court filing dated Wednesday, according to the Billboard. The move comes about four months after the songwriters -- Steve Cooper, Jon Sandler and Greylyn Johnson

• Lee calls for crackdown on smart glasses cheating ahead of college entrance exam (2026-11-05 05:48)

President Lee Jae Myung has called for tougher measures to prevent cheating with smart glasses and other advanced electronic devices ahead of South Korea's annual college entrance exam. Lee stressed the need to ensure a fair testing environment for students preparing for the 2027 College Scholastic Ability Test, or Suneung, scheduled for Nov. 19. “The government must make every effort to manage examination sites so that all test-takers can demonstrate their abilities in a safe and fair environme

• Korean battery-makers gain ground in North American ESS market (2026-11-05 05:47)

South Korean battery-makers are gaining ground in North America's fast-growing energy storage system market, as tighter trade restrictions on Chinese products create new opportunities for Korean suppliers. LG Energy Solution and Samsung SDI captured a combined 20.9 percent of the North American ESS battery market in the first nine months of this year, up from 13.4 percent a year earlier, according to market tracker SNE Research. LG Energy Solution led the gains, with shipments surging 71 percent

• Ban Hyo-jin, Park Ha-jun win bronze in 10m air rifle mixed team at world championships (2026-11-05 05:43)

South Korean shooters Ban Hyo-jin and Park Ha-jun won bronze in the 10-meter air rifle mixed team event at the 2026 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships in Doha, Qatar. Ban, who secured a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics by winning gold in the women's individual 10-meter air rifle event, added another medal in the mixed team competition. Ban of Daegu Public Facilities Management Corp. and Park of KT each scored 317.2 points in Wednesday's qualification

• Record 51 red cards issued after brawl at Brazilian youth soccer match (2026-11-05 05:42)

A record 51 red cards were issued following a mass brawl during a youth soccer match in Brazil. According to the BBC and other media outlets Wednesday, a fight broke out during the first leg of the semifinals of the Minas Gerais Under-20 Championship between Uberlandia and Mamore, resulting in the dismissal of 43 players and eight coaching staff members. The incident broke the previous record of 36 dismissals in a single match, set in 2011 during an Argentine fifth-division game between Club Atl

• Hwang In-beom assists within two minutes of coming on as Porto earns first Champions League win (2026-11-05 05:42)

FC Porto secured its first victory in the 2026-27 UEFA Champions League league phase with a 4-1 win over Napoli, aided by an assist from South Korean national team midfielder Hwang In-beom. Porto defeated the Italian club at Estadio do Dragao in Porto, Portugal, on Wednesday. It was the first time Porto had scored at least three goals in a Champions League match since its 5-3 victory over Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine in December 2023. After losing its first three league-phase matches, Porto impro

• Son Heung-min ranks second behind Messi in MLS jersey sales for second straight year (2026-11-05 05:42)

South Korean soccer star Son Heung-min, 34, of Los Angeles FC (LAFC) ranked second in Major League Soccer (MLS) jersey sales in 2026, finishing behind Lionel Messi for the second consecutive year. MLS announced its top 10 best-selling jerseys for 2026 on its official website Wednesday, saying that Messi of Inter Miami and Son led the league in sales. The rankings were

based on sales recorded through MLSstore.com from Jan. 1 to Oct. 30. However, the league didnot disclose exact sales figures. Me

• Samsung honors top researchers in W1.2tr science funding program (2026-11-05 05:42)

Samsung Electronics on Thursday named 10 outstanding researchers from its long-running research funding program, marking the first time the company has presented such honors since launching the 1.2 trillion-won ($893 million) initiative in 2013. The awards were announced at Samsung's annual research forum at The Westin Seoul Parnas in southern Seoul, where some 450 researchers, industry experts and policymakers gathered to discuss breakthroughs in basic science, next-generation batteries and art

• Basic pension recipients with multiple citizenships more than double (2026-11-05 05:40)

The number of recipients of South Korea’s basic pension who also hold foreign citizenship more than doubled in four years, topping 8,000 in 2025, according to a National Assembly Budget Office report. The budget office warned that gaps in verifying overseas income and assets could lead to unequal treatment. Under a law promulgated in October, people applying for the basic pension from April 21, 2027, will generally need to have lived in South Korea for at least five years after turning 19. The n

• Korean iPhone Duo owners recount screen failures, delayed replacements (2026-11-05 05:38)

Apple’s first foldable iPhone is facing fresh durability concerns after two South Korean customers reported that their devices’ inner screens cracked while being unfolded, just days after purchase. Both customers received free replacements, but only after delays at Apple-authorized service centers. Neither was given an explanation for the failures, according to interviews and service records obtained by The Korea Herald. Since the Duo's Oct. 23 launch, buyers in several countries have reported h

• Posco, Korea University cut voltage loss in next-gen battery cathodes (2026-11-05 05:37)

Posco Holdings and Korea University have developed a new manufacturing method that could improve the performance and lifespan of next-generation lithium-ion batteries by adjusting heat-treatment temperatures without changing the materials' chemical composition. The research, conducted by a team led by Korea University materials science and engineering professor Park Hyuk-jun and Posco Holdings' N.EX.T Hub research institute, focuses on lithium-manganese-rich cathodes, a promising alternative for

• Samsung Biologics union to launch second strike despite court injunction (2026-11-05 05:32)

Samsung Biologics' labor union is set to launch a second strike Friday, with about 400 workers expected to walk out despite a court injunction restricting industrial action at the company's production facilities. The strike, scheduled to run through Nov. 27, marks a fresh escalation in a

monthslong wage dispute that has already cost the drug manufacturer an estimated 150 billion won ($112 million) in losses. The walkout will initially involve employees in quality control, quality assurance and l

• Merck bets on Asia growth with $338m Korea investment (2026-11-05 05:31)

German science and technology giant Merck is betting big on Korea as a manufacturing hub for Asia's booming biopharmaceutical industry, investing 300 million euros ($337 million) in a new production center in Daejeon. The facility, Merck's largest life science investment in Asia-Pacific to date, is central to its "in-region, for-region" strategy, aimed at reducing reliance on manufacturing sites in the US and Europe while tapping Asia's rapidly expanding biotech market. "Asia, including Korea an

• SK hynix puts Chey Tae-won at helm of $10b US AI investment arm (2026-11-05 05:15)

SK hynix has named its US-based artificial intelligence investment arm Hyaico Corp., with SK Group Chairman Chey Tae-won taking the board chairmanship to oversee investments of up to $10 billion in the US AI industry. The chipmaker disclosed the name and leadership lineup in a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday, formalizing plans announced in January under the provisional name AI Co. SK hynix President Song Hyun-jong will serve as Hyaico's CEO. The board will also i

• K-water promotes Korean water tech at Asia Water Council (2026-11-05 05:11)

Korea Water Resources Corporation, also known as K-water, is stepping up efforts to bring Korean water management technologies to overseas markets as the Asia Water Council, which it chairs, marks its 10th anniversary. The state-run utility said Thursday that it is holding a series of council meetings in Bangkok, Thailand, from Nov. 4 to 6 to strengthen regional water cooperation and explore new business opportunities for Korean companies. Established in 2016, AWC brings together 187 organizatio

• Seoul moves to expand Cheonghae Unit mission despite fears of being drawn into Iran war (2026-11-05 05:08)

South Korea announced Thursday plans to expand the operational area of its Cheonghae naval unit to include waters near the Strait of Hormuz, raising concerns that Seoul could become entangled in the US-Iran war. The Defense Ministry insisted the move would not constitute involvement in the conflict. A revised motion to extend the unit's deployment and expand its mission was approved at a vice-ministerial meeting Thursday, according to the Defense Ministry, and would be submitted to the National

• Has Bukang-i returned to sea? Busan shark unseen for over a week (2026-11-05 05:04)

Bukang-i, the shark that spent more than a month in an artificial canal at Busan’s North Port Waterfront Park, hasn’t been spotted for more than a week, fueling hopes that she has returned to the open sea. The National Institute of Fisheries Science said Thursday that

Bukang-i had not been seen around the area since Oct. 27, with no sightings reported by thepublic either. Authorities had said they would need at least a week of monitoring without asighting to assess whether the shark had return

- Foreign ministry looking to contractor over presidential personal info leak (2026-11-05 05:01)

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry is investigating whether an outside cybersecurity contractor may have been behind the leak of a presidential delegation passenger list, as additional files believed to be ministry documents were found uploaded to the same overseas malware-scanning platform. The ministry said Thursday it was examining “all possibilities” after reports that the passenger list, which contained personal information on President Lee Jae Myung, the first lady and other members of his Jun

- Foreign ministry fails to take steps even after learning of job scam crimes in Cambodia: audit agency (2026-11-05 04:54)

The foreign ministry failed to raise the travel alert for Cambodia or take other necessary measures in a timely manner, even though it had been aware that job scams targeting South Koreans were worsening in the Southeast Asian nation, the state audit agency said Thursday. Such crimes sparked public outrage last year after a South Korean college student was tortured to death by a Chinese scam ring in Cambodia, shedding light on a series of similar cases where young South Koreans were lured into t

- PM says sees no big change in alliance with US after Trump's election defeat (2026-11-05 04:49)

Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said Thursday she anticipates no big changes in relations with the United States after US President Donald Trump's Republican Party suffered a crushing defeat in this week's midterm elections, adding the US Democratic Party also considers the Korea-US alliance important. "As both the Democratic and Republican parties have considered the alliance between the two countries important, I think there will not be very big changes in relations with South Korea," Han said d

- Thiel-backed Crescendo raises $350m for $1b tech fund (2026-11-05 04:48)

Crescendo Equity Partners, a technology-focused private equity firm backed by PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, has secured more than $350 million from overseas investors in the first closing of its fourth buyout fund, targeting $1 billion to acquire controlling stakes in Korean technology companies. The firm said Thursday that it had raised more than 70 percent of its $500 million overseas fundraising target since launching the fund earlier this year. It aims to raise another $500 million from Kor

- Soldiers on the runway? South Korean Army event sparks backlash (2026-11-05 04:47)

Soldiers in South Korea's elite special forces are expected to master combat tactics and high-risk missions. But in one unit, they found themselves practicing an unlikely skill: how to walk and pose like fashion models. The Republic of Korea Army's 1st Airborne Special Forces Brigade has recently come under fire for hosting an event dubbed the K-Walking Performance Military Festival, where soldiers followed female models down a runway at a gymnasium on the military base a week earlier. Video foo

- Ssangyong E&C; eyes W3.6tr in Dubai projects with Wasl (2026-11-05 04:29)

Ssangyong Engineering & Construction has signed a memorandum of understanding with Dubai-based property developer Wasl Group to pursue construction and development projects worth 3.6 trillion won ($2.7 billion) over the next three years. The agreement builds on a partnership dating back to 2017 and expands cooperation in Dubai's hotel and mixed-use development sectors. Ssangyong E&C has completed projects worth more than 1 trillion won for Wasl Group, including the Hyatt Centric hotel and One Re

- Race for 2028 heats up after US midterms firestorm (2026-11-05 04:25)

US President Donald Trump's stunning midterms defeat by the Democrats has upended another US election -- the race to replace him in the White House in 2028. The crushing defeat for the Republicans is particularly stinging for US Vice President JD Vance, who had been the frontrunner but now risks being seen as tied to his lame-duck boss. But the midterms are a potential launchpad for rising Democratic stars like Georgia senator Jon Ossoff, whose youthful vibe has already drawn comparisons to form

- Beaten at home, Trump faces stark choice on Iran: deal or escalation (2026-11-05 04:23)

US President Donald Trump went to war seeking regime change in Iran. Instead, it was his own grip on Washington that gave way, as voters weary of the war and hit by soaring fuel prices handed Democrats control of Congress. That leaves a weakened president facing a choice between a negotiated exit and a riskier escalation. In Tehran and among its allies, the result was swiftly cast as a verdict on the conflict. Across the Gulf, officials were left wondering which way Trump would turn. "Iran succ

- Korea to fix manual that classifies homosexuality as 'juvenile delinquency' (2026-11-05 04:08)

The South Korean government said it would immediately revise a youth counseling manual that classified homosexuality as a form of juvenile delinquency. The manual, published by the Korea Youth Counseling & Welfare Institute, listed homosexuality alongside sexual violence, theft and drug-related problems in a category for delinquency-related issues. The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family expressed regret over the classification in a statement announcing the revision late Wednesday. “We regret

• Cyberattack hits French blood bank site but no blood products are compromised (2026-11-05 03:57)

PARIS (AP) — A cyberattack on several blood banks tried to raise temperatures to extremely high levels but was thwarted before it could do any damage to blood products or samples, French authorities said. The incident comes after supermarkets in a number of European countries reported this week that their fridges and freezers warmed up after they were remotely taken over, resulting in tons of spoiled food at a total cost of millions of dollars. The French Blood Establishment, or EFS, said, “temp

• Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2nd national security case (2026-11-05 03:46)

HONG KONG (AP) — Prominent Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday for his second conviction under a Beijing-imposed national security law, in a case that critics say reflects the crackdown on the city’s once-thriving pro-democracy movement. Wong was charged in 2025 with conspiracy to collude with foreign forces to endanger national security under the law. In September, he pleaded guilty to the offense, a move that can typically reduce the sentence. The 30-yea

• BTS’ Jungkook renews Asian record on Spotify (2026-11-05 03:11)

Jungkook of BTS secured a 155th frame on Spotify’s global weekly albums chart with his first solo set, extending his own record of longest run on the chart for an Asian solo artist, according to label Big Hit Music on Thursday. With the LP, “Golden,” he sat at No. 199 on the chart after hitting as high as No. 2 nearly three years earlier. The 11-track album also became the first-ever set from an Asian artist to bank 1 billion annual streams on Spotify across four years, surpassing the three-year

• NCT Dream to go disco at album showcase (2026-11-05 03:08)

NCT Dream is unveiling “Boogie Woogie,” the focus track from its sixth full-length album, in a showcase for the set in Seoul on Nov. 12, SM Entertainment announced Thursday. The six-member subunit is bringing out LP “Dream After Dream” on Monday. The 10-track set fronted by a disco-inspire upbeat dance tune celebrates the group's 10th year. Jaemin participated in writing the lyrics of the song and choreographer Lee Jung co-created the dance. The group will also run a pop-up store in Seoul from S

• Fans in liquor company jackets under fire for leaving stadium trash at Korean Series opener (2026-11-05 03:03)

A group of spectators wearing liquor company jackets have come under fire after photos showed tables littered with beer cans and food waste they apparently left behind after the Korean Series opener. In a Threads post on Wednesday, Song Min-gu, a baseball commentator for Daegu MBC radio, shared the pictures and criticized the fans for leaving their trash behind. The company was not named. It was unclear whether all those spectators were employees.

• El-Sayed tells AP Michigan rejected ‘hateful, spiteful campaign’ after months of Republican attacks (2026-11-05 03:02)

WASHINGTON (AP) — US Sen.-elect Abdul El-Sayed told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Michigan voters had rejected “a hateful, spiteful campaign” after months of Republican attacks on his Muslim identity in one of the nation’s most closely watched Senate races. El-Sayed said he was “running on adrenaline and caffeine” after his race with Republican Mike Rogers was called early Wednesday, giving Democrats another significant victory in a premier swing state as they won a substantial majority

• Republicans call for Trump to change course after midterm drubbing (2026-11-05 03:02)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- US President Donald Trump faced pressure from Republicans on Wednesday to change course after a midterm election rout handed Democrats control of Congress and voters rejected his handpicked candidates in key races. Republican allies and strategists called for Trump to shake up his White House personnel, restore discipline and scrap policies they blamed for the losses, including the Iran war and tariffs, as his presidency enters its final years. Veteran Republican strate

• Lions pitcher Yang Chang-seop eager for 1st Korean Series start: 'I will be so honored' (2026-11-05 02:47)

Seeking a turnaround amid his second-half swoon in the Korea Baseball Organization, Samsung Lions pitcher Yang Chang-seop changed his walk-up song to "Crazy Train," the first solo single by Ozzy Osbourne in 1980 following his departure from the heavy metal pioneers Black Sabbath. Yang said he had not always been a fan of heavy metal but he fell in love with the iconic opening riff of the song that remains a staple across sports stadiums in North America. " It just sounds perfect for a walk-up son

• Korea Eximbank commits $170m to Tanzania's first EDCF AI project (2026-11-05 02:43)

The Export-Import Bank of Korea will provide a $170 million loan to build an artificial intelligence education center in Tanzania, marking the first AI project financed through South Korea's Economic Development Cooperation Fund. The state-run lender said Thursday that its Senior Executive Vice President Lee Dong-hoon and Tanzanian Deputy Finance Minister Natu E. Mwamba signed the loan agreement with the Tanzanian government in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. The project is also the first under Seou

• Lee welcomes East Timor President Horta's visit to S. Korea ahead of summit (2026-11-05 02:30)

President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday welcomed East Timorese President Jose Ramos-Horta's first visit to South Korea, expressing hope for a stronger partnership between the two countries on the occasion of next year's 25th anniversary of diplomatic relations. Lee wrote the message on his X account, as Horta was scheduled to make an official visit to South Korea from Thursday

through Saturday, marking the first trip to South Korea by an East Timorese leader since the two countries established diplo

• [Bae Su-kyeong] What our spaces reveal (2026-11-05 02:29)

No life is exempt from scars. Across cultures, people have long sought ways to live with them. In Japan, the art of “kintsugi” adorns a fractured vessel with gold, transforming the damage into conspicuous beauty and allowing it to continue its life. In contrast, Korea's tradition of repairing “onggi,” traditional earthenware vessels, restores them to everyday use while usually leaving their scars visible. Years ago, I encountered this same question not in a piece of pottery, but in a city. One e

• Israel's president takes first steps on building new government after accepting election results (2026-11-05 02:27)

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Wednesday accepted the certified results of last week’s parliamentary elections as legally binding and began consultations with party representatives on forming a new government. The move dealt a blow to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s efforts to discredit the vote, in which he and his allies lost their majority in parliament, known as the Knesset, while Arab-led parties made historic gains. “The elections are over. Now is the time to face r

• GI Innovation begins prostate cancer trial with J&J; drug (2026-11-05 02:19)

South Korean biotech firm GI Innovation has administered the first dose in a global clinical trial combining its experimental immunotherapy GI-102 with Johnson & Johnson's prostate cancer drug candidate pasritamig, marking a new step in its efforts to develop treatments for advanced cancer. The company said Thursday that the first patient was dosed Monday in the Phase 1b/2 JET trial, which is evaluating the combination in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer, an advanced

• TWS hits Oricon chart at No. 2 with new single (2026-11-05 02:17)

TWS' latest single landed at No. 2 on Oricon’s Daily Single Ranking, its agency Pledis Entertainment said Thursday. The second physical single “To Us” joins the rest of the group's albums — five mini albums and a single in Korea, two single albums in Japan — in claiming the highest spots on Oricon charts. “To Us” consists of three tracks. The lead track “Call My Name” leapt to No. 14 on Melon’s Top 100 on its release day, hitting its career-best on the first day on the chart, while both B-side t

• Hoban overtakes Walter Cho as Hanjin KAL's top shareholder (2026-11-05 02:11)

Hoban Construction has overtaken Hanjin Group Chairman Walter Cho, who also serves as CEO of Korean Air, as the largest shareholder of Hanjin KAL, the group's holding company, setting the stage for a renewed stake battle as Cho prepares to reclaim the top spot next month. Hanjin KAL said Wednesday that Hoban Construction and its affiliates hold a combined 20.69 percent

stake, narrowly exceeding the 20.58 percent held by Cho and related parties. But Hoban's lead may be short-lived. Cho plans to a

• Hanwha Aerospace breaks ground on Chunmoo rocket plant in Poland (2026-11-05 02:03)

Hanwha Aerospace Co. said Thursday it has broken ground on a guided rocket manufacturing plant in Poland as part of efforts to expand its defense production capabilities in Europe. The South Korean defense company held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday in Gorzow Wielkopolski, western Poland, alongside Hanwha WB Advanced Systems, its joint venture with Poland's WB Group. The plant, scheduled for completion in 2028, will mark Hanwha Aerospace's first guided weapons production facility in Europe.

• Kakao profit rises 7% on ad growth, unveils W150b buyback (2026-11-05 02:02)

Kakao reported a 7 percent rise in quarterly operating profit Thursday, with advertising sales on the ascent. The company behind South Korea's nearly ubiquitous messaging app unveiled plans to expand AI-powered advertising and buy back 150 billion won ($112 million) of shares for cancellation. Operating profit reached 240.3 billion won, up from a year earlier but down 13 percent from the previous quarter's record high. Revenue increased 6 percent to 2.09 trillion won. KakaoTalk had 49.7 million

• S. Korea posts record high current account surplus of over $60b in Sept. on chip supercycle (2026-11-05 02:00)

South Korea posted an all-time high current account surplus of over $60 billion in September on strong exports of semiconductors, central bank data showed Thursday. The current account surplus totaled $61.46 billion in September, up from $46.11 billion the previous month, according to the data from the Bank of Korea. It marked the largest monthly current account surplus ever, renewing the previous record of $49.73 billion set in June. Compared with the same month a year earlier, the figure surge

• N. Korea says test-fired new air defense missile system, long-range cruise missile (2026-11-05 01:58)

North Korea has test-fired a new air defense missile system and conducted a strike drill with a long-range strategic cruise missile, state media reported Thursday, marking Pyongyang's fourth weapons test in a week. The North's report came after South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff detected the North firing multiple missiles toward the East Sea from the Sondok area in South Hamgyong Province early Wednesday. The Missile Administration's test of a new air defense missile system was aimed at confirm

• LG Twins sign ex-MLB pitcher Tristan Beck (2026-11-05 01:55)

The LG Twins announced their signing of former major league pitcher Tristan Beck on Thursday. The 2025 Korean Series champions said Beck, 30, agreed to a one-year deal worth US$878,000, with $578,000 in salary and $300,000 in signing bonus. Beck was a fourth-round pick by the

Atlanta Braves in the 2018 Major League Baseball draft but was traded to the San FranciscoGiants in 2019. He made his MLB debut with the Giants in 2023. In 85 outings, including fivestarts, for the Giants, Beck went 5-3 w

• Hyundai chief meets Erdogan to discuss EV cooperation (2026-11-05 01:52)

Hyundai Motor Group Executive Chair Chung Euisun met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Wednesday to discuss electric vehicle cooperation, as the South Korean automaker seeks to strengthen its manufacturing foothold in Turkey and expand its presence in the European market. The meeting, confirmed by the Turkish Presidency, comes as Hyundai steps up EV production and sales in Turkey, a strategic manufacturing hub linking Europe and the Middle East. According to media reports, Hyundai Motor

• True crime (17) The girl who wasn't her mother's (2026-11-05 00:00)

Few cases unravel so completely that even the most basic questions — who was the victim and what was their relation to the perpetrator — become mysteries. In 2021, a 3-year-old girl was found dead inside a home in Gumi, North Gyeongsang Province. She had been dead for so long that her body was described as “mummified.” At first, investigators thought they knew what happened: The child had been left alone for months after her mother moved away to remarry. The mother reportedly told investigators

• S. Korea's current account surplus tops $60b for 1st time on chip boom (2026-11-04 23:57)

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• Korea's Hanji-making nears UNESCO intangible cultural heritage list (2026-11-04 23:27)

Traditional Korean paper, known as hanji, is set to be inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The evaluation body of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage on Wednesday (local time) recommended that South Korea's nomination, titled "Traditional knowledge and skills associated with the production of hanji and related cultural practices in the Republic of Korea," be inscribed on the list. Hanji is

• Taekwondo set for UNESCO listing through North Korea alone (2026-11-04 23:10)

North Korea is expected to secure inclusiong of Korean martial art taekwondo on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list this year. The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage's evaluation body has recommended Thursday that North Korea's nomination be inscribed on the list. Huh Min, head of the Korea Heritage

Service, had also hinted at the announcement on Monday in a post on his social media channel. The committee, which makes the final decision on

• [Graphic News] Wallets top Seoul subway lost-item reports (2026-11-04 23:00)

Wallets were the most commonly reported lost items on the Seoul subway from 2021 through September 2026, accounting for 191,223 of 820,106 cases, according to Seoul Metro data. The number of lost-item reports rose from 101,618 in 2021 to 167,738 in 2025, before reaching 123,879 in the first nine months of this year. Cash was reported lost in 52,859 cases, totaling approximately $2.26 million, of which 74.4 percent was returned to its owners. The direct return rate for all lost items fell from 65

• [Anne O. Krueger] Tariff fiasco may save free trade (2026-11-04 20:30)

In the nearly two years since he returned to the White House, US President Donald Trump has picked up where he left off in his first term, shredding the open multilateral trading system that has served the world so well since the end of World War II. He has imposed sweeping tariffs on dozens of countries, repeatedly raising and lowering them and changing rates on individual goods and countries, seemingly on a whim. As a result, US tariff rates are now higher than at any time since the Great Depr

• [Wang Son-taek] Presidential communication and balance (2026-11-04 20:30)

President Lee Jae Myung has made clear his determination to communicate more frequently with the public through social media. He recently dismissed criticism that frequent social media posts undermine presidential dignity or authority, emphasizing his commitment to remaining close to ordinary citizens. His determination deserves recognition. The question is not whether a president should use social media, but how frequently, for what purposes and in what manner. Direct communication offers consi

• Seo Ye-ji to return to big screen after six-year hiatus with occult horror film (2026-11-04 11:58)

Actress Seo Ye-ji is set to return to the big screen after an approximately six-year hiatus with the upcoming film "Geumwoldo" (translated), her agency, B. Wave Entertainment, announced Wednesday. In the horror occult film, Seo will play Kim Ji-hoo, who travels to the remote island of Geumwoldo after receiving a message from her mother and becomes embroiled in a series of mysterious events. Her character sets out to uncover the truth behind the strange occurrences on the island. Filming is sched

• Former 4minute member Jeon Ji-yoon to marry on Nov. 22 (2026-11-04 11:20)

Former 4minute member Jeon Ji-yoon, 36, who has since pursued a solo music career and become a web novel author, is set to marry. Jeon personally shared the news on social media on Wednesday, posting, "I'm getting married in November. Now that the day has come when I can actually say the word 'marriage' in relation to my own life, I feel a little shy, but also

excited." Her prospective husband is reportedly not a celebrity, and the couple will tie the knot on Nov. 22 in Seoul. The private ceremo

• Actress Cha Ye-ryun denies school bullying allegations, vows legal action (2026-11-04 11:09)

Actress Cha Ye-ryun denied allegations that she was involved in school bullying, with her agency issuing a statement Wednesday to reiterate that the claims were groundless. In a statement, HB Entertainment said it had previously made clear that allegations concerning the actress's past circulating online were "entirely untrue." "Unverified claims and speculation made anonymously continue to spread repeatedly," the agency said, adding that it would take strong legal action to prevent further dama

• DaouKiwoom-CJ consortium to sign deal to acquire JoongAng Ilbo this week (2026-11-04 10:44)

A consortium comprising CJ, Shinsegae and two other companies will sign a deal Thursday to acquire debt-laden South Korean newspaper publisher JoongAng Ilbo Co., the company said Wednesday. Under the deal, the DaouKiwoom-CJ consortium will purchase 520 billion won ($388 million) worth of new shares in JoongAng Ilbo, with Daou Technology Inc., CJ Corp., Shinsegae Inc. and Saramin Co. contributing 36.5 percent, 35.7 percent, 14.1 percent and 13.7 percent, respectively. The agreement, set to be sig

• Police arrest woman for stabbing doctor at hospital (2026-11-04 10:44)

Police arrested a woman for allegedly stabbing and injuring a doctor at a major hospital in western Seoul on Wednesday, with officers investigating the motive behind the attack. The Seodaemun Police Station said it apprehended the woman in her 50s on suspicion of aggravated assault after he allegedly stabbed a psychiatry professor with a knife at Severance Hospital at around 4:35 p.m. The doctor sustained a wound measuring 5 centimeters and was taken to an emergency room for treatment. According

• Hyundai Motor to showcase hydrogen technologies at local expo (2026-11-04 10:44)

Hyundai Motor Group said Wednesday it will showcase its hydrogen technologies at a local industry expo this week as it seeks to expand cooperation with global companies. The group will present technologies for hydrogen production, hydrogen-powered mobility solutions for passenger and commercial vehicles and rail transport, as well as plans for developing a hydrogen ecosystem at the World Hydrogen Expo 2026, which runs through Friday in Goyang, northwest of Seoul, it said in a statement. The exhi

• US service members accused of smuggling synthetic cannabinoids into Korea (2026-11-04 09:02)

Two US service members stationed in Korea have been referred to prosecutors on suspicion of smuggling liquid synthetic cannabinoids through the US military postal system, the Pyeongtaek

Customs Office said Wednesday. One suspect was referred in custody and the other withoutdetention. The suspects allegedly smuggled the substances into Korea in March, hiding smallcontainers of the liquid inside bottles of protein supplements. Synthetic cannabinoids areartificial substances that mimic the effec

- S. Korea has an award for beautiful restrooms. And this one just won the Presidential Award. (2026-11-04 08:58)

If you've ever been impressed by the restrooms at Incheon International Airport, you're not alone. One of them just won the Presidential Award at South Korea's 28th Beautiful Restroom Awards. The winning restroom, located near Gate 225 in Terminal 2's duty-free area, stands out for its floor-to-ceiling windows offering views of planes taking off and landing. Organizers say the restrooms are evaluated based on cleanliness, convenience, safety, design and maintenance, in which this particular rest

- Banks, brokerages face record W374.6b penalties over Hong Kong ELS (2026-11-04 08:54)

South Korea's financial regulator on Wednesday imposed a record 374.6 billion won ($280 million) in penalties on seven banks and six securities firms for misselling Hong Kong-linked investment products, sharply reducing the fines from earlier proposals after considering investor compensation and legal factors. The Financial Services Commission finalized the sanctions over violations of the Financial Consumer Protection Act involving equity-linked securities, or ELS, tied to the Hang Seng China E

- SK Inc. scraps SK ecoplant IPO plan, seeks full ownership (2026-11-04 08:49)

SK Inc., the holding company of SK Group, said Wednesday it would launch a tender offer for 16.43 million shares in SK ecoplant, moving to make the affiliate a wholly owned subsidiary and bring its long-running initial public offering plan to an end. The company's board of directors approved the tender offer to address concerns that a separate listing of SK ecoplant could weigh on the parent company's valuation and erode shareholder value. The offer will run from Thursday through Nov. 24, with p

- Year-end folk theater recasts resourceful wife and reckless husband (2026-11-04 08:45)

A new production of a Korean literary classic is shifting the spotlight from a reckless husband to the resourceful wife who saves their family, bringing a centuries-old tale of marital folly and female ingenuity into the present day. Based on the late-Joseon-era novel "The Tale of Lee Chun-pung," the National Theater of Korea's new production, "Chunpung's Wife," reimagines the story from the perspective of Madam Kim, Lee's wife. The production will run from Nov. 27 through Jan. 24, 2027, at Hane

- Seoul, Basel explore partnership for 2027 architecture biennale in Seoul (2026-11-04 08:37)

Seoul and the Swiss canton of Basel-Stadt discussed possible collaboration on the 2027 Seoul Biennale of Architecture and Urbanism as architects from Seoul and Basel gathered this week to exchange ideas on public space and housing. Seoul Vice Mayor Kim Sung-bo met with Conradin Cramer, president of the Basel-Stadt Executive Council, on Tuesday to discuss cooperation on the biennale’s sixth edition, the Seoul Metropolitan Government said Wednesday. The meeting also reviewed progress on an exchang

- Can Rescene sustain its breakout success with ‘Pulse?' (2026-11-04 08:31)

After spending the second half of 2026 climbing music charts with older releases, girl group Rescene is now finding success with a new release. Rescene’s fourth EP “Pulse,” released Tuesday, made an immediate impact, with its main track “With” reaching No. 1 on Melon’s Top 100 chart just two hours after release, according to The Muze Entertainment. All five tracks from the EP, along with the group's earlier releases, also ranked high on the chart, indicating Rescene's recent popularity may have

- Lee to launch YouTube show ‘The President’s Y’ (2026-11-04 08:22)

President Lee Jae Myung is launching a new YouTube show to communicate directly with the public, answering citizens’ questions and explaining government policies in a more informal setting, Cheong Wa Dae said Wednesday. The program, titled “The President’s Y,” will debut Thursday at 9 p.m. on two YouTube channels: Lee+Imagine, operated by state-run broadcaster KTV, and Lee Jae Myung TV, the president’s official YouTube channel. Since taking office, Lee has held 23 news conferences or informal me

- Food Week Korea opens in Seoul with focus on exports, food technology (2026-11-04 08:03)

Food Week Korea 2026 opened Wednesday in Seoul, bringing together about 1,000 food companies and 252 international buyers, as organizers seek to turn the consumer-oriented exhibition into a global business platform for Korean food exports. The four-day event runs through Saturday at Coex in southern Seoul. Organizers described this year’s exhibition, featuring 1,800 booths and participation from 46 countries, as its largest edition yet. The expanded business program reflects a shift toward conne

- PM pledges to root out price-fixing practices (2026-11-04 07:54)

Prime Minister Han Seong-sook pledged Wednesday to root out price-fixing practices, saying the government has imposed more than 1.8 trillion won ($1.3 billion) in administrative fines this year alone on companies involved in collusion. Han made the remark in a post on X, saying stabilizing prices is an important responsibility of the government. "We will firmly safeguard the people's dining tables from price-fixing," she said. Noting the amount of administrative fines imposed this year for price

- Police arrest 80 high-risk offenders in relationship-based crime review (2026-11-04 07:29)

Police said Wednesday they have conducted a comprehensive review of about 44,000 cases involving relationship-based crime, such as stalking and domestic violence, and placed under custody 80 individuals identified as high-risk offenders. The 12-day review, which began Oct. 19, covered 44,540 cases, according to the Korean National Police Agency. They included 43,712 existing cases, such as those currently under investigation, individuals subject to high-risk monitoring, stalking reports that had

• Imported vehicle sales jump 29.3% in Oct. on strong EV demand (2026-11-04 07:19)

Sales of imported vehicles in South Korea rose a sharp 29.3 percent in October from a year earlier, driven by robust demand for electric vehicles (EVs), industry data showed Wednesday. New registrations increased to 31,117 units last month from 24,064 a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association (KAIDA). The three top-selling imported cars were the Tesla Model Y Premium, Mercedes-Benz E200 and Tesla Model 3. The two Tesla models are manufactured in China

• Lee calls for 'cybersecurity czar' amid wave of cyberattacks (2026-11-04 07:15)

President Lee Jae Myung has called for a powerful national cybersecurity coordinator following a wave of cyberattacks on major companies and financial institutions, raising questions about what a new authority could accomplish beyond South Korea's existing security agencies. At a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, Lee said existing security systems focused on inspections and responses after attacks had shown "clear limitations" as hacking techniques grow more sophisticated. He instructed officials to cons

• Seoul shares close higher on early US midterm election outcome (2026-11-04 07:10)

South Korean stocks closed slightly higher Wednesday as early results from the US midterm elections pointed to Democratic victories in both chambers of Congress. The local currency was trading lower against the US dollar. Swinging between gains and losses, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index finished at 5,683.80, up 35.01 points, or 0.62 percent. After starting 2.43 percent higher, the KOSPI turned lower around 10:11 a.m. and fell as low as 5,421.72 at 12:45 p.m. as vote counting in

• Lee set to launch new YouTube program to communicate with public (2026-11-04 07:01)

President Lee Jae Myung will launch a YouTube program aimed at explaining his state administration to the public and answering people's questions, a presidential official said Wednesday. The first 30-minute episode of the new program, "President's Y," will be aired Thursday night on the president's YouTube channel, and new episodes will be released every two to three weeks, according to Lee's press secretary, Seong Ghi-hong. During the pre-filmed program, Lee plans to "voice his frank opinions i

• Democratic gains unlikely to derail Korea-US investment deal (2026-11-04 06:58)

Democratic gains in Tuesday's US midterm elections could bring tougher congressional scrutiny of US President Donald Trump's trade and industrial policies, adding uncertainty for South Korean companies investing billions of dollars in American manufacturing. According to US media outlets, Democrats had secured control of the Senate and were closing in on a House majority as of press time in Seoul on Wednesday, with several races still undecided as vote counting continued. The emerging results po

- Gibbeum Hospital’s hernia expertise reaching beyond Korea -- and the surgeon behind it (2026-11-04 06:58)

At Gibbeum Hospital in southern Seoul, surgeon Yoon-Sik Kang’s days revolve around the operating room. On his busiest days, he performs up to 15 operations, each lasting about 20 to 30 minutes. “The simpler and quicker the operation, the better, as surgery causes trauma to the patient’s body,” Kang said in an interview with The Korea Herald on Oct. 28. The hospital’s president has spent much of his career treating conditions ranging from colorectal and anal diseases to hernias. His focus on the

- Seoul’s housing relief depends on where you look (2026-11-04 06:41)

President Lee Jae Myung’s remarks Tuesday about falling home prices in parts of Seoul drew skepticism, reflecting a gap between his assessment and what many buyers and renters are seeing in the market. Lee told a Cabinet meeting that transaction prices in key areas were falling “to a surprising degree” and said South Korea must “shed the stigma of being a republic of real estate speculation.” He later wrote on X that the government was considering buying homes in bulk for public rental housing i

- Ruling party proposes govt. delay planned taxation of cryptocurrency (2026-11-04 06:39)

The ruling Democratic Party (DP) on Wednesday formally proposed that the government postpone the implementation of taxation on cryptocurrencies, set to take effect next year. The party's supreme council decided to make such a proposal in a meeting, considering the need to give businesses and investors time to adjust to the new taxation scheme, according to DP leader Kim Min-seok. "We agreed that it would be better to first enact the Digital Asset Basic Act to build an overall framework and allow

- Yoon's election law conviction upheld on appeal (2026-11-04 06:27)

The Seoul High Court on Wednesday upheld former President Yoon Suk Yeol’s conviction for making false statements during his campaign for the 2022 presidential election, maintaining the lower court’s 18-month prison sentence suspended for three years. If the conviction and sentence become final, the main opposition People Power Party will have to return about 39.7 billion won ($29.7 million) in reimbursed campaign expenses and a refunded election deposit to the National Election Commission. The c

- Parties clash over 2027 budget, 'future fund' from chip tax windfall (2026-11-04 06:22)

Rival parties on Wednesday clashed over the proposed 820.9 trillion won ($613 billion) 2027 annual budget and a 162.3 trillion won fund drawn from the tax surplus from the chip industry boom. At the plenary session of the National Assembly's Special Committee on Budget and Accounts, the government defended the need to spur investment to keep South Korea ahead in the race for artificial intelligence supremacy, and achieve shared growth to tackle economic bipolarization. Prime Minister Han Seong-s

- Behind Korea’s drama boom lies a harsh production reality (2026-11-04 06:17)

South Korean television, driven by its idiosyncratic, nuanced portrayals of human relationships and bold storytelling, is dominating international charts. But beneath the industry's high-production gloss lies a less flattering reality: working conditions that fail to keep pace with its growing global stature. Despite its standing as a major force in the global entertainment industry, Korea's drama sector continues to grapple with precarious employment arrangements, unfair contracts and excessive

- Opposition grows to Cheonghae Unit expansion (2026-11-04 06:16)

Opposition is mounting against South Korea's potential expansion of naval operations near the Strait of Hormuz, as the government weighs strengthening the Cheonghae Unit's mission amid pressure from Washington to contribute to maritime security in the region. Rep. Kim Joon-hyung, floor leader of the minor left-leaning Rebuilding Korea Party, on Wednesday denounced the proposal, calling it an effective military deployment that could draw South Korea into the ongoing conflict involving the United

- Korea secures record $2b investment pledges (2026-11-04 06:13)

South Korea secured $2 billion in investment pledges from seven global companies at the Invest Korea Summit 2026 on Wednesday, the largest commitments in the event’s 22-year history. The nation’s largest government-led investor relations event, hosted by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources and organized by Kotra, kicked off in Seoul on Wednesday. The three-day event drew more than 2,000 participants, including investors from 267 overseas companies and business and government officials.

- Yonsei steps up quantum computing research with latest IBM processor (2026-11-04 06:08)

Yonsei University has upgraded its quantum computer with IBM’s latest processor, increasing its quantum circuit throughput 25-fold compared with its previous Eagle processor, according to IBM, as the university seeks to strengthen its leading position in quantum computing research in Korea. Installed at Yonsei University’s International Campus in Songdo, Incheon, the Nighthawk r2 processor makes Yonsei the first IBM Quantum Network participant to operate Nighthawk at its own facility, according

- Court upholds Yoon's sentence that could cost opposition party W39.7b (2026-11-04 06:04)

The Seoul High Court on Wednesday upheld a sentence that would invalidate former President Yoon Suk Yeol's 2022 election victory, putting the main opposition People Power Party at risk of having to return 39.7 billion won ($27 million) in state-reimbursed campaign expenses. The court sentenced Yoon to a suspended prison term for making false statements during his presidential campaign. Under the Public Official Election Act, a prison sentence, even if suspended, invalidates a candidate's electio

• 2 sunken ships from 13th century offer glimpse into Medieval Korea (2026-11-04 06:04)

Remains of two shipwrecks believed to date to the Goryeo Kingdom (918-1392) have been identified off the coast of Mado in Taean, South Chungcheong Province, offering new clues as to how goods were transported to the kingdom's capital. The National Research Institute of Maritime Heritage announced Wednesday that underwater excavations near the island this year confirmed the remains of a vessel designated Mado No. 5 and uncovered evidence of another shipwreck, provisionally identified as Mado No.

• Korean brokerages sit out Anthropic IPO after SpaceX setback (2026-11-04 05:51)

South Korean brokerages are sitting out Anthropic's blockbuster US initial public offering, potentially leaving Korean retail investors without access to shares before the AI company's Nasdaq debut. Their reluctance comes after Mirae Asset Securities failed to secure any share allocations for its clients despite participating in SpaceX's IPO underwriting syndicate. The US artificial intelligence company filed its Form S-1 registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Oct.

• Korea Investment & Securities, Neuberger eye global investment products (2026-11-04 05:51)

Korea Investment & Securities seeks to deepen its partnership with US asset manager Neuberger Berman to bring Korean investors more global investment opportunities, particularly in high-growth sectors such as aerospace, semiconductors and private companies preparing to go public. KIS said Wednesday that its President and CEO Miller Kim met with Neuberger Berman Chairman and CEO George Walker and other senior executives at its headquarters in Yeouido, Seoul, to discuss expanding their cooperation

• Jobplanet, LinkedIn leadership discuss AI-driven future of hiring (2026-11-04 05:27)

Jobplanet, an online recruitment platform operated by Worxphere, exchanged views with LinkedIn executives on Korea’s hiring market and the role of artificial intelligence in recruitment, the company announced Wednesday. At its Seoul headquarters on Oct. 19, where LinkedIn Ecosystem Chief Product Officer Hari Srinivasan led a delegation of vice presidents, Jobplanet explained what sets the Korean market apart. Companies juggle open, rolling and performance-based hiring at once, and an aging workf

• Kakao Bank defies lending curbs with 25% profit growth (2026-11-04 05:21)

Kakao Bank posted a 25.2 percent rise in net profit for the first nine months of the year, as the South Korean internet-only lender expanded loans to individual business owners and grew its platform business. Net profit reached 469.8 billion won ($351.8 million) in the January-September period, the bank said Wednesday. Third-quarter profit rose 27.2 percent from a year earlier to 141.7 billion won, while revenue for the nine-month period increased 8.7 percent to 2.53 trillion won. The bank kept

- Samsung's Galaxy Buds get green light for hearing aid functions (2026-11-04 05:18)

Samsung Electronics has secured Korean medical-device approval from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety for the "Hearing Test" and "Hearing Aid" functions on its Galaxy Buds4 Pro and Buds3 Pro. The features are set to launch early next year through software updates, bringing Samsung into closer competition with Apple's AirPods. The Hearing Test feature uses pure-tone air-conduction audiometry to measure hearing in each ear and generate an audiogram. Results are classified into seven levels, fro

- From fuel cells to AI hubs: Hyundai unveils hydrogen value chain at WHE 2026 (2026-11-04 05:07)

Hyundai Motor Group has unveiled an end-to-end hydrogen value chain vision at the World Hydrogen Expo 2026, showcasing how hydrogen can expand beyond traditional mobility to power AI data centers, manufacturing and advanced robotics in a zero-emission ecosystem. The group presents integrated solutions spanning hydrogen production infrastructure, hydrogen fuel cell mobility and industrial ecosystem models at the Korea International Exhibition Center in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province, on Wednesday. Lev

- Local municipalities vie to host correctional facilities amid regional extinction concerns (2026-11-04 05:06)

Seven municipalities have applied to host new correctional facilities, officials said Wednesday, a surprise turnout for the once-shunned sites that apparently comes amid growing concerns of regional extinction due to declining populations. The southeastern counties of Yeongdeok, Yeongyang, Uiseong and Cheongsong, the central city of Jecheon and Boeun County, and the eastern county of Jeongseon have submitted bids for the government's plans to create four new prisons by 2034. While correctional f

- Celltrion unveils promising results for four-target obesity drug (2026-11-04 05:06)

Celltrion has unveiled promising preclinical results for its next-generation obesity drug candidate, CT-G32/SCO-940, which outperformed a leading experimental weight-loss treatment in animal testing and showed potential to better preserve lean body mass. The South Korean biopharmaceutical company presented the findings alongside Japanese partner SCOHIA PHARMA at TIDES Europe, a conference on next-generation therapeutics held in Amsterdam from Tuesday to Thursday. CT-G32/SCO-940 is a quadruple ag

• Shinhan Bank wins government award for FDI support (2026-11-04 05:06)

Shinhan Bank has received a government commendation for its efforts to attract foreign investment to South Korea, supported by dedicated consulting services and digital banking solutions for foreign companies. The bank said Wednesday it received a ministerial commendation at the 2026 Foreign Company Day ceremony, hosted by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy at Grand InterContinental Seoul Parnas on Tuesday. The annual event recognizes companies and institutions that contribute to the Kor

• Daewoo E&C; wins W350b fertilizer plant project in Nigeria (2026-11-04 05:06)

Daewoo Engineering & Construction has secured a 350 billion won ($261 million) fertilizer plant project in Nigeria, extending its decades-long presence in Africa's largest economy and its partnership with global petrochemical group Indorama. The South Korean builder said Wednesday it received a letter of award from IF FZE, Indorama's Nigerian subsidiary, for the construction of a fourth fertilizer production line in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Under the project, Daewoo E&C will serve as the pri

• SK Telecom's Q3 profit rebounds higher than before 2025 hacking incident (2026-11-04 05:05)

SK Telecom's third-quarter operating profit surged more than 11-fold from a year earlier, exceeding prehack levels, as South Korea's largest mobile carrier has seemingly recovered from the financial fallout of its massive 2025 data breach. The company said Wednesday that operating profit jumped 1,040.3 percent on-year to 552.3 billion won ($412.7 million) in the July-September period, up from 48.4 billion won a year earlier. The figure surpassed the 533.3 billion won recorded in the third quarte

• Korea to establish 2 new regional medical schools by 2030 (2026-11-04 04:59)

South Korea has selected Sunchon National University and Gyeongkuk National University to establish new medical schools, aiming to admit their first students in 2030 with a combined annual intake of 100, the government said Wednesday. The Education Ministry and the Ministry of Health and Welfare said Sunchon National University in Jeonnam-Gwangju, formed by the merger of South Jeolla Province and Gwangju, will have an annual enrollment quota of 60 students. Gyeongkuk National University in North

• Samsung TVs top Consumer Reports rankings across screen sizes (2026-11-04 04:50)

Samsung Electronics Co. ranked first across all TV screen-size categories, from models measuring 70 inches or larger to compact 32-inch sets, in Consumer Reports' rankings, industry sources said Wednesday. The US consumer testing organization evaluated 358 television models in its 2026 report, released last month, assessing key features such as resolution, support for streaming services and voice recognition, they said. Samsung's QD-OLED TV, the QN65S95H, topped the overall best-TV category with

• US to halt $4 billion in aid to Israel as Mideast ally reduces dependence on Washington (2026-11-04 04:38)

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The United States will stop providing $4 billion in aid each year to Israel in 2027 but will continue selling arms to its closest ally in the Middle East, US President Donald Trump said Tuesday. The Republican president told Fox News Channel during a phone call on midterm Election Day that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had approached him about the idea and that they had been discussing it for a couple of years. Trump said Israel did not need the aid and that it was

• Iran, US still far apart on deal to end war as Qatar pushes mediation (2026-11-04 04:03)

DUBAI (Reuters) -- Iran and the United States are still far from a deal to end their war, a senior Iranian official told Reuters on Tuesday, while mediator Qatar stepped up efforts to bridge differences and avert a renewed escalation after the US midterm elections. Overnight, the United States carried out "defensive" strikes on Iran's Qeshm Island, targeting surface-to-air missiles used against US assets, a US official said. Another official said the strikes appeared limited and did not signal a

• North Korea rejects Binance hack accusation, warns against US talks (2026-11-04 04:01)

Kim Yo-jong, a ranking Workers' Party of Korea official and the sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, on Wednesday again rejected US allegations that Pyongyang was behind a cryptocurrency theft from Binance, warning that North Korea sees no reason to resume dialogue with Washington unless it abandons its hostile policy. "The so-called 'cryptocurrency hacking case by the DPRK' is no more than a tip of (an) iceberg that shows the essence of the US hostile policy toward the DPRK," Kim said, re

• 3 men get eight months in prison for shooting dogs with BB guns (2026-11-04 03:46)

Three men in their 20s were each sentenced to eight months in prison Tuesday for repeatedly shooting two pet dogs with illegally modified BB guns in Geoje, South Gyeongsang Province, killing one and leaving the other in need of surgery to remove an eye. The men were convicted of charges including aggravated property damage for the attack, which took place outside a restaurant on June 8 last year. Two were serving in the Marines at the time. The Busan District Court Eastern Branch considered the

• Thyssenkrupp CEO says Canada submarine contest with Hanwha was 'very close' (2026-11-04 03:17)

Thyssenkrupp CEO Miguel Lopez acknowledged the fierce competition between its naval shipbuilding arm TKMS and South Korea’s Hanwha Ocean in Canada’s recent submarine procurement contest, while expressing optimism about broader industrial cooperation between Germany and Korea. “Canada has been very, very close competition. I don’t think that there was a lot of delta between the two companies,” Lopez told The Korea Herald in an interview on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Conference of German Bu

• Russia bombards Ukraine power grid before Abu Dhabi talks; Merz urges Moscow to engage (2026-11-04 03:03)

KYIV, Ukraine (Reuters) -- Russia bombarded Ukraine ‘s energy infrastructure in waves on Tuesday, knocking out power to large parts of the country with dozens of missiles and hundreds of drones, a week before US-brokered peace talks were due to resume. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said at least 33 people had been killed on Monday when Russia twice bombed a school being used for aid distribution in the village of Komyshuvakha, near the front line in Ukraine’ s Zaporizhzhia region. About 50 people

• Korea identifies protein that helps spread Alzheimer’ s-linked tau (2026-11-04 03:03)

South Korean researchers have identified a protein that helps a substance linked to Alzheimer’ s disease spread between brain cells, a finding that could open a path for research into potential treatments. The National Institute of Health said Wednesday that its researchers had established the role of a protein called FAM84B in promoting the transfer of tau between cells. The institute, part of the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency, described the finding as a world first. Tau helps main

• Sejong teachers’ union urges action over kindergarten abuse dispute (2026-11-04 03:02)

A teachers’ union in Sejong on Wednesday called for stronger protection and support for a kindergarten teacher facing a second child abuse complaint from a parent, saying earlier measures had failed to resolve safety concerns in the classroom. The Sejong branch of the Korean Teachers and Education Workers’ Union said the parent of a child receiving special education at the school had recently filed a complaint accusing the teacher of physical abuse, citing a red mark on the child’ s neck. The tea

• Coupang logs third straight loss in Q3 despite record paid membership (2026-11-04 02:50)

E-commerce giant Coupang posted its third consecutive quarterly operating loss, weighed down by a recent warehouse fire and lingering fallout from its data breach despite double-digit revenue growth and record paid membership. The company said Wednesday that revenue for the July-September period rose 11 percent on-year on a constant currency basis to $10 billion and swung to an operating loss of $450 million from an operating profit of $162 million a year earlier. The deficit marks Coupang’ s sec

• Customer claims dead cockroach found in Mega Coffee vanilla latte (2026-11-04 02:46)

Mega MGC Coffee, Korea's largest budget coffee chain, is facing criticism after a customer reported finding a dead cockroach in an iced vanilla latte purchased at one of its stores, according to news reports Wednesday. The customer posted photos of the drink and what appeared to be a cockroach on Threads, recounting the unpleasant experience. "I was almost done with my drink when I felt something strange in my mouth. At first, I thought it was a piece of lemon, but that didn't make sense in a va

• Korea's Botox boom fuels battle over technology restrictions (2026-11-04 02:35)

A growing rift is emerging in South Korea's booming botulinum toxin industry over whether to lift government protections on its manufacturing technology, pitting companies seeking faster overseas expansion against those warning that deregulation could expose valuable industrial know-how. The dispute comes as Korean botulinum toxin exports continue to surge, rising from $223 million in 2022 to $420 million in 2025. Exports are projected to exceed $500 million for the first time this year. Botulin

• Cortis’ 2nd EP resurfaces on Billboard 200 (2026-11-04 02:34)

Cortis returned to the Billboard 200 after seven weeks with its second EP “GreenGreen” ranking No. 90, according to the latest chart published Tuesday in the US. This extends the mini album’s stay on the main albums chart to 19 total weeks. The extended play debuted at No. 3, landing a spot within the top three in the shortest time since debut for a K-pop group. The EP logged 18 consecutive frames before reentering the chart this week. The six–track set was released in May and sold over 2.3 mill

• N. Korea's Kim inspects Nampho shipyard, calls for rapid naval buildup (2026-11-04 02:20)

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited the Nampho Shipyard and called for a rapid buildup of naval combat power to counter "hostile acts of the enemies," state media said Wednesday. Kim made the remarks during an on-site inspection at the shipyard Monday, where he was briefed on the shipyard's ongoing upgrades and inspected a new warship under construction, the Korean Central News Agency reported. "It is vital and important requirement of the times to rapidly bolster up the surface and unde

• [Contribution] What the Nankai Trough megaquake threat means for South Korea (2026-11-04 02:16)

By Lee Mi-seon, administrator of the Korea Meteorological Administration Could an earthquake in Japan cause high-rise buildings in South Korea, hundreds of kilometers away, to sway? When an earthquake occurs, we first check its epicenter and magnitude. However, in modern society, where high-rise buildings are common, assessing our safety requires us to ask another question: How will the building I am in respond to the ground motion? Even within the same area, levels of shaking can vary depending

• Ateez hits new chart milestone with prerelease single 'Drip' (2026-11-04 02:14)

Ateez has entered Billboard's Global 200 chart with its prerelease single "Drip," marking the first time one of its songs has debuted on the chart in its opening week. Released on Oct. 23, the song debuted at No. 190 on the Global 200 chart dated Nov. 7, ahead of the group's 15th EP, " Golden Hour: Part 6," due out Nov. 13. The Global 200 ranks songs based on streaming and digital sales from more than 200 countries and territories worldwide, including the US. Ateez has previously topped Billboard

• NewJeans hits 500m Spotify streams with ‘ETA’ (2026-11-04 02:10)

NewJeans accumulated 500 million plays on Spotify with “ETA” as of Monday, their agency Ador said Wednesday. This is the group’s seventh song to achieve the feat, following “Ditto,” “OMG,” “Super Shy,” “Hype Boy,” “New Jeans” and “Attention.” “ETA” was one of the three tracks that fronted its second EP “Get Up,” which rolled out in July 2023. Blending elements of hip-hop and Jersey club, the performance-heavy number swept all major music charts at home along with prerelease and main track, “Supe

• Pope invites youth to bring 'questions and wounds' to 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul (2026-11-04 02:06)

Pope Leo XIV has encouraged young Catholics to bring their "questions and wounds" to World Youth Day 2027, saying he looks forward to meeting them at the international gathering set to be held in Seoul next year. "Bring to Christ your questions and your wounds but also the wounds that tear apart your societies and set your countries against one another," the pope said in a message released by the Holy See on Tuesday (Vatican time), which was also published in Korean. "Do not wait until you are p

• Babymonster tops 100m views with ‘Deserve’ music video (2026-11-04 01:58)

Babymonster’s music video for “Deserve” surpassed 100 million views on YouTube in 11 days, according to label YG Entertainment on Wednesday. It is the group’s 19th music video to reach the milestone and the fastest music video to do so this year. The two-year-old team has over 13.5 million followers on its YouTube channel. “Deserve” is a pop ballad released as a digital single on Oct. 23, featuring six of its seven members. Main vocalist Rami has suspended activities since May 2025 due to health

• Lions ace Paddack says ready to sacrifice body for Korean Series start (2026-11-04 01:45)

In his professional career that began 11 years ago, Chris Paddack had never made a start on three days' rest until last week, when he pitched in Game 4 of the second round in the Korea Baseball Organization postseason for the Samsung Lions last Friday. He had tossed 94 pitches in a 5-1 loss against the Kia Tigers four days earlier. But with the Lions short on starting pitchers and sitting a win away from winning that round to book a ticket to the Korean Series, manager Park Jin-man turned to Pad

• N. Korea says dialogue with US an option but not a must for national interest (2026-11-04 01:36)

North Korea said Wednesday that dialogue with the United States remains an option for peace, but that it would not be necessary for its own interest while again stressing the US' accusation of its involvement in a major cryptocurrency theft as a sign of Washington's hostility toward Pyongyang. Kim Yo-jong, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, made the remarks, saying the continued "hostile signal" by Washington was compelling the regime to reconsider the "true nature" of the U

• 'Arirang' becomes first K-pop album to go platinum in Italy (2026-11-04 01:33)

BTS's fifth studio album, “Arirang,” was awarded platinum status by Federation of the Italian Music Industry on Monday, its label Big Hit Music said Tuesday. This is the first time ever a K-pop album received the certification in the country. The septet has five albums that earned “gold” in Italy: “Love Yourself ‘Answer,’” “Map of the Soul: Persona,” “Map of the Soul: 7,” “Be,” and “Proof.” The fifth LP has spent 32 weeks on the Billboard 200, ranking No. 57 on the chart dated Nov. 7, after debu

• [Treasures From National Museum of Korea] Rubbed Copy of the Epitaph on the Monument for King Gwanggaeto (2026-11-04 01:29)

Nationality: Korea Materials: Paper Dimensions: First panel: 541.0 × 145.5 cm, second panel: 543.0 × 137.0 cm, third panel: 541.0 × 180.0 cm, fourth panel: 543.0 × 126.0 cm This is a rubbed copy of the epitaph on the monument to King Gwanggaeto, which his son King Jangsu erected in 414 (the 3rd year of his reign) to honor his father’s accomplishments and designate the keeper of his father’s tomb. The epitaph contains information on the origins of King Gwanggaeto’s family and the regulations for

• Senior officials of S. Korea, Switzerland discuss N. Korea situation after Swiss FM's Pyongyang trip (2026-11-04 01:21)

Senior officials of South Korea and Switzerland have discussed bilateral cooperation and the situation on the Korean Peninsula following the Swiss foreign minister's recent visit to North Korea, Seoul's foreign ministry said Wednesday. Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Chung Eui-hae held the seventh round of bilateral policy consultations with Markus Leitner, Switzerland's assistant state secretary, in Seoul on Tuesday and exchanged views on major regional issues, including the situa

• Binance says fake job interviews, AI tool used in $6 bln theft blamed on N. Korea (2026-11-04 01:20)

Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange, said Tuesday that hackers used fake job interviews and an internal artificial intelligence tool in a cyberattack that resulted in the theft of more than $6 billion in digital assets last week. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation's has attributed the theft to North Korea, identifying the incident to a North Korean hacking group it calls TraderTraitor, a name previously tied to other cryptocurrency thefts. In its latest findings, Binance sai

• N. Korea fires unidentified projectile toward East Sea: JCS (2026-11-04 01:16)

North Korea fired an unidentified projectile toward the East Sea on Wednesday, the South Korean military said. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it detected the launch, without elaborating. The latest launch came after the North fired around a dozen short-range ballistic missiles toward the East Sea from the Wonsan area Thursday, less than a week after the South

Korean military proposed military talks with Pyongyang over the inter-Korean border. NorthKorean state media has reported that Pyon

- Melania Trump to meet Ukrainian, Russian representatives at White House this week (2026-11-04 01:09)

US First Lady Melania Trump will bring representatives of Ukraine and Russia together at the White House later this week, following a ceasefire in southern Ukraine that her office says she helped secure, the White House said Tuesday. The first lady will meet representatives of the two countries, which have been at war since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, at the White House on Thursday, according to a statement from the Office of the First Lady. "First Lady Melania Trump will pe

- Hanwha names new president of US shipyard in Philadelphia amid expansion (2026-11-04 01:02)

South Korea's Hanwha Group has appointed a new president of its Philadelphia shipyard in the United States, as the conglomerate seeks to expand its US naval shipbuilding operations, according to the company. Kim Hyuk has been named president of Hanwha Philly Shipyard, effective Monday, succeeding David Kim, who helped oversee Hanwha's acquisition of the facility in 2024 and a near doubling of its workforce since then, the shipyard said in a press release. The new president brings more than 25 ye

- North Korea fires missiles toward East Sea (2026-11-04 00:59)

North Korea launched several missiles toward the East Sea on Wednesday, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. The JCS did not immediately disclose the exact number of missiles launched, their flight distances or other specifications. If confirmed to be ballistic missiles, Wednesday's launch would mark North Korea's 19th ballistic missile launch of the year, following its firing of more than 10 short-range ballistic missiles from the Wonsan area on Oct. 29. "South Korean and US authorities ar

- Seoul shares open sharply higher on tech gains ahead of US midterm election results (2026-11-04 00:42)

South Korean stocks started sharply higher Wednesday, driven by gains in tech shares as investors awaited results from the U.S. midterm elections. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 124.21 points, or 2.2 percent, to 5,773 as of 9:15 a.m. Overnight on Wall Street, the tech-heavy Nasdaq gained 0.83 percent on strong chip shares and the S&P 500 climbed 0.36 percent. The PHLX chip index climbed 2.63 percent. Voting in the US midterm elections started Tuesday, which could reshape th

- [Graphic News] Korean children exposed to English books at younger age (2026-11-03 23:00)

The average age at which Korean children are first exposed to English-language books has fallen to 4.8 years, according to a survey by Yoons English School, an education company specializing in children's English education. The survey of 696 parents with children in high school or earlier found that the average age of first exposure was 4.8 years, or 58 months. That was 1.5 years younger than the average of 6.3 years recorded in 2016. The survey also found that 72.8 percent of children currently

• Rotary's fight against polio informs broader humanitarian efforts (2026-11-03 22:00)

Founded in 1905, Rotary International has grown into one of the most prominent organizations behind global humanitarian efforts, particularly the decadeslong campaign to eradicate polio. In an interview with The Korea Herald, Olayinka H. Babalola, president of Rotary International, said decades of work with global and local partners had yielded lessons that could serve as a lasting legacy in addressing global challenges, from public health to broader humanitarian efforts. Babalola encouraged mor

• [Kim Seong-kon] What does getting old mean? (2026-11-03 20:30)

We all grow old as time goes on. In T. S. Eliot's poem, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," the narrator laments, "I grow old … I grow old … /I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled." It may never occur to young people that they will become old and wrinkled someday. Surely, however, they too will age, and their bodies will eventually decline. Indeed, growing old is an inevitable course of human life. What, then, does "getting old" mean? When objects age, they become dysfunctional or br

• [Nicole Huyer] Freedom isn't automatic (2026-11-03 20:30)

US President Ronald Reagan's famous warning that "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction; it has to be fought for and defended by each generation" is even more relevant today than when he first said it. He correctly identified that prosperity is not a predetermined outcome. It is created and sustained by culture, institutions and economic freedom, and it must therefore be the responsibility of every generation to protect and preserve it. The comforting but misguided belie

• Lee, Erdogan reaffirm 'blood alliance' at Seoul state banquet (2026-11-03 12:01)

President Lee Jae Myung hosted Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at a state banquet at the Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul on Tuesday, as the Turkish leader made a state visit to South Korea. "I hope this visit will give us an opportunity to look back on our longstanding friendship and take a vigorous step toward another 70 years together," Lee said during the banquet, noting that the two countries will mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations next year. "Today, our two countries drew up a

• Half of Korean universities fall in QS Asia rankings; regional schools hardest hit (2026-11-03 12:00)

More than half of South Korean universities fell in the latest QS Asian university rankings, with institutions outside the Seoul metropolitan area accounting for most of the declines. Five of the six Korean universities in the top 20 are based in Seoul, underscoring the growing disparity between higher education institutes in the capital region and those in other areas of the country. According to the 2027 QS World University Rankings: Asia, released Tuesday by global higher education analyst Qu

- Nat'l Olympic body, sports ministry vow support for S. Korean Summer Games bid (2026-11-03 11:57)

The national Olympic committee and the sports ministry both vowed their all-out support for the country's bid to host the 2036 Summer Games on Tuesday. Earlier in the day, the International Olympic Committee finalized seven countries as potential hosts of the 2036 Summer Olympics, with South Korea up against Germany, Hungary, India, Qatar, South Africa and Turkey. For South Korea, North Jeolla Province beat out Seoul to become the country's candidate in February 2025, but has since shifted towar

- Son saves father with CPR learned at school (2026-11-03 10:57)

A middle schooler in Jeonju, North Jeolla Province, saved his father's life by performing CPR he had learned at school, highlighting the importance of emergency response training for students. The Jeonbuk Fire Headquarters said Tuesday that a man in his 40s collapsed at a local supermarket at around 7:51 p.m. on Oct. 18 after experiencing shortness of breath. The man's son, who witnessed the incident, immediately called emergency services but was too panicked to provide the exact address. Fire a

- Court revokes bail of Unification Church leader after unauthorized hospital departure (2026-11-03 10:25)

A Seoul court on Tuesday revoked the bail of Unification Church leader Han Hak-ja after she was found to have left the hospital where she was required to stay under the conditions of her release. The Seoul High Court revoked the bail of the 83-year-old religious leader, who was sentenced to two years in prison on corruption charges including bribing former first lady Kim Keon Hee, citing concerns over possible evidence tampering and violations of her bail conditions. Han was convicted in August

- Hybe posts record quarterly results as BTS tour lifts revenue (2026-11-03 10:02)

K-pop giant Hybe reported record third-quarter revenue and operating profit Tuesday, propelled by BTS' ongoing world tour, putting it on track to become the first K-pop agency to surpass 4 trillion won ($2.98 billion) in annual revenue. According to its regulatory filing, the company's preliminary revenue for the July–September period jumped 109.8 percent year-on-year to 1.53 trillion won on a consolidated basis. Operating profit swung to 188.5 billion won from an operating loss of 42.2 billion

• JCS chief pays visit to console soldiers injured in DMZ blast (2026-11-03 10:02)

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Jin Yong-sung on Tuesday visited the soldiers injured in an explosion caused by land mines planted by North Korea inside the Demilitarized Zone and offered his condolences, officials said. Jin met with the soldiers wounded from the Sept. 21 mine blast and their family members at the Armed Forces Capital Hospital in Seongnam, just south of Seoul, according to the JCS. During the visit, he pledged to ensure that the soldiers can focus solely on their recovery, s

• Asian Cup football tournament postponed due to attacks on Saudi Arabia (2026-11-03 10:01)

Asia's top men's football tournament scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia in January next year has been postponed to December, amid continued attacks on the host country by Yemen's Houthi rebels. The Asian Football Confederation announced Tuesday that the Asian Cup, originally set for Jan. 7 to Feb. 5, 2027, will instead take place from Dec. 23, 2027, to Jan. 21, 2028. "The organizing committee for AFC Asian Cup approved to reschedule the flagship national team tournament in light of the curr

• DP vows to pass bill concerning Lee's criminal cases; PPP warns of filibusters (2026-11-03 09:49)

South Korea's ruling and main opposition parties are headed for another clash over a bill proposing a new special counsel to look into indictments filed against President Lee Jae Myung before he took office. The ruling Democratic Party of Korea's Tuesday decision to push the bill was met with immediate backlash from the main opposition People Power Party. Rep. Jeong Jeom-sig, floor leader of the People Power Party, said his party will hold a filibuster for every bill tabled at Thursday's plenary

• After Gatsby, ‘Wuthering Heights’ marks Shin Chun-soo’s next global play (2026-11-03 09:22)

Producer Shin Chun-soo took “The Great Gatsby” from its 2024 Broadway premiere to London and Seoul. His next musical, another classic novel adaptation developed alongside “Gatsby,” carries the same global ambition but reverses the route. “Wuthering Heights,” based on Emily Bronte’s 1847 novel, will have its world premiere in Seoul in January, rather than in London, as Shin had once considered. The 58-year-old veteran producer told reporters Tuesday that he decided to bet on a Korean writer and c

• Korea, Turkey pledge deeper cooperation on nuclear energy, defense (2026-11-03 09:15)

The leaders of South Korea and Turkey agreed Tuesday to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy and the defense industry while strengthening coordination on peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in conflict-hit regions, including Ukraine and the Middle East. The agreements followed a summit between President Lee Jae Myung and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan at Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul, during Erdogan's first state visit to South Korea in

eight years. Speaking at a joint news conferen

• DP chair drops Shincheonji covert infiltration claims (2026-11-03 09:14)

Rep. Kim Min-seok, chair of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea, reversed his claims that a religious sect had colluded with his rival's supporters and attempted to influence the party's primary. Instead, Kim extended an apology to party members who were offended by the allegations he had raised during the party's leadership race. "Our investigation found no evidence of (party members' collusion with Shincheonji members). I would like to offer my deepest apologies to anyone whose feelings I may

• Another K-pop song finds new life on social media (2026-11-03 08:58)

A K-pop girl group that disbanded eight years ago is enjoying an unexpected revival after one of its 13-year-old songs went viral on social media, climbing music charts and introducing the group to a new generation of listeners. Bestie, a four-member group that debuted in 2013, has seen its second digital single "Love Options" gain renewed popularity after fans began pairing it with dance performances by younger K-pop idols. As of Tuesday afternoon, the song had peaked at No. 14 on Melon's Top 1

• Korea pushes to define threat against pets, digital spying as stalking (2026-11-03 08:45)

Forcing a romantic relationship, spying on someone's social media accounts and threatening another person's pet are to be newly defined as acts of stalking, upon passage of a law revision propelled by the South Korean government. The Ministry of Justice said Tuesday a revision of the Act on Punishment of Crime of Stalking had been proposed on Oct. 26. It aims to cover blind spots in the current version of the law, enacted in 2021, defining nine types of offenses as stalking. Such blind spots inc

• [Key Points] Kim Yo-jong rejects crypto theft claims, keeps diplomatic door ajar (2026-11-03 08:40)

Cyber dispute escalates: Kim Yo-jong rejected US allegations tying North Korea to a $6.3 billion Binance cryptocurrency theft, calling the FBI findings a “grave political provocation.” Rare personal response: Seoul says Kim’s direct intervention in a cybersecurity dispute is unprecedented, suggesting Pyongyang views the allegations as unusually damaging to its international standing. Diplomatic signals: Analysts say Kim’s swift but restrained statement may be aimed at preventing the hacking alle

• [Key Points] Presidential data leak triggers security review in South Korea (2026-11-03 08:38)

Presidential data breach: Personal information belonging to President Lee Jae Myung, first lady Kim Hea Kyung and 166 others on presidential flights was exposed online for months, including passport details and dates of birth. Security detail exposed: The leak included presidential bodyguards whose identities are normally confidential, escalating the incident from a privacy

breach to a potential presidential security threat. Five-month exposure: A presidential aircraftpassenger list was upload

• Seoul shares dip over 3% amid escalating AI woes (2026-11-03 08:37)

South Korean stocks plunged more than 3 percent Tuesday, driven by heavy tech sell-offs amid escalating woes about massive artificial intelligence (AI) spending. The Korean won was trading higher against the US dollar. After opening 2.46 percent lower, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index extended losses to close at 5,648.79, down 210.29 points, or 3.59 percent. Trade volume was light at 192.4 million shares worth 14.1 trillion won ($10.5 billion), with decliners beating gainers 656 t

• Big Bang becomes first K-pop group to headline Sydney’s Accor Stadium (2026-11-03 06:29)

Big Bang has become the first K-pop group to hold a standalone concert at Sydney’s Accor Stadium, returning to the city for its first solo concert there in 11 years. The group performed at the stadium on Saturday as part of its “XX : Cosmos” world tour. Accor Stadium is the largest stadium in Sydney and one of the largest in all of Australia, previously hosting major international acts including Taylor Swift and Coldplay. Big Bang’s appearance marked the first time a K-pop group has headlined th

• Lee again stresses fairness amid backlash over multicultural family remarks (2026-11-03 06:08)

President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday stressed fairness in government support programs amid growing criticism over his recent remarks questioning preferential benefits for multicultural families in some public services. “The state has a responsibility to look after the difficulties faced by socially and economically vulnerable people and carefully devise measures to support them,” Lee said during a Cabinet meeting at Cheong Wa Dae. “But in that process, the principles of fairness and reasonableness

• LG Energy Solution Q3 profit climbs 26% on strong ESS demand (2026-11-03 06:01)

LG Energy Solution reported a 25.7 percent increase in third-quarter operating profit Tuesday, boosted by strong demand for energy storage systems in North America and recovering electric-vehicle battery sales, as the South Korean battery-maker raised its full-year revenue outlook. The company posted an operating profit of 756 billion won ($564 million) for the July-September period, up 25.7 percent from a year earlier, according to its earnings release. Excluding 416.9 billion won in US manufac

• Hyundai mulls W100b stake in Posco Future M's Vietnam plant (2026-11-03 06:00)

Posco Future M has signed a letter of intent with Hyundai Motor Group to explore a 100 billion won ($74.4 million) equity investment in its synthetic graphite anode materials project in Vietnam, the South Korean battery materials maker said Tuesday. Under the agreement,

Hyundai Motor Group will consider taking a stake in the project and seek priority purchasingrights for its synthetic graphite anode materials. The companies also agreed to collaborate onearly-stage product development and quali

• Migrant advocates accuse Lee of spreading hate (2026-11-03 05:59)

Immigrant advocates and migrants living in Korea criticized President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday for what they described as a series of comments targeting immigrants and fueling anti-immigrant sentiment. They made the remarks at a press conference in front of Cheong Wa Dae in central Seoul. Questioning whether Lee's comments reflect the realities migrants face in Korea, the participants called on the president to address shortcomings in the country's immigration and welfare systems that contribute

• Hanwha brings Korean defense, manufacturing ETFs to Abu Dhabi (2026-11-03 05:54)

Hanwha Asset Management's two US-listed exchange-traded funds tracking South Korea's defense and manufacturing sectors have been cross-listed on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange in the United Arab Emirates, the asset manager announced Tuesday. The Plus Korea Defense Industry Index ETF and the Plus Korea Manufacturing Core Alliance Index ETF began trading on the ADX on Monday. Plus is Hanwha Asset's ETF brand. The cross-listing was made possible under a framework established by a memorandum of u

• Shinee's Minho's first marathon sparks debate over possible rule violation (2026-11-03 05:53)

Shinee member Choi Minho's first full marathon run has sparked debate after footage appeared to show another runner touching his back during the race. Minho completed the 2026 JTBC Seoul Marathon on Sunday, finishing in 3 hours and 18 seconds. He announced his finish on social media later that day. "Missed sub-3 by 18 seconds. Still, it was such a valuable experience. Life is a marathon," he wrote. Sub-3 refers to finishing a full marathon under 3 hours, a widely recognized goal among amateur ru

• Furniture becomes marker of wealth (2026-11-03 05:53)

In Seoul, where apartment prices continue to soar, the home remains a significant marker of wealth. For affluent homeowners, owning a desirable property is only part of creating a living space. Carefully curated furniture offers another way to express personal taste and a lifestyle that not everybody can afford. Homes have taken on a more important role beyond a living space as spaces for work, rest and socializing. In the high-end market, furniture is valued not only for its function, but also

• Pyeongtaek apartment turned into meth lab using cold medicine (2026-11-03 05:50)

Police have caught 13 people allegedly involved in an operation that produced methamphetamine from cold medicine at an apartment in Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi Province, including pharmacy workers accused of supplying the medicine. The Seoul Metropolitan Police

Agency said Tuesday that four of the suspects had been referred to prosecutors and remainedin custody. The suspects are accused of violating drug control and pharmaceutical laws. Fivemembers of the alleged drug ring, including the leader, are

• From webtoon hit to lavish fantasy drama: Disney+ rolls dice on 'Remarried Empress' (2026-11-03 05:43)

Can an all-Korean cast make European court intrigue feel real? That's the multimillion-dollar question facing Disney+'s "The Remarried Empress" -- potentially the platform's biggest gambit of the year. Adapted from a hit web novel and webtoon phenomenon that has amassed 2.97 billion views worldwide, the romance fantasy follows Empress Navier (Shin Min-a) after her husband, Emperor Sovieshu (Ju Ji-hoon), demands a divorce to elevate Rashta (Lee Se-young), a runaway slave. The story is set in a di

• Labor dispute halts Hyundai Motor's Genesis production for second day (2026-11-03 05:41)

Production of Hyundai Motor’s Genesis luxury vehicle at its Ulsan plant remained suspended for a second day Tuesday, as a labor standoff over staffing requirements for new models showed no sign of a breakthrough. The assembly line for Genesis models at Hyundai Motor’s Plant 5 in Ulsan, southeastern South Korea, remained idle Tuesday, following a shutdown that began Monday, according to industry sources. The line normally begins operations at 6:45 a.m. but production had yet to resume as of Tuesd

• Seoul to turn overlooked neighborhood spots into nighttime attractions (2026-11-03 05:38)

Seoul plans to transform dim riverside paths, neighborhood parks and hilltop viewpoints into nighttime attractions, offering up to 1 billion won ($746,658) per site to encourage evening visits and spending at nearby businesses. The Seoul Metropolitan Government said Tuesday it had selected 10 locations for its "Seoul Starlight Attractions" project. The initiative aims to connect nighttime sightseeing with dining, performances and other activities in surrounding neighborhoods. Among the selected

• Hanjin chair raises stake in Korean Air parent amid Hoban buildup (2026-11-03 05:36)

Hanjin Group Chair Walter Cho is tightening his grip on Hanjin KAL, the holding company of Korean Air, with fresh share purchases just as its second-largest shareholder, Hoban Group, has notified regulators that it may now hold the top stake. In a regulatory filing Monday, Hanjin KAL disclosed that Cho had agreed to buy 325,000 of its shares for 37 billion won ($28 million) via block trade between Dec. 3 and Jan. 1, citing a goal to strengthen responsible management. Once complete, the deal will

• Hyundai Motor Group takes third, BYD breaks into global top five in Q3 sales (2026-11-03 05:32)

Global automotive rankings have been reshuffled for the first time in seven years as Chinese automakers expand their presence overseas. Hyundai Motor Group rose to third place, while

China's BYD entered the top five for the first time. Toyota Group ranked first with 2.74 million vehicles sold in the third quarter, followed by Volkswagen Group with 1.89 million and Hyundai Motor Group with 1.76 million. BYD sold 1.32 million vehicles, overtaking the Renault-Nissan Alliance, which fell out of the

• Korea selects 43 regions for education reform drive amid population decline (2026-11-03 05:30)

South Korea has selected 43 regions for a new education reform initiative to improve small schools, narrow educational disparities and strengthen cooperation between schools, universities and local industries, the Education Ministry announced Tuesday. The selected regions will receive government funding, administrative support and special regulatory exemptions for up to five years starting in 2027, as authorities seek to improve educational opportunities in communities facing declining student p

• [Contribution] Encountering Korea at the British Museum (2026-11-03 05:25)

By You Min-jung Eighteen pounds. Quite a sum for a museum where the permanent collections are free to visit. Yet people were queuing for tickets to the British Museum's exhibition on Korea. Inside, visitors young and old were moving slowly through the galleries. I hadn't expected so many people to turn out for Korea's historical treasures. Even more surprising was that most appeared to be Westerners rather than Koreans. Nor were they simply passing through. They leaned in to read the labels and

• AI server capacitor shortage set to peak in 2027, boosting Samsung Electro-Mechanics (2026-11-03 05:18)

A widening shortage of high-performance capacitors used in AI servers is expected to intensify in early 2027, as surging demand for processors and memory drives new supply contracts at Samsung Electro-Mechanics and a major capacity expansion by Japanese rival Murata Manufacturing. Market researcher TrendForce said Thursday that shortages of high-end multilayer ceramic capacitors, or MLCCs, would likely be most severe in the first two quarters of 2027, as AI infrastructure demand spreads beyond g

• Samsung's Galaxy Z Fold8 sales jump over 20% in Korea after iPhone Duo launch (2026-11-03 05:17)

Samsung Electronics' Galaxy Z Fold8 sales in South Korea rose more than 20 percent following the launch of Apple's first foldable iPhone, industry sources said Tuesday, as the US tech giant's entry to the category appears to be drawing fresh consumer interest. Domestic sales of the Fold8 increased by more than 20 percent during the week of Oct. 23-29 compared with the preceding week, according to local telecom industry figures. Absolute sales figures were not disclosed. The increase follows a ro

• Kim Yo-jong's rare denial of $6.3b crypto heist raises questions over US-N. Korea dialogue (2026-11-03 04:57)

Kim Yo-jong on Tuesday rejected US allegations linking Pyongyang to a $6.3 billion cryptocurrency theft, just three days after the US findings were announced. Experts say the unusually swift and high-profile nature of the statement from Kim — a department director of the Workers' Party of Korea's Central Committee and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's sister — may reflect Pyongyang's concerns for its international reputation and an attempt to prevent the issue from complicating potential diploma

• S. Korea’s defenses may fall short against low-cost drone swarms: report (2026-11-03 04:56)

South Korea’s military may be ill-equipped to defend against swarms of low-cost attack drones designed to exhaust conventional air defenses, a state-run defense research institute said Tuesday. The Korea Research Institute for Defense Technology Planning and Advancement said existing counter-drone systems have clear limitations against large numbers of medium-sized attack drones, particularly if cheap uncrewed aircraft force defenders to expend far more costly interceptors. “Existing fielded sys

• Gangseo courts Mongolian patients as medical tourism rebounds (2026-11-03 04:54)

Seoul’s Gangseo-gu is seeking to attract more patients from Mongolia for fertility, dental and serious illness treatments as its medical tourism sector recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The district office said Tuesday that its delegation representing the public and medical sector has signed five memorandums of understanding, secured treatment reservations for two patients, and recorded 156 consultations, Gangseo-gu sent a delegation representing nine medical and support institutions to Mongo

• Social media's latest obsession is a scarf seller at Namdaemun Market (2026-11-03 04:52)

If you're active on social media, there is a good chance you have come across this man. In recent weeks, the Namdaemun scarf seller has become an unlikely online sensation, drawing attention for his witty exchanges with customers. Known online as "Namdaemun scarf man," he runs a shop called Hanyangsa at Namdaemun Market, South Korea's oldest and largest traditional market. He sells scarves from an outdoor display, where shoppers can pick any six for 10,000 won ($7.50). His quick wit and an uncon

• Seoul races to contain data leak exposing Lee, his aides and bodyguards (2026-11-03 04:49)

South Korea is scrambling to contain an unprecedented leak that exposed the personal information of President Lee Jae Myung and first lady Kim Hea Kyung, as well as senior aides, bodyguards and journalists accompanying them overseas. The exposure of the first couple's personal information was alarming enough. But the breach also revealed the identities of presidential security officers assigned to protect the president at close range, raising deeper

concerns about presidential security. The gove

• Widow reunited with W30m hidden in late husband's medicine box (2026-11-03 04:42)

A woman in Jeju was reunited with 30 million won ($22,000) in cash that her late husband had secretly stashed in a medicine box, thanks to a pharmacy worker who discovered the money and alerted police. Jeju police said Tuesday that the woman visited a pharmacy in Jeju City on Oct. 26, asking staff to dispose of medication left behind by her husband, who had died after a prolonged illness. While sorting through the medicine box, a pharmacy worker discovered bundles of cash totaling 30 million won

• APR's Medicube draws 15,000 on US-Europe pop-up tour (2026-11-03 04:36)

South Korean beauty company APR said Tuesday that its flagship brand Medicube had attracted about 15,000 visitors during a pop-up tour across four major cities in the US and Europe, as it steps up efforts to expand its global retail presence. The Medicube Wellness Club X2 tour kicked off in New York in September, followed by stops in Los Angeles, London and Paris through October, marking the brand's first pop-up campaign spanning both continents. The events showcased Medicube's new Booster Pro X

• What makes an ideal orchestra? Teodor Currentzis has his answer (2026-11-03 04:35)

In a world increasingly driven by pragmatism, conductor Teodor Currentzis believes an orchestra should be built on something less tangible: idealism. His Utopia Orchestra brings together around 200 musicians from across the world, not as a permanent ensemble but as a community of artists united by a shared passion for music and a desire to explore its possibilities. Asked what an ideal orchestra looks like, the 54-year-old Greek conductor answered in a single word: “Utopia.” Seoul audiences will

• Ukraine says Russian strikes dash peace hopes after 26 killed (2026-11-03 04:19)

KYIV, Ukraine (AFP) -- Ukraine said Monday that Russian strikes on a school distributing humanitarian aid killed at least 26 people, dashing fragile hopes of "progress toward peace" after a localized ceasefire in the south expired without violations. Russia resumed strikes on the southern Kherson region after the ceasefire ended, marking the conclusion of the longest truce between the neighbors since Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, Kyiv said. The rare pause in fighting, brokered by US firs

• US strikes Iranian targets in Strait of Hormuz (2026-11-03 03:47)

The United States conducted defensive strikes on Iranian targets in the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, a US official said, as diplomatic efforts continued to avert another major escalation between Washington and Tehran. The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Iranian forces using surface-to-air missiles against US assets were targeted. Iranian state television reported explosions on Qeshm Island. The strikes appeared limited rather than a f

• Wave of cyber breaches exposes growing risks to S. Korea's digital economy (2026-11-03 02:54)

A relentless wave of cyberattacks on South Korean banks, telecom operators, businesses and government agencies has exposed growing risks to the country's digital economy, highlighting the need for stronger cybersecurity. The scale and frequency of the breaches have raised concerns that cyber threats could extend beyond personal data theft to disrupt financial services, business operations and industrial supply chains. The latest series of security breaches has brought those concerns to the highe

• N. Korean leader's sister blasts FBI's crypto theft probe as 'political provocation' (2026-11-03 02:48)

North Korea on Tuesday flatly dismissed the outcome of a US investigation that blamed Pyongyang for a massive cryptocurrency theft from Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange, calling it a "grave political provocation" against the North. Kim Yo-jong, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, made the remarks, referring to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's announcement Saturday that the regime is responsible for the theft of more than $6 billion in cryptocurrenc

• And2ble’s 2nd EP logs 800,000 in first-week sales (2026-11-03 02:44)

And2ble sold more than 800,000 copies of its second EP in the first week of sales, YH Entertainment announced Tuesday, citing a local tally. Mini album “Sequence 02: Attraction” exceeded half a million sold on the day of release, and went on to surpass the first-week sales of its debut set, “Sequence 01: Curiosity,” at over 730,000. On iTunes albums charts, the second EP landed among the top 10 in 15 regions, while all five tracks, including lead single “French Kissing,” entered Melon’s Hot 100

• Illit returns to Japan's FNS Music Festival for third year (2026-11-03 02:40)

Girl group Illit will perform at Japan's FNS Music Festival for the third consecutive year, its agency Belift Lab announced Tuesday. The five-member group will appear on the first night of Fuji TV's 2026 FNS Music Festival, scheduled to air Dec. 2. First held in 1974, the FNS Music Festival is one of Japan's major year-end music programs, bringing together prominent Japanese and international artists. Illit made its first appearance on the show in 2024, before releasing its first Japanese album,

• Over one-third of immigrant students leave high school because they 'don't fit in' (2026-11-03 02:36)

Nearly 1 out of 20 students in South Korean schools have a migrant background, but a report Tuesday indicated that a significant number of such high school students drop out because they are unable to adapt to school life. According to local media outlet Hankyoreh, Ministry of Education data showed 594 migrant background students dropped out of high school in 2024.

This accounted for 2.15 percent of such students across the country. Of those, 35.7 percent cited "not being able to adapt to school

• Mark to express happiness on upcoming single (2026-11-03 02:36)

Mark, formerly of NCT, will put out the single “Happiest” on Nov. 6, according to Upper Room on Tuesday. He unveiled a preview clip for the single on Monday before showing himself grooving to the music amid a group of dancers, giving a sample of the soon-to-be-released single in a snippet. “Happiest” is an alternative pop R&B tune. The performer sings of finding true happiness inside, rather than measuring against other people’s standards. The new song comes about two months since Mark dropped t

• Man caught roaming naked at Korea Univ. arrested (2026-11-03 02:33)

A man in his 20s was arrested Monday for walking naked on Korea University’s Anam campus in Seoul. Seoul Seongbuk Police Station said officers responding to a report arrested the man on campus at around 2:30 p.m. on charges of public indecency. Police said he had no affiliation with the university. The arrest comes after several incidents involving naked men in Seoul in recent months, including an alleged sexual assault on a university campus. In August, a naked man wearing a black mask allegedl

• Boehringer Ingelheim looks to Korean biotech for next drug breakthroughs (2026-11-03 02:32)

Korea is moving beyond its traditional role as a market for medicines to become a source of pharmaceutical innovation, with local biotech partnerships and clinical research expected to play a larger role in global drug development, Boehringer Ingelheim CEO Shashank Deshpande says. “We do not anymore see Korea just from a sales and marketing perspective,” Deshpande said in an interview with The Korea Herald on the sidelines of the 19th Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business in Seoul on Friday

• Youngone, FKI host Bangladesh delegation to boost business ties (2026-11-03 02:23)

Youngone Group and the Federation of Korean Industries hosted a high-level Bangladeshi delegation Monday in Seoul to explore new trade and investment opportunities/ The meeting, held at FKI Tower in Yeouido, brought together Bangladesh Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury and senior Korean business leaders to discuss expanding bilateral economic ties. Discussions spanned manufacturing, advanced technology and industrial cooperation. The Bangladeshi delegation included Rehan

• UAE boosts oil exports after leaving OPEC (2026-11-03 02:21)

LONDON (Reuters) -- Six months after leaving OPEC, the United Arab Emirates on Monday began hosting ADIPEC, one of the world's largest energy conferences, where it told an audience of industry executives it had increased oil exports in spite of the Iran war. The UAE was for 59 years a pivotal member of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. It said in

April it would leave the group, weeks into the US-Israeli war with Iran. The war, which began at the end of February, has led to

• Apple beats forecasts as AI costs weigh on margins (2026-11-03 02:20)

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -- Apple exceeded analysts' expectations for its latest results on Monday when the iPhone-maker said it notched a "revenue record" for the July-September quarter, driven by iPhone sales and services revenue, but increased costs related to AI will drag down margins. "We’re closing the year with our most ambitious lineup yet," CEO John Ternus, who took over from Tim Cook in September, said in a statement before speaking on a call with analysts Monday afternoon. Ternus hinted at

• US manufacturing strengthens in October, input prices stay high (2026-11-03 02:20)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- US manufacturing activity picked up in October amid strong domestic demand, keeping inflation at the factory gate elevated. Despite the unexpected improvement reported by the Institute for Supply Management on Monday, sentiment among manufacturers remained overwhelmingly downbeat, with some complaining that "economic policies coming out of Washington continue to weigh on business conditions," and others saying the situation was "making it impossible to make sound long-te

• Seventeen’s Dino drops surprise single (2026-11-03 01:55)

Seventeen's Dino will drop a solo digital single on Tuesday, a surprise hello from the enlisted musician, his agency Pledis Entertainment said. He wrote both the lyrics and melody of “Automatic,” which conveys the fluttering feelings of falling in love. He gave his fans an early listen in August, during his solo show in Seoul, “Dino X Picheolin Board Show.” Dino has been expanding his musical horizons through solo music, starting with the mixtape “Wait” in 2021. In August, he released his first

• N. Korea slams Japan's missile reinforcement, joint drills with US (2026-11-03 01:47)

North Korea on Tuesday criticized Japan's push to acquire "preemptive attack" capabilities and last month's regular military drills between Washington and Tokyo, warning that such moves would invite a "vicious cycle" of escalating regional tensions. In an article carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, a military commentator took issue with Tokyo's deployment of a Type 25 longer-range anti-ship missile launcher during the bilateral Keen Sword exercise that took place across Japan fro

• Woman 21 weeks pregnant gives birth inside ambulance (2026-11-03 01:33)

Rescue authorities in Daejeon said Tuesday that a woman who was 21 weeks pregnant ended up giving birth inside an ambulance Monday afternoon, as no hospitals in the vicinity were equipped to handle the case. The Daejeon Fire Headquarters received a report at around 7:15 p.m. Monday that a woman in her 30s had had her water break. Giving birth earlier than 28 weeks is considered an extreme case, and the hospital in question was unable to provide the

necessary care. Rescue workers contacted other

• Police launch investigation into leak of presidential plane passenger information (2026-11-03 01:27)

Police said Tuesday they have launched a preliminary investigation into the online leak of personal information belonging to 168 individuals, including President Lee Jae Myung, his wife and Cabinet ministers. Earlier in June, a file titled "Passenger list (South Korea-Belgium)" was posted on a paid, security-related website, according to the Korean National Police Agency. The file reportedly contained the personal information of 168 individuals, including Lee and his wife, key government officia

• Sales of Galaxy Z Fold 8 increase following launch of Apple's 1st foldable smartphone (2026-11-03 01:24)

Domestic sales of Samsung Electronics Co.'s latest Galaxy Z foldable smartphone have increased following the launch of Apple Inc.'s first foldable iPhone, industry sources said Tuesday. Sales of the Galaxy Z Fold 8 in South Korea rose about 20 percent in the week after the iPhone Duo's launch from the previous week, according to telecommunications industry sources. The increase is believed to reflect consumer recognition of Samsung's hinge technology and product durability, as well as the user e

• Blackpink’s Jisoo tops iTunes charts in 28 regions with solo single (2026-11-03 01:23)

Jisoo of Blackpink saw her solo single “Addicted” rise to the top of iTunes songs charts in 28 regions, according to Blissoo on Tuesday. The music video for the prerelease from her first solo studio album claimed the No. 1 spot on YouTube’s trending music video worldwide ranking. She participated in writing the lyrics of the song, which dropped Friday, highlighting her vocal capabilities and demonstrating rapping skills. The artist is set to perform the new song on a television music chart show

• Presidential office holds emergency meeting over leak of personal data of president, trip entourage (2026-11-03 01:23)

The presidential office held an emergency meeting Tuesday to address the leak of personal information of President Lee Jae Myung and members of an entourage that accompanied him on his overseas trip in June. The meeting, presided over by presidential chief of staff Lim Kwang-hyun, followed news reports that a computer file containing personal data of Lee's entourage for his June overseas trip had been uploaded to a publicly accessible website that same month. Those affected also included the fir

• BOK sees consumer inflation remaining near 3% in Nov. (2026-11-03 01:21)

Consumer prices are expected to rise into the high 2 percent range in November due to an upward trend in core inflation, the central bank said Tuesday. "Consumer prices rose at a slower pace in October as shipments of agricultural products improved, but prices of private

services and durable goods remained elevated," Deputy Gov. Lee Ji-ho said during a meeting to review inflation trends. "In November, inflation is expected to remain in the high 2 percent range, affected by global oil prices and

• Cheong Wa Dae orders probes into data leak of Lee, aides, security guards (2026-11-03 01:17)

Cheong Wa Dae on Tuesday ordered a thorough investigation into a personal data leak involving President Lee Jae Myung, presidential aides, security personnel and journalists accompanying his overseas trip. The move came after KBS reported Monday that passport details and other personal information of 168 people aboard the presidential aircraft had been exposed online for about five months. Presidential chief of staff Lim Kwang-hyun convened an emergency meeting Tuesday morning to discuss the inc

• Launch ceremony set for latest indigenously-built attack submarine (2026-11-03 01:17)

The Navy was set to hold a launching ceremony Tuesday for its latest indigenously-built attack submarine, a key asset in boosting its undersea deterrence against maritime threats around the Korean Peninsula, the armed force said. The 3,600-ton Seo Hui attack submarine was to be moved into the water for the first time during the ceremony at Hanwha Ocean Co.'s shipyard in Geoje, some 330 kilometers southeast of Seoul, the Navy said in a statement jointly released by the Defense Acquisition Program

• Police release identity of suspect in Seoul building arson (2026-11-03 00:54)

Police on Tuesday released the identity and mug shots of a suspect accused of setting fires at two patent firms in southern Seoul last month and leaving 26 people injured. The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency posted the photos of Lee Myung-soo, 77, on its website following a decision by a review committee. Lee is suspected of committing arson in two buildings in Seoul's southern ward of Gangnam on Oct. 20, He was taken into custody shortly after the fires and was referred to the prosecution last

• S. Korea, Bulgaria reaffirm economic ties, nuclear cooperation (2026-11-03 00:49)

South Korea and Bulgaria have reaffirmed their commitment to cooperation on a new nuclear power plant project in Bulgaria and discussed ways to expand bilateral economic ties at a joint committee meeting, Seoul's foreign ministry said Tuesday. The third meeting of the South Korea-Bulgaria Joint Economic Committee was held in Sofia on Monday, co-chaired by Park Jong-han, deputy minister for economic affairs, and Krasimir Yakimov, the Bulgarian deputy economic minister, according to the ministry.

• Foreigners' card spending in Seoul jumps nearly 58% to W8.84tr (2026-11-03 00:34)

Foreign visitors' card spending in Seoul jumped nearly 58 percent from a year earlier in the first nine months of 2026, driven by a record number of visitors, city government data showed Tuesday. Foreigners spent 8.84 trillion won ($6.57 billion) using credit and debit cards in Seoul

from January to September, up 57.7 percent from the same period last year, according to the data. The figure has already surpassed the annual total of 7.94 trillion won for 2025. By sector, shopping accounted for th

- White House cites S. Korean trade deal, Alaska gas project among Trump's fulfilled pledges (2026-11-03 00:01)

The White House on Monday highlighted US President Donald Trump's trade agreement with South Korea and a Alaska natural gas project involving Seoul among his fulfilled campaign promises, as it touted his achievements on the eve of the U.S. midterm elections. In a press release highlighting policies promised and delivered during Trump's second term, the White House listed 127 campaign pledges it said the president had fulfilled. Among them, the administration cited South Korea as one of the major

Source: Yonhap

- DEEPX's AI chip built on Samsung's 2-nanometer foundry process wins CES award (2026-11-10 05:39)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korean neural processing unit (NPU) developer D...

- (LEAD) Top diplomats of S. Korea, France discuss ties, Ukraine war (2026-11-10 05:37)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Foreign Minister Cho Hyun has met his French counterp...

- S. Korea repeats principle of non-involvement in Iran war (2026-11-10 05:32)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's foreign ministry on Tuesday reiterated ...

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- Ex-U.S. diplomat says OPCON transfer may not move rapidly, cites 'no consensus' in Washington (2026-11-10 04:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- A former U.S. diplomat said Tuesday that the envision...

- (LEAD) N. Korea's Kim stresses importance of agriculture, vows to improve rural life (2026-11-10 04:49)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has emphasized the im...

- (LEAD) Military drone crashes in Gimpo; no civilian damage reported: Army (2026-11-10 04:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- A small military drone operated by an Army unit crash...

• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-10 04:30)

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• Army temporarily grounds Apache helicopters amid U.S. inspection for possible defect (2026-11-10 03:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean Army has temporarily grounded its Ap...

• (LEAD) Lee says will continue cooperation with U.S. gov't, seek bipartisan support in Congress (2026-11-10 03:18)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday that South Korea...

• Top U.S. envoy says American firms in S. Korea deserve to compete on 'level playing field' (2026-11-10 03:05)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The top U.S. envoy in Seoul said Tuesday that America...

• Top 10 firms take up over 60 pct of S. Korea's exports in Q3 amid chip boom (2026-11-10 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The share of South Korea's top 10 exporters in the co...

• Watchdog begins deliberations on Naver Financial-Dunamu deal (2026-11-10 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's antitrust watchdog said Tuesday it has ...

• Special counsel suspects NEC forged vote tally sheet in Gyeonggi education chief election (2026-11-10 02:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- A special counsel team said Tuesday it suspects a Nat...

• LG Energy, Samsung SDI sign battery supply deal with BMW (2026-11-10 02:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- LG Energy Solution Ltd. (LGES) and Samsung SDI Co. ha...

• Top court schedules another deliberation for ex-PM's martial law trial, raising likelihood of release (2026-11-10 02:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The Supreme Court on Tuesday scheduled another delibe...

• Seoul shares sharply up late Tue. morning on tech rally, lower oil prices (2026-11-10 02:26)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks traded sharply higher late Tuesda...

• (LEAD) N. Korea tests new torpedo, eyes early 2027 deployment (2026-11-10 02:18)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- North Korea has test-fired a new type of torpedo in t...

• Samsung supports 1,000 startups, helping attract 2.2 tln won in investment (2026-11-10 02:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Electronics Co. said Tuesday it has supported...

- PPP urges Lee to veto special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments (2026-11-10 02:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Tuesd...

- Suspected drone crashes in Gimpo (2026-11-10 02:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- An object believed to be an unmanned aerial vehicle c...

- Lee says will continue cooperation with U.S. admin., seek bipartisan support in Congress (2026-11-10 02:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday that South Korea...

- Lotte Chilsung, Thailand's CP Group sign MOU for beverage partnership (2026-11-10 01:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Lotte Chilsung Beverage Co. said Tuesday it has partn...

- Bond issuance rises in October (2026-11-10 01:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korean issuers' bond sales rose in October from...

- (Movie Review) 'Halo' paints stark portrait of young delivery driver's life (2026-11-10 01:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Behind South Korea's ultra-fast delivery systems are ...

- (LEAD) KT Q3 operating profit down amid data breach fallout, AI expenditures (2026-11-10 01:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- KT Corp., South Korea's major mobile carrier, said Tu...

- S. Korea, U.S. hold combined air resupply exercise for wartime readiness (2026-11-10 01:22)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and the United States conducted Tuesday a...

- (LEAD) CJ Cheiljedang Q3 net plunges 48.3 pct on higher costs (2026-11-10 01:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korean food company CJ Cheiljedang Corp. said T...

- Top diplomats of S. Korea, France discuss ties, Ukraine war (2026-11-10 01:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Foreign Minister Cho Hyun has met his French counterp...

- Fair trade watchdog proposes updated guidelines on membership cancellations (2026-11-10 01:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's fair trade watchdog on Tuesday unveiled...

- Stray Kids adds 25 more dates to ongoing world tour (2026-11-10 00:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- Boy group Stray Kids has added 25 concerts in regions...

• Int'l Memorial Day for U.N. Korean War veterans to be held in Busan (2026-11-10 00:34)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- An annual international commemoration will take place...

• (LEAD) CJ Logistics Q3 net falls 25.5 pct on higher costs (2026-11-10 00:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- CJ Logistics Corp., one of South Korea's leading logi...

• (LEAD) Seoul shares open sharply higher on U.S. tech rally, falling oil prices (2026-11-10 00:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started sharply higher Tuesday fo...

• N. Korea's Kim stresses importance of agriculture, vows to improve rural life (2026-11-10 00:12)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has emphasized the im...

• KRX activates buy-side sidecar for KOSPI on sharp rise (2026-11-10 00:12)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's bourse operator on Tuesday activated a ...

• (URGENT) KRX activates buy-side sidecar for KOSPI on sharp rise (2026-11-10 00:07)

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• Trump says Nvidia chief Huang had no knowledge of alleged Chinese espionage activities (2026-11-09 22:56)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Monday that Nvid...

• N. Korea tests new torpedo, eyes early 2027 deployment (2026-11-09 22:52)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- North Korea has test-fired a new type of torpedo in t...

• Illit's 'Break Even' debuts at 6th on Billboard 200 (2026-11-09 22:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- K-pop girl group Illit has landed in the top 10 of th...

• (EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on Nov. 10) (2026-11-09 21:54)

The Lee Jae Myung administration has repeatedly emphasized a "major shift toward...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on Nov. 10) (2026-11-09 21:54)

Cronyism has raised red flags over President Lee Jae Myung's leadership. Lee has...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on Nov. 10) (2026-11-09 21:53)

The Special Counsel Act on Fabricated Indictments, which passed the National Ass...

• Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers (2026-11-09 21:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 10 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South Ko...

• (LEAD) N. Korea's nuclear power recognition demand could hinder prospects for Trump-Kim summit: ex-U.S. official (2026-11-09 21:40)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's apparent demand to be recognized as...

• N. Korea's nuclear power recognition demand could hinder prospects for Trump-Kim summit: ex-U.S. official (2026-11-09 21:06)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's apparent demand to be recognized as...

• Chances of Trump-Kim summit 'go up' after U.S. midterms: expert (2026-11-09 19:33)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The chances of another summit between U.S. Presid...

• IAEA chief welcomes S. Korea's nonproliferation commitment amid nuclear submarine plans (2026-11-09 15:41)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Directo...

• Top U.S. envoy says trust, communication key to alliance (2026-11-09 11:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The top U.S. envoy to South Korea on Monday named alli...

• (2nd LD) Nvidia, SKT, Rebellions to jointly establish heterogeneous computing system for AI (2026-11-09 09:47)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Nvidia Corp., SK Telecom Co. and domestic artificial i...

• Wiz shortstop diagnosed with orbital fracture after being struck by batted ball in Korean Series game (2026-11-09 08:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The KT Wiz announced Monday their shortstop Kwon Dong-...

• S. Korea's climate ambassador to join U.N. climate summit in Turkey as presidential envoy (2026-11-09 08:24)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's ambassador for global climate and enviro...

• Lee meets Uzbek Senate speaker, hails strategic ties between 2 countries (2026-11-09 08:24)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung met with the spea...

• Deploying mine-hunting assets to anti-piracy unit meant to prepare for unseen threats: defense minister (2026-11-09 08:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul said Monday that South...

• Samsung hosts Hyundai Motor Group executives for large-scale networking event (2026-11-09 08:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Electronics Co. said Monday it has hosted a la...

• Prison terms sought for ex-security officials for leaking THAAD-related intelligence (2026-11-09 08:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The prosecution on Monday sought prison terms for thre...

• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-09 08:03)

The following is the second summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency...

• Jeon Do-yeon surprised by rave reviews for her 'Possible Love' role (2026-11-09 07:55)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Iconic actor Jeon Do-yeon, who plays the wife of a tra...

• Gov't to take responsibility for firefighters' safety: PM (2026-11-09 07:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said Monday the governme...

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SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Nvidia Corp., SK Telecom Co. and domestic artificial i...

• (2nd LD) Stocks close lower as investors search for direction amid AI sector uncertainties (2026-11-09 07:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks closed lower Monday as investors digest u...

• S. Korea manager hoping to see players grow at int'l baseball tournament in Tokyo (2026-11-09 07:26)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- As South Korea gears up for its final international ba...

• S. Korean won strengthens on dollar sales, risk-taking mood (2026-11-09 07:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean won strengthened against the U.S. dol...

• (LEAD) Defense chief signals potential shift in plans to integrate military academies (2026-11-09 07:19)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Joint Press Corps-Yonhap) -- Defense Minister Kang Shin-chul said...

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• (2nd LD) Lee vows to hire more firefighters, expand investment to ensure public safety (2026-11-09 06:42)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Monday vowed to hire more f...

• 4 cheating cases using AI glasses caught at middle, high schools this year (2026-11-09 06:41)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Four cases of cheating using artificial intelligence (...

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SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks closed lower Monday as investors digest u...

• (URGENT) Stocks extend losing streak to 3rd consecutive session on AI uncertainties (2026-11-09 06:34)

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• Special counsel raids ballot counting machine companies over suspected collusion (2026-11-09 06:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- A special counsel team searched two ballot counting ma...

• N.K. official's Beijing visit meant to share Chinese party meeting results, maintain high-level exchanges: Seoul (2026-11-09 06:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- A senior North Korean ruling party official's recent v...

• 92 safety, labor violations found at food service firm Ourhome (2026-11-09 06:06)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Ninety-two cases of safety and labor standard violatio...

• Police chief nominee defends attendance at Cabinet meetings (2026-11-09 05:52)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Kim Jong-chul, nominee for commissioner general of the...

• Preorders for smart glasses built by Samsung, Google to begin on Thu. (2026-11-09 05:40)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Preorders for new artificial intelligence (AI)-powered...

• Disgraced stem cell scientist loses citizenship after acquiring UAE nationality (2026-11-09 05:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Disgraced scientist Hwang Woo-suk, known for his invol...

• (LEAD) FTC to fine Baemin 331 bln won, Coupang 300 bln won for unfair practices (2026-11-09 05:30)

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• PPP boycotts judiciary committee proceedings over special counsel bill (2026-11-09 03:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- People Power Party (PPP) lawmakers on the National Ass...

• Alumni leaders of 3 military academies reiterate opposition to integrated academy plan (2026-11-09 03:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Joint Press Corps-Yonhap) -- The alumni groups of the Army, Navy ...

• S. Korean economy continues to post 'solid' growth amid AI investment: KDI (2026-11-09 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean economy appears to be continuing to g...

• Telemedicine available at only 26 pct of remote military units (2026-11-09 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Telemedicine is available at only about a quarter of r...

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SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Kakao Mobility, the ride-haling service affiliate of K...

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SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Monday vowed to hire more f...

• Seoul stocks move up late Monday morning on chip rebound (2026-11-09 02:34)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks reversed course to trade higher on Monday...

• SK hynix to expand U.S. workforce to deepen ties with key clients (2026-11-09 02:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- South Korean chipmaker SK hynix Inc. is preparing to e...

• HD Hyundai Heavy Industries secures 662.9 bln-won order for 2 LNG carriers (2026-11-09 02:09)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- HD Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. said Monday it has sec...

• PPP leaders gather outside Cheong Wa Dae to protest special counsel bill (2026-11-09 02:08)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Leaders of the main opposition People Power Party (PPP...

• Justice minister nominee cautious on withdrawal of indictments against Lee (2026-11-09 02:04)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Justice Minister nominee Lee Yong-cheol on Monday expr...

• Hanwha Aerospace to conduct ship-based Chunmoo missile tests in U.S. (2026-11-09 01:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Aerospace Co. said Monday its U.S. subsidiary p...

• JYP's new K-pop boy band oftheblue to debut next year (2026-11-09 01:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- K-pop powerhouse JYP Entertainment said Monday it will...

• Top S. Korean golfers set to enter U.S. tour qualifying tournaments (2026-11-09 01:07)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- The 2026 seasons for the men's and women's domestic go...

• CJ Olive Young to operate 7 U.S. stores by H1 2027 (2026-11-09 00:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- CJ Olive Young Corp., South Korea's leading health and...

• Late Hyosung honorary chairman receives Korea-U.S. Friendship Award (2026-11-09 00:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Hyosung Group said Monday its late honorary chairman, ...

• Kang Ha-neul to appear as psychiatrist in new medical drama (2026-11-09 00:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Actor Kang Ha-neul will appear as a psychiatrist in th...

• Hyundai Motor's HTWO teams up with Air Liquide to expand hydrogen mobility in China (2026-11-09 00:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Motor Group said Monday its hydrogen business ...

• Troubled broadcaster JTBC to select preferred bidder in Jan. (2026-11-09 00:34)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Debt-ridden South Korean broadcaster JTBC plans to sel...

• (LEAD) Seoul stocks buck gains on Wall Street to open lower (2026-11-09 00:29)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks bucked gains on Wall Street to open lower...

• Lee's approval rating falls to 35.9 pct: poll (2026-11-09 00:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating fell to 35.9...

• Innospace to launch upgraded suborbital rocket in Brazil on Nov. 29 (2026-11-09 00:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- South Korean space startup Innospace Co. said Monday i...

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SEOUL, Nov. 9 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks bucked gains on Wall Street to open lower...

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The Defense Acquisition Program Administration approved a basic strategy for the...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on Nov. 9) (2026-11-08 21:57)

The recent "Black Friday" for the Korean stock market brought a frantic mixture ...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on Nov. 9) (2026-11-08 21:57)

Governments are quick to claim credit for a rising stock market, although they h...

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• (LEAD) Gov't to review 2 tln-won funding support for firefighting efforts (2026-11-08 11:05)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- The government has agreed to consider funding about 2 ...

• Lions catcher Kang Min-ho celebrates 1st title of 23-year career (2026-11-08 10:33)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- In his 23rd season in professional baseball, Samsung L...

• (LEAD) Lions captain Koo Ja-wook voted Korean Series MVP after playing through injury (2026-11-08 10:21)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- After leading the Samsung Lions to their first South K...

• Homegrown ace delivers strong start for Lions in title-clinching game (2026-11-08 10:09)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- Won Tae-in has spent his entire eight-year career in t...

• (LEAD) Lions beat steep odds to capture Korean Series title (2026-11-08 09:55)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- Before their Korean Series began against the KT Wiz la...

• Lions pitcher Paddack proud of making good on championship promise: 'That was something special' (2026-11-08 09:47)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- When former major league pitcher Chris Paddack joined ...

• (LEAD) Following dominant regular season, Wiz go out with whimper in Korean Series (2026-11-08 09:29)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- After running away with the regular-season crown, the ...

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• (LEAD) Badminton star An Se-young wins Korea Open for record-tying 11th int'l title (2026-11-08 06:50)

YEOSU, South Korea, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- South Korean badminton star An Se-young w...

• 92 pct of S. Korean firms in Vietnam wish to stay despite rising labor costs: survey (2026-11-08 05:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- More than 9 out of 10 South Korean companies operating...

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• U.S. reaffirms commitment to conditions-based OPCON transition to S. Korea: lawmaker (2026-11-08 05:28)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- The United States has reaffirmed its commitment to a c...

• Samsung Electronics to become 1st local firm with cash assets of over 200 tln won: data (2026-11-08 05:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- Helped by the artificial intelligence-led (AI) chip su...

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• Wiz manager benches slumping slugger in do-or-die Korean Series game (2026-11-08 04:31)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- KT Wiz manager Lee Kang-chul benched his slumping slug...

• With Korean Series title in sight, Lions manager calls on players to keep having fun (2026-11-08 02:54)

DAEGU, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- With his team just a win away from winning the 2026 So...

• Kia expected to meet annual sales target for 1st time in 12 yrs: industry data (2026-11-08 02:49)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- Kia Corp. is expected to meet its annual sales target ...

• Regular employment rises among older workers in Q3, falls among youth (2026-11-08 02:45)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- More than 70 percent of the increase in regular employ...

• S. Koreans' daily energy intake drops 11 pct in 10 yrs (2026-11-08 01:50)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- The average daily energy intake of South Koreans fell ...

• New elementary school enrollment to drop below 300,000 for 1st time amid low birth rate (2026-11-08 01:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- The number of children entering elementary schools in ...

• S. Korea reviewing plan to expand label-free mandate to foreign-produced bottled water (2026-11-08 00:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 8 (Yonhap) -- The government is reportedly reviewing plans to expand...

• U.S. calls for coordinated action against N. Korean cyber threats following Binance hack (2026-11-07 19:12)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- The United States on Saturday called for internat...

• Nvidia CEO's daughter cancels planned visit to S. Korea: sources (2026-11-07 13:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- A planned visit to South Korea by Madison Huang, a sen...

• Court issues arrest warrant for woman accused of stabbing doctor at hospital (2026-11-07 10:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- A Seoul court on Saturday issued a warrant to formally...

• Excitable Lions outfielder continues postseason breakout with big day (2026-11-07 09:33)

DAEGU, Oct. 7 (Yonhap) -- Before the South Korean baseball postseason started la...

• POSCO union votes down tentative wage deal (2026-11-07 09:22)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Unionized workers at South Korean steelmaker POSCO on ...

• (LEAD) Young pitchers help put Lions on brink of Korean Series title (2026-11-07 09:15)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- At the tender age of 19, Samsung Lions starter Jang Ch...

• Lions manager not letting guard down despite taking commanding Korean Series lead (2026-11-07 09:13)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Even as the Samsung Lions built a commanding 3-1 lead ...

• Lions to start homegrown ace in bid to clinch Korean Series title (2026-11-07 08:43)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions will send their homegrown ace Won Ta...

• (LEAD) Lions beat Wiz to reach brink of Korean Series title (2026-11-07 08:38)

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• N. Korean envoy holds 3rd high-level meeting in China (2026-11-07 05:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- A senior North Korean ruling party official has met hi...

• (LEAD) Personal info of some 39,000 leaked from Mirae Asset Securities (2026-11-07 05:19)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- The personal information of some 39,000 customers and ...

• Today in Korean history (2026-11-07 05:00)

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• Wiz manager demands more from star slugger with team trailing in Korean Series (2026-11-07 04:11)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- With his KT Wiz trailing the Samsung Lions 2-1 in the ...

• Lions manager benches injured catcher for 1st time in postseason (2026-11-07 02:57)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- After starting eight consecutive postseason games for ...

• Labor minister urges tougher action on industrial accidents (2026-11-07 02:28)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Labor Minister Kim Young-hoon on Saturday called on of...

• Wiz star Hilliard taking advantage of rubber ball training during Korean Series (2026-11-07 00:33)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Before he steps into the cage for his pregame batting ...

• Lions pitcher Chris Paddack: proud Texan with ice in veins (2026-11-07 00:13)

DAEGU, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Lions starting pitcher Chris Paddack is a prou...

• Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers (2026-11-07 00:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South Kor...

• (Yonhap Interview) New Italian trade commissioner sees K-food as gateway to broader bilateral trade (2026-11-07 00:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- The new commissioner at the Seoul office of the Italia...

• Mirae Asset says data breaches exposed customer, employee information (2026-11-06 23:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 7 (Yonhap) -- Mirae Asset Securities Co. said Saturday that it suffe...

• U.N. chief calls for restoration of inter-Korean communication channels amid DMZ tensions (2026-11-06 21:13)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has calle...

• (LEAD) Trump names Stephen Miller new White House chief of staff after midterm defeat (2026-11-06 20:31)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump announced Friday that...

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump announced Friday that...

• Lions captain Koo Ja-wook delivers big hit with franchise legend watching (2026-11-06 13:43)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- After tossing the ceremonial first pitch for Game 3 of...

• (LEAD) Lions ace Jurado throws Korean Series gem to continue strong postseason (2026-11-06 13:21)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Lions ace Ariel Jurado further burnished his s...

• Lions manager sings praises of ace after latest postseason masterpiece (2026-11-06 13:19)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- After his ace Ariel Jurado submitted yet another fine ...

• (LEAD) GOPAX suspends withdrawals, trading following hacking threats (2026-11-06 13:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korean cryptocurrency exchange GOPAX said Friday...

• Lions turn to rookie to take stranglehold on Korean Series (2026-11-06 12:45)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions will try to take a 3-1 stranglehold ...

• (LEAD) Lions rally past Wiz to take Korean Series lead (2026-11-06 12:40)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions came from behind to defeat the KT Wi...

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SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Justice Minister nominee Lee Yong-cheol is a former la...

• Wiz lose 2 regulars to injuries in Korean Series game (2026-11-06 08:27)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The KT Wiz welcomed one injured player back to their l...

• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-06 08:18)

The following is the second summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency...

• (LEAD) TPG to take Lotte Rental private via tender offer (2026-11-06 07:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- U.S. private equity firm Texas Pacific Group (TPG) wil...

• Lions manager not concerned about players' fatigue during postseason grind (2026-11-06 07:50)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Even with his club having played seven postseason game...

• (profile) Veteran tax investigator named new head of S. Korea's tax agency (2026-11-06 07:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Ahn Duk-su, tapped to lead South Korea's National Tax ...

• (LEAD) Arms review committee approves plan for nuclear-powered submarine project (2026-11-06 07:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- A review committee of the state arms agency on Friday ...

• Nvidia finalizes payment of US$1 bln, acquires over 4 pct stake in Naver (2026-11-06 07:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Nvidia Corp. has finalized its payment of US$1 billion...

• (2nd LD) Seoul stocks crash for 2nd day on AI rout after U.S. midterms (2026-11-06 07:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks sank for the second consecutive session o...

• (LEAD)(News Focus) KOSPI pummeled by AI investment fears, briefly dips below 5,000 (2026-11-06 07:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price In...

• (LEAD) LIG D&A; shifts to red in Q3 on facility expansion costs (2026-11-06 07:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korean defense company LIG Defense & Aerospa...

• (LEAD) Lee nominates head of defense procurement agency as new justice minister (2026-11-06 07:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung has nominated Lee Yong-cheol, ...

• Unionized members at Samsung Biologics stage another partial strike (2026-11-06 07:06)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Unionized workers at Samsung Biologics Co. on Friday k...

• (LEAD) Seoul stocks crash for 2nd day on AI rout after U.S. midterms (2026-11-06 07:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks sank for the second consecutive session o...

• Summary of external news of North Korea this week (2026-11-06 07:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The following is a summary of external news on North K...

• Summary of inter-Korean news this week (2026-11-06 07:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The following is a summary of inter-Korean news this w...

• Summary of domestic news in North Korea this week (2026-11-06 07:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The following is a summary of domestic news in North K...

• Key developments on North Korea this week (2026-11-06 07:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The following are key developments regarding North Kor...

• Lions catcher Kang Min-ho playing in Korean Series through injury: 'I am pouring my soul into it' (2026-11-06 06:57)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- In pursuit of his first championship ring in his 23-ye...

• Court suspends 201.1 bln-won fine imposed on Coupang for unauthorized user data collection (2026-11-06 06:55)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- A court on Friday temporarily suspended a 201.1 billio...

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SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung has nominated Lee Yong-cheol, ...

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• (URGENT) Lee nominates chief of defense procurement Lee Yong-cheol as new justice minister (2026-11-06 06:34)

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• Lee vows efforts to restore honor of civilians killed in state violence during Korean War (2026-11-06 06:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Friday pledged efforts to r...

• (URGENT) Seoul stocks crash for 2nd day on AI rout after U.S. midterms (2026-11-06 06:33)

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• Nearly half of S. Koreans say they do not trust courts: survey (2026-11-06 06:29)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Nearly 50 percent of South Koreans said they do not tr...

• Korean auteur Lee Chang-dong vows to do best in Oscar race despite barriers (2026-11-06 06:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- "Possible Love" director Lee Chang-dong said Friday th...

• KNPA deputy chief nominated as new police chief (2026-11-06 05:48)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Kim Jong-chul, deputy commissioner general of the Kore...

• Presidential secretary for political affairs offers to resign (2026-11-06 05:26)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's chief secretary for politica...

• Nat'l conference of judges to be held this month amid calls for judicial independence (2026-11-06 05:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- A key conference of representative judges from courts ...

• S. Korea-Bosnia and Herzegovina economic cooperation agreement takes effect (2026-11-06 05:12)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- A bilateral economic cooperation agreement between Sou...

• (3rd LD) S. Korea agrees to support East Timor's economic, social development (2026-11-06 05:08)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and East Timor agreed Friday to strengthen...

• (LEAD) DP leader makes public apology over Shincheonji claim amid backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-06 05:07)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Ruling Democratic Party (DP) leader Kim Min-seok issue...

• Today in Korean history (2026-11-06 05:00)

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• S. Korea, Netherlands hold 1st joint committee meeting on science, technology (2026-11-06 05:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Science ministries from South Korea and the Netherland...

• Kia to invest 3 tln won in Gwangju to build PBV mobility ecosystem by 2029 (2026-11-06 04:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Kia Corp. said Friday it will invest 3 trillion won (U...

• Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth to visit S. Korea next month (2026-11-06 04:40)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- "Avengers: Doomsday" stars Chris Evans and Chris Hemsw...

• (2nd LD) S. Korea agrees to support East Timor's economic, social development (2026-11-06 04:39)

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• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-06 04:30)

The following is the first summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency ...

• (LEAD) More market stabilization measures in store to ease panic sell-offs: finance minister (2026-11-06 03:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The country's finance minister said Friday that the fi...

• (News Focus) AI rout prompts KOSPI to tumble below 5,000 after U.S. midterm elections (2026-11-06 02:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price In...

• DP leader makes public apology over Shincheonji claim amid backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-06 02:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Ruling Democratic Party (DP) leader Kim Min-seok issue...

• Seoul stocks sharply down late Fri. morning on AI rout (2026-11-06 02:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks were trading sharply lower late Friday mo...

• S. Korea to see warm, wet winter due to powerful El Nino (2026-11-06 02:29)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korea is expected to experience a warmer and wet...

• HD KSOE secures 630 bln-won order for 4 ammonia carriers (2026-11-06 02:21)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering (KSOE...

• Gov't probing 'all possibilities' in leak of personal data of President Lee, Europe trip entourage (2026-11-06 02:21)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Authorities are investigating all possibilities surrou...

• TPG to take Lotte Rental private via tender offer (2026-11-06 02:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- U.S. private equity firm Texas Pacific Group (TPG) wil...

• Veterans ministry to invite foreign Korean War veterans, families on U.N. memorial day (2026-11-06 02:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The veterans ministry said Friday it will invite forei...

• Busan shark remains unsighted for 11 days after monthlong stay in canal (2026-11-06 02:00)

BUSAN, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Bukang-i the shark, which drew more than a million vie...

• Labor rallies, marathons to cause congestion in Seoul this weekend (2026-11-06 01:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Traffic congestion is expected in central Seoul this w...

• Jennie sings soundtrack for new Netflix animation 'Steps' (2026-11-06 01:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Jennie, a member of K-pop girl group BLACKPINK, has ta...

• Lions holding edge in Korean Series bullpen battle despite missing star closer (2026-11-06 01:55)

DAEGU, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Before the Korean Series started this week, it appeare...

• Lee's approval rating tops 40 pct for 1st time since late Aug.: poll (2026-11-06 01:50)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating rose slightl...

• N. Korea removes assembly vice chairman, amends construction, precious metal laws (2026-11-06 01:43)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's parliament has held a presidium meeting ...

• (LEAD) Lee set for summit with East Timor President Horta on strengthening ties (2026-11-06 00:52)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung was set to hold a...

• Doosan to expand CCL production capacity in China amid growing AI demand (2026-11-06 00:48)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Doosan Group said Friday it will invest about 550 bill...

• N. Korea says Japan's push to raise defense spending will only burden its people (2026-11-06 00:47)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Friday criticized Japan's push to incre...

• (LEAD) Seoul stocks open sharply lower on AI fears after U.S. midterms (2026-11-06 00:39)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks opened sharply lower Friday, tracking an ...

• (LEAD) Lotte Shopping swings to Q3 profit on strong overseas, department store sales (2026-11-06 00:37)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Lotte Shopping Co., an affiliate of South Korean retai...

• Finance minister vows timely actions to ease stock market volatility (2026-11-06 00:18)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The country's finance minister said Friday that the fi...

• Trading of KOSPI stocks suspended amid tech sell-off (2026-11-06 00:08)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's bourse operator on Friday activated a ci...

• (URGENT) KRX issues circuit breaker for KOSPI on sharp fall (2026-11-06 00:04)

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• Deputy FM meets British lawmakers for talks on N. Korea, Ukraine (2026-11-05 23:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- Deputy Foreign Minister Chung Eui-hae has met with a d...

• Lee set for summit with East Timor President Horta on strengthening ties (2026-11-05 23:19)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung was set to hold a...

• N. Korea lambasts money-laundering watchdog over renewed 'high-risk' label (2026-11-05 23:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Friday denounced the intergovernmental ...

• (EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on Nov. 6) (2026-11-05 22:02)

The government has decided to expand the operational area of the Navy's Cheongha...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on Nov. 6) (2026-11-05 22:01)

The results of the U.S. midterm elections arrived earlier than expected here in ...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on Nov. 6) (2026-11-05 22:01)

A weapon's price says little about the cost of stopping it. A drone costing a fr...

• Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers (2026-11-05 22:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 6 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South Kor...

• S. Korea should deepen work with U.S., Japan on sanctions against N.K. after Binance theft: expert (2026-11-05 21:57)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A U.S. cryptocurrency expert on Thursday called f...

• Melania Trump calls for lasting peace after brokering local Russia-Ukraine ceasefire (2026-11-05 21:23)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- U.S. first lady Melania Trump on Thursday called ...

• USFK chief, Japanese defense minister discuss regional defense cooperation (2026-11-05 16:06)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The commander of U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) has met...

• Korean American Rep. Dave Min wins reelection to U.S. House (2026-11-05 14:14)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Korean American Rep. Dave Min (D-CA) of the U.S. ...

• Lee says his social network activity aims to hear from people; vows continued outreach (2026-11-05 12:54)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung said Thursday his frequent soc...

• (2nd LD) Cheong Wa Dae says U.S. midterm results unlikely to affect S. Korea-U.S. alliance (2026-11-05 12:42)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Cheong Wa Dae said Thursday it does not expect the res...

• N. Korean fishing boat found in waters off Ulleungdo (2026-11-05 11:49)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A North Korean fishing boat was found in international...

• Sewol ferry sinking archive, ancient cookbooks added to regional UNESCO list (2026-11-05 11:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- An archive documenting the 2014 Sewol ferry sinking an...

• Appeals court to rule on ex-President Yoon's martial law case on Jan. 26 (2026-11-05 11:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court said Thursday it will deliver its ver...

• (3rd LD) Special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments introduced at plenary session (2026-11-05 10:08)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A bill calling for a special counsel probe into allega...

• Court rejects injunction lawsuit by Coupang over data breach-related fine (2026-11-05 09:43)

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• Parliament passes resolution seeking expulsion of opposition lawmaker over controversial remarks (2026-11-05 09:21)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The National Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution ...

• S. Korea eyes sustainable growth beyond chip-led boom: finance minister (2026-11-05 09:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea is seeking to turn the current economic bo...

• Seoul vows close consultation with Washington after midterms for key bilateral issues (2026-11-05 08:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea will continue to work closely with the U.S...

• (LEAD) KT&G; Q3 net plunges 75.1 pct on FX losses (2026-11-05 08:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- KT&G Corp., South Korea's leading tobacco company,...

• (LEAD) PM says sees no big change in alliance with U.S. after Trump's election defeat (2026-11-05 08:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said Thursday she antici...

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• China's top diplomat meets visiting N.K. party secretary (2026-11-05 07:59)

BEIJING/SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Thursday m...

• (2nd LD) Special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments introduced at plenary session (2026-11-05 07:57)

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SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A bill calling for a special counsel probe into allega...

• (LEAD) Foreign ministry fails to take steps even after learning of job scam crimes in Cambodia: audit agency (2026-11-05 07:28)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The foreign ministry failed to raise the travel alert ...

• S. Korean won nudges lower against U.S. dollar on foreign outflows (2026-11-05 07:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean won nudged lower against the U.S. dol...

• (LEAD) S. Korea to seek 2-year delay in tax on cryptocurrency gains (2026-11-05 07:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea will seek to delay a planned tax on crypto...

• Special counsel seeks 1-yr prison term for CIO chief for dereliction of duty (2026-11-05 07:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A special counsel team on Thursday sought a one-year p...

• (LEAD) Lee calls for virtuous cycle to translate exports growth into domestic demand recovery (2026-11-05 07:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday instructed officia...

• (LEAD) S. Korea joins as co-sponsor of U.N. resolution on N. Korean human rights (2026-11-05 07:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea has decided to co-sponsor this year's U.N....

• Samsung retains top spots in global DRAM market in Q3 (2026-11-05 07:08)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korean chip giant Samsung Electronics Co. mainta...

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• (URGENT) S. Korea to seek 2-year delay in taxation of cryptocurrency gains (2026-11-05 07:00)

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• Special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments introduced at plenary session (2026-11-05 06:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A bill calling for a special counsel probe into allega...

• (LEAD) No talks yet on sanctions over N. Korea's alleged Binance theft: unification ministry official (2026-11-05 06:52)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The government has not begun discussing sanctions on N...

• Seoul shares plunge over 5 pct on AI regulation concerns after U.S. midterms (2026-11-05 06:38)

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• 3-yr prison term finalized for ex-PSS chief for obstructing Yoon's arrest (2026-11-05 06:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A three-year prison term was finalized Thursday for a ...

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• Lee calls for virtuous cycle to translate exports growth into domestic demand recovery (2026-11-05 06:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday instructed officia...

• FM Cho to attend G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Paris next week (2026-11-05 06:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Foreign Minister Cho Hyun will visit Paris next week t...

• (News Focus) S. Korea signals Hormuz role with demining assets for anti-piracy unit (2026-11-05 06:28)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's plan to deploy mine-clearing assets and ...

• N. Korea signals openess to dialogue if talks serve its interests: unification minister (2026-11-05 06:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- North Korea is signaling that it is open to dialogue w...

• (LEAD) LG Chem swings to Q3 loss on non-operating losses (2026-11-05 06:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- LG Chem Ltd., South Korea's leading chemical company, ...

• Samsung Electronics faces push for sixth labor union amid alleged internal rifts (2026-11-05 06:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- A sixth labor union is being formed at Samsung Electro...

• Organizing committee of World Youth Day 2027 vows to prioritize safety (2026-11-05 06:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- With some 500,000 people expected to take part in Worl...

• S. Korea joins as co-sponsor of U.N. resolution on N. Korean human rights (2026-11-05 06:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea has decided to co-sponsor this year's U.N....

• Financial policymakers to monitor U.S. AI, trade policies following election (2026-11-05 05:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's key financial policymakers on Thursday v...

• Lee commends Korean team's No. 2 finish at world skills event, vows support (2026-11-05 05:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday commended the Sout...

• No talks yet on sanctions over N. Korea's alleged Binance theft: unification ministry official (2026-11-05 05:26)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The government has not begun discussing sanctions on N...

• U.S. copyright lawsuit over BTS song 'Swim' dropped: report (2026-11-05 05:09)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- American songwriters who earlier claimed that South Ko...

• Today in Korean history (2026-11-05 05:00)

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• PM says sees no big change in alliance with U.S. after Trump's election defeat (2026-11-05 04:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Han Seong-sook said Thursday she antici...

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SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The Serious Crime Investigation Agency (SCIA) and the ...

• BOK chief to attend BIS governors' meeting in Switzerland (2026-11-05 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Bank of Korea (BOK) Gov. Shin Hyun-song will depart fo...

• Foreign ministry fails to take steps even after learning of job scam crimes in Cambodia: audit agency (2026-11-05 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The foreign ministry failed to raise the travel alert ...

• Multicultural marriages in S. Korea edge down in 2025 (2026-11-05 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The number of multicultural marriages in South Korea e...

• Seoul shares sharply down late Thu. morning as U.S. midterm results spark AI woes (2026-11-05 02:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks traded sharply lower late Thursday...

• Lions pitcher Yang Chang-seop eager for 1st Korean Series start: 'I will be so honored' (2026-11-05 02:24)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Seeking a turnaround amid his second-half swoon in the...

• (LEAD) SK Biopharm's Q3 operating profit up 66 pct on U.S. sales of seizure drug (2026-11-05 02:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- SK Biopharmaceuticals Co., a biopharmaceutical arm of ...

• Lee welcomes East Timor President Horta's visit to S. Korea ahead of summit (2026-11-05 02:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday welcomed East Timo...

• S. Korea, Singapore, New Zealand review progress in green trade pact talks (2026-11-05 02:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea, Singapore and New Zealand have discussed ...

• Hanwha Aerospace breaks ground on Chunmoo rocket plant in Poland (2026-11-05 01:52)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Aerospace Co. said Thursday it has broken groun...

• (LEAD) S. Korea posts record high current account surplus of over US$60 bln in Sept. on chip supercycle (2026-11-05 01:47)

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• (LEAD) N. Korea says test-fired new air defense missile system, long-range cruise missile (2026-11-05 01:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- North Korea has test-fired a new air defense missile s...

• LG Twins sign ex-MLB pitcher Tristan Beck (2026-11-05 01:45)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The LG Twins announced their signing of former major l...

• S. Korea's stock markets to open 1 hour later Nov. 19 (2026-11-05 01:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's stock markets will start trading an hour...

• Jung Woo-sung cast in upcoming Joseon-era action film (2026-11-05 01:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Actor Jung Woo-sung has been cast as a powerful politi...

• (2nd LD) Kakao Q3 operating profit up 15.5 pct on stable growth of platform biz (2026-11-05 01:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korean internet tech giant Kakao Corp. said Thur...

• KRX activates sell-side sidecar for KOSPI on sharp fall (2026-11-05 01:29)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's bourse operator on Thursday activated a ...

• (URGENT) KRX activates sell-side sidecar for KOSPI on sharp decline (2026-11-05 01:21)

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• Over 470,000 pieces of personal data leaked from 37 financial firms: FSC (2026-11-05 01:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- More than 470,000 personal data records have been leak...

• Shin Min-a, Lee Jin-uk to appear in upcoming romance drama (2026-11-05 01:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- Actors Shin Min-a and Lee Jin-uk will portray a couple...

• S. Korea rejects Russia's criticism of joint military exercises with U.S. (2026-11-05 01:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea on Thursday rejected Russia's criticism of...

• (LEAD) S. Korea to expand anti-piracy mission closer to Hormuz, send more naval assets (2026-11-05 00:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korea plans to expand its anti-piracy mission of...

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SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started lower Thursday as the U.S....

• Crafty pitchers to face off in 3rd game of Korean Series (2026-11-05 00:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The third game of the South Korean baseball championsh...

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• N. Korea says it test-fired new air defense missile system (2026-11-04 22:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- North Korea said Thursday it test-fired a newly design...

• Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers (2026-11-04 22:32)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South Kor...

• (EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on Nov. 5) (2026-11-04 22:10)

U.S. voters have checked U.S. President Donald Trump's dominance. In Tuesday's U...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on Nov. 5) (2026-11-04 22:09)

South Korea, which globally popularized the martial art form of taekwondo, is wa...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on Nov. 5) (2026-11-04 22:09)

The revelation that the personal information of President Lee Jae Myung and his ...

• UNESCO likely to list traditional Korean paper 'hanji' as cultural heritage (2026-11-04 21:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 5 (Yonhap) -- The knowledge and skills associated with the productio...

• (News Focus) Democratic control of Congress could complicate S. Korea's nuclear submarines, Trump-Kim summit prospects: experts (2026-11-04 17:16)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Democratic control of the U.S. Congress could mak...

• Diaz takes center stage in Lions' Korean Series win with big hits, error (2026-11-04 14:53)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Lions star Lewin Diaz dominated h...

• Lions manager breathes sigh of relief after exhausting win in Korean Series (2026-11-04 14:43)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- After his team eked out a narrow win Wedn...

• (LEAD) Lions defeat Wiz in extra innings to even up Korean Series (2026-11-04 14:12)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions edged out the KT Wiz 3-...

• Starting pitchers engage in memorable duel in Korean Series (2026-11-04 14:05)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- One is a wily veteran with an unorthodox ...

• Lions defeat Wiz in extra innings to even up Korean Series (2026-11-04 13:57)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions edged out the KT Wiz 3-...

• SK Group chairman to chair board of SK hynix's U.S. AI arm (2026-11-04 12:34)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- SK Group Chairman Chey Tae-won will chair the board of...

• Koh becomes 7th Korean American elected to U.S. Congress; Strickland secures 4th term (2026-11-04 10:56)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Dan Koh became the seventh Korean American electe...

• DaouKiwoom-CJ consortium to sign deal to acquire JoongAng Ilbo this week (2026-11-04 09:55)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- A consortium comprising CJ, Shinsegae and two other co...

• (LEAD) Hoban Construction emerges as Hanjin KAL's largest shareholder (2026-11-04 09:49)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Hanjin KAL, the holding company of Korean Air Co., sai...

• Hoban Construction emerges as Hanjin KAL's largest shareholder (2026-11-04 09:32)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Hanjin KAL, the holding company of Korean Air Co., sai...

• Police arrest woman for stabbing doctor at hospital (2026-11-04 08:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Police arrested a woman for allegedly stabbing and inj...

• Lions stack left-handed batters against sidearm opposing pitcher (2026-11-04 08:29)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Going up against a sidearm pitcher who po...

• S. Korea experiences 5th warmest Oct. this year (2026-11-04 08:11)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's average temperature reached 15.8 C last ...

• Lee voices need to revise outdated Constitution, says assembly should take lead (2026-11-04 08:09)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Wednesday voiced the need t...

• Hyundai Motor to showcase hydrogen technologies at local expo (2026-11-04 08:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Motor Group said Wednesday it will showcase it...

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• Regulator finalizes 370 bln-won penalties on banks, securities firms over mis-selling of HK-tied derivatives (2026-11-04 07:57)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Seven banks and six securities firms were slapped with...

• Subcommittee passes special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments involving Lee (2026-11-04 07:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- A parliamentary subcommittee on Wednesday approved a b...

• S. Korean won slightly weakens after Democrats retake U.S. Congress in midterm elections (2026-11-04 07:37)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean won slightly weakened against the U.S...

• (2nd LD) Seoul shares close higher on early U.S. midterm election outcome (2026-11-04 07:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks closed slightly higher Wednesday a...

• S. Korea will not be affected by NASA's Swift telescope crashing back to earth: KASA (2026-11-04 07:34)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- A defunct NASA telescope is expected to fall back to E...

• Wiz manager predicts tight duel between starters in Game 2 of Korean Series (2026-11-04 07:32)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- With two highly regarded right-handers to...

• Wiz pitcher Allen taking role changes in stride: 'I am ready to do whatever team needs' (2026-11-04 07:30)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- KT Wiz pitcher Logan Allen spent the enti...

• (LEAD) Special counsel raids NEC headquarters over alleged bid rigging (2026-11-04 07:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Investigators raided the National Election Commission ...

• DP leader's reversal on Shincheonji claim sparks backlash from lawmakers (2026-11-04 07:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Ruling party leader Kim Min-seok's decision to reverse...

• (LEAD) Seoul shares close higher on early U.S. midterm election outcome (2026-11-04 07:02)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks closed slightly higher Wednesday a...

• Lee set to launch new YouTube program to communicate with public (2026-11-04 06:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung will launch a YouTube program ...

• (2nd LD) Ex-President Yoon's election law conviction upheld; PPP at risk of returning US$30 mln in campaign funds (2026-11-04 06:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday upheld a suspended priso...

• Imported vehicle sales jump 29.3 pct in Oct. on strong EV demand (2026-11-04 06:37)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Sales of imported vehicles in South Korea rose a sharp...

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• Police arrest 80 high-risk offenders in relationship-based crime review (2026-11-04 06:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Police said Wednesday they have conducted a comprehens...

• (Yonhap Interview) More productive, attractive regions outside Seoul key to sustaining growth: OECD officials (2026-11-04 06:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea needs to boost productivity in regions out...

• (2nd LD) N. Korea fires multiple missiles toward East Sea: JCS (2026-11-04 06:04)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- North Korea fired multiple missiles toward the East Se...

• (LEAD) Appeals court upholds ex-President Yoon's suspended prison term in election law trial (2026-11-04 06:01)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday upheld a suspended priso...

• PM pledges to root out price-fixing practices (2026-11-04 05:44)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Han Seong-sook pledged Wednesday to roo...

• (URGENT) Appeals court sentences ex-President Yoon to suspended prison term for violating election law (2026-11-04 05:43)

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• S. Korea, African Union discuss cooperation fund, broader ties (2026-11-04 05:39)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and the African Union (AU) have discussed ...

• BTS album 'Arirang' certified 'platinum' in Italy (2026-11-04 05:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- K-pop supergroup BTS' fifth full-length album "Arirang...

• Gov't announces successful candidates to host two new regional medical schools (2026-11-04 05:37)

SEJONG, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Two new medical schools will be established at Suncho...

• (LEAD) LG Uplus Q3 operating profit up over 80 pct on base effect, biz optimization (2026-11-04 05:05)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- LG Uplus Corp., a major mobile carrier, said Wednesday...

• Today in Korean history (2026-11-04 05:00)

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• Late baseball pitcher Choi Dong-won honored as S. Korean 'Sports Hero' (2026-11-04 04:45)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Choi Dong-won, widely considered one of the finest pit...

• Samsung TVs top Consumer Reports rankings across screen sizes (2026-11-04 04:40)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Electronics Co. ranked first across all TV scr...

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• Local municipalities vie to host correctional facilities amid regional extinction concerns (2026-11-04 02:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Seven municipalities have applied to host new correcti...

• (LEAD) N. Korea's Kim inspects Nampho shipyard, calls for rapid naval buildup (2026-11-04 02:32)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited the Nampho...

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• State panel to investigate civilian killings surrounding Korean War (2026-11-04 02:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- A state reconciliation panel said Wednesday it has dec...

• Navy stages maritime maneuver drills to hone operability (2026-11-04 02:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The Navy has launched maritime maneuver drills in wate...

• Ruling party proposes gov't delay planned taxation of cryptocurrency (2026-11-04 02:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The ruling Democratic Party (DP) on Wednesday formally...

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• (LEAD) SKT's operating profit up over 1,000 pct, turns to black in Q3 (2026-11-04 01:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- SK Telecom Co. (SKT), South Korea's top mobile service...

• N. Korea's Kim inspects Nampho shipyard, calls for rapid naval buildup (2026-11-04 01:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited the Nampho...

• 'Dracula' featuring Jennie rebounds to No. 5 on Billboard Hot 100 (2026-11-04 01:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- "Dracula," a collaborative single between Jennie of K-...

• N. Korea fires unidentified projectile toward East Sea: JCS (2026-11-04 01:05)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- North Korea fired an unidentified projectile toward th...

• Senior N. Korean party official visiting China: KCNA (2026-11-04 00:58)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- A senior North Korean ruling party official has arrive...

• (2nd LD) Coupang swings to Q3 loss on warehouse fire-related costs (2026-11-04 00:57)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- E-commerce giant Coupang, Inc. said Wednesday it swung...

• S. Korea calls for APEC cooperation on energy supply chains, AI (2026-11-04 00:54)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea has called for stronger cooperation among ...

• Science ministry, AMD engage in follow-up discussions on AI chip partnership (2026-11-04 00:54)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- The government and U.S. chip giant AMD held a steering...

• (URGENT) N. Korea fires unidentified projectile toward East Sea: S. Korean military (2026-11-04 00:53)

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• S. Korea, Poland discuss expanding defense, energy, infra cooperation (2026-11-04 00:45)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Poland have discussed ways to strength...

• Pope invites youth to bring 'questions and wounds' to 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul (2026-11-04 00:42)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Pope Leo XIV has encouraged young Catholics to bring t...

• (LEAD) Seoul shares open sharply higher on tech gains ahead of U.S. midterm election results (2026-11-04 00:21)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started sharply higher Wednesday, ...

• Appeals court to rule on ex-President Yoon's high-stakes election law case (2026-11-04 00:19)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court was set to rule Wednesday on former P...

• Wiz closer Park Yeong-hyun says belief in himself, catcher led to big Korean Series save (2026-11-04 00:14)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Even with his team enjoying an 8-0 lead o...

• Senior officials of S. Korea, Switzerland discuss N. Korea situation after Swiss FM's Pyongyang trip (2026-11-04 00:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Senior officials of South Korea and Switzerland have d...

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• Lions ace Paddack says ready to sacrifice body for Korean Series start (2026-11-03 23:58)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- In his professional career that began 11 ...

• Kakao Bank logs record earnings on rise in interest, non-interest income (2026-11-03 23:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- Leading online lender Kakao Bank said Wednesday it pos...

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• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on Nov. 4) (2026-11-03 22:13)

North Korea's record-breaking $6.3 billion cryptocurrency heist targeting Binanc...

• (EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on Nov. 4) (2026-11-03 22:12)

Welfare policy can turn a narrow question of eligibility into a national argumen...

• Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers (2026-11-03 22:12)

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• (URGENT) N. Korea's Kim Yo-jong says dialogue with U.S. an option but not a must for national interest (2026-11-03 21:28)

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• Foreign reserves rebound in Oct. on foreign currency deposits (2026-11-03 21:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 4 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's foreign reserves rebounded in October on...

• (LEAD) Hyundai, Kia post record Oct. sales in U.S. over hybrid, EV demand (2026-11-03 20:39)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Corp. on Tuesday report...

• Hyundai Motor posts record Oct. sales in U.S. over hybrid, SUV demand (2026-11-03 20:16)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Motor America on Tuesday reported record ...

• Hyundai E&C; partners with FANCO of U.S. for next-gen nuclear reactor project (2026-11-03 19:46)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Engineering & Construction (E&C) ...

• Binance says fake job interviews, AI tool used in US$6 bln theft blamed on N. Korea (2026-11-03 18:51)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency excha...

• Melania Trump to meet Ukrainian, Russian representatives at White House this week (2026-11-03 17:07)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- U.S. First Lady Melania Trump will bring represen...

• Hanwha names new president of U.S. shipyard in Philadelphia amid expansion (2026-11-03 15:53)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's Hanwha Group has appointed a new pr...

• U.S. reiterates concerns over N. Korean cybercrime following Kim Yo-jong's denial of Binance theft (2026-11-03 14:44)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The United States on Tuesday reiterated concerns ...

• American slugger Hilliard delivers key plays with bat, glove in 1st KBO postseason game (2026-11-03 14:40)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- KT Wiz cleanup Sam Hilliard was named the...

• Young slugger makes emphatic postseason debut with big home run (2026-11-03 14:40)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Before making his Korea Baseball Organiza...

• Wiz manager admits to taking foot off gas in narrow Korean Series win (2026-11-03 14:39)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- After the KT Wiz nearly frittered away an...

• Sidearmer Ko looking to give Wiz commanding Korean Series lead; Lions counter with Paddack (2026-11-03 13:32)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The KT Wiz will try to go up two games to...

• (LEAD) Wiz hold off Lions in Korean Series opener (2026-11-03 13:26)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The KT Wiz edged out the Samsung Lions 8-...

• Wiz starter Daniel impresses in KBO postseason debut (2026-11-03 13:16)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Clearly unfazed by the moment, KT Wiz sta...

• Wiz hold off Lions in Korean Series opener (2026-11-03 13:11)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The KT Wiz edged out the Samsung Lions 8-...

• Korean American candidates vie for congressional, gubernatorial seats in U.S. midterms (2026-11-03 12:00)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- A number of Korean American candidates are vying ...

• Nat'l Olympic body, sports ministry vow support for S. Korean Summer Games bid (2026-11-03 10:40)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The national Olympic committee and the sports ministry...

• (LEAD) Court cancels bail granted to Unification Church leader (2026-11-03 09:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- A court on Tuesday canceled a bail granted to Unificat...

• Asian Cup football tournament postponed due to attacks on Saudi Arabia (2026-11-03 09:57)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Asia's top men's football tournament scheduled to take...

• (LEAD) Lee, Erdogan agree to strengthen cooperation in nuclear power plants, defense industry (2026-11-03 09:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and Turkish Presi...

• (2nd LD) Hybe posts record quarterly results as BTS tour lifts revenue (2026-11-03 09:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- K-pop giant Hybe reported record third-quarter revenue...

• Lee, Erdogan agree to strengthen cooperation in nuclear power plants, defense industry (2026-11-03 09:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean President Lee Jae Myung and Turkish Presi...

• JCS chief pays visit to console soldiers injured in DMZ blast (2026-11-03 09:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) Chairman Gen. Jin Yong-sun...

• (LEAD) Lee says S. Korea-Turkey cooperation making 'swift' progress (2026-11-03 09:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday noted "swift" progr...

• (2nd LD) Yonhap forum explores ways to deepen S. Korea-Japan economic ties amid global fragmentation (2026-11-03 08:53)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Yonhap News Agency, South Korea's key newswire, hosted...

• Court cancels bail granted to Unification Church leader (2026-11-03 08:48)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- A court on Tuesday canceled a bail granted to Unificat...

• (LEAD) Hybe posts record quarterly results as BTS tour lifts revenue (2026-11-03 08:41)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- K-pop giant Hybe reported record third-quarter revenue...

• Lions manager Park Jin-man confident momentum behind his club in Korean Series (2026-11-03 08:31)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Lions manager Park Jin-man said T...

• Ruling party to push for passage of special counsel bill on alleged fabricated indictments this week (2026-11-03 08:25)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The ruling Democratic Party (DP) said Tuesday it will ...

• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-03 08:00)

The following is the second summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency...

• Girl group Rescene aims for lasting appeal following viral chart resurgence (2026-11-03 07:51)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Rescene, one of the hottest girl groups on the K-pop s...

• Main opposition slams presidential office for leak of Lee's personal data (2026-11-03 07:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Tuesda...

• Wiz manager Lee Kang-chul feeling pressure with his team favored to win Korean Series (2026-11-03 07:37)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Whenever he is managing in a postseason g...

• Wiz slugger Ahn Hyun-min itching to make Korean Series debut (2026-11-03 07:31)

SUWON, South Korea, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- By virtue of finishing first in the regul...

• POSCO Future M says Hyundai Motor to consider investment in Vietnam project (2026-11-03 07:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- POSCO Future M Co. said Tuesday that Hyundai Motor Gro...

• (2nd LD) Seoul shares dip over 3 pct amid escalating AI woes (2026-11-03 07:30)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks plunged more than 3 percent Tuesda...

• LG Uplus CTO says S. Korea, Japan could find synergies in voice AI ahead of 6G (2026-11-03 07:25)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The chief technology officer (CTO) of South Korean mob...

• (LEAD) KAI Q3 net plunges 51.3 pct despite strong sales growth (2026-11-03 07:19)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Korea Aerospace Industries Ltd. (KAI), South Korea's s...

• DP lawmaker acquitted of leaking military secrets (2026-11-03 07:16)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- A military court on Tuesday acquitted Rep. Boo Seung-c...

• (LEAD) Seoul shares dip over 3 pct amid escalating AI woes (2026-11-03 06:57)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks plunged more than 3 percent Tuesda...

• S. Korea to hold separate memorial for Sado mine forced labor victims for 3rd straight year (2026-11-03 06:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea will hold a separate memorial ceremony nex...

• Special counsel raids NEC headquarters for 2nd day over improper stipends (2026-11-03 06:51)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Investigators raided the National Election Commission ...

• Lee calls expanding cooperation with Japan 'task of this era' amid global upheaval (2026-11-03 06:50)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday that deepening co...

• U.N. releases S. Korea's letter decrying N.K. mine blasts, defending border warning shots (2026-11-03 06:41)

NEW YORK/SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The United Nations has released a letter that...

• Seoul shares dip over 3 pct amid escalating AI woes (2026-11-03 06:35)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks plunged more than 3 percent Tuesda...

• (LEAD) Yonhap forum explores ways to deepen S. Korea-Japan economic ties amid global fragmentation (2026-11-03 06:33)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Yonhap News Agency, South Korea's key newswire, hosted...

• (URGENT) Seoul shares dip over 3 pct amid escalating AI woes (2026-11-03 06:33)

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• Match-used ball in football league title clincher fetches record amount in charity auction (2026-11-03 06:32)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The ball used on a goal during the South Korean footba...

• Japanese envoy calls for closer S. Korea-Japan cooperation amid global uncertainty (2026-11-03 06:22)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Japanese Ambassador to South Korea Koichi Mizushima on...

• (LEAD) N. Korea tests 'dispersal warhead' for cruise missiles following cluster bomb test (2026-11-03 06:12)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- North Korea has tested a "dispersal warhead" for a str...

• (LEAD) Police launch investigation into leak of presidential plane passenger information (2026-11-03 05:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Police said Tuesday they have launched a formal invest...

• Gov't to add 9 types of behavior to legal definition of stalking (2026-11-03 05:59)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The government is pushing to expand the definition of ...

• SK chief says S. Korea, Japan could generate US$1 tln in economic synergies (2026-11-03 05:55)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- SK Group Chairman Chey Tae-won, who also heads South K...

• Inter-Korean cooperation on animal disease control necessary: unification minister (2026-11-03 05:50)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Unification Minister Chung Dong-young on Tuesday calle...

• Shin Min-a aims to show both regal, human side of Navier in 'The Remarried Empress' (2026-11-03 05:49)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Actor Shin Min-a said Tuesday she tried to portray Emp...

• Drug ring busted for making meth with cold medicine (2026-11-03 05:46)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Police said Tuesday they have busted a criminal ring s...

• LG Chem revises licensing deal with U.S. firm for obesity drug (2026-11-03 05:42)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- LG Chem Ltd., South Korea's leading chemical company, ...

• Regulatory impact analysis to be required when abolishing regulations related to life, safety (2026-11-03 05:38)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The Cabinet on Tuesday approved a revision to the Enfo...

• (LEAD) Lee orders review for establishment of cybersecurity task force (2026-11-03 05:29)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday instructed official...

• Today in Korean history (2026-11-03 05:00)

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• Kim Ha-seong not tendered qualifying offer by Braves (2026-11-03 04:39)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean infielder Kim Ha-seong has not received a...

• Yonhap News Summary (2026-11-03 04:30)

The following is the first summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency ...

• Lee orders review for establishment of cybersecurity task force (2026-11-03 03:04)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday instructed official...

• NIS asks 2,100 public institutions to conduct emergency cybersecurity checks (2026-11-03 03:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's spy agency has asked 2,100 public instit...

• (News Focus) Wave of cyber breaches exposes growing risks to S. Korea's digital economy (2026-11-03 02:47)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- A relentless wave of cyberattacks on South Korean bank...

• S. Korean, Italian parliamentary leaders discuss cooperation on driver's license recognition (2026-11-03 02:47)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- National Assembly Speaker Cho Jeong-sik has met with I...

• (2nd LD) N. Korean leader's sister blasts FBI's crypto theft probe as 'political provocation' (2026-11-03 02:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Tuesday flatly dismissed the outcome of...

• Seoul shares down over 2 pct late Tues. morning on AI concerns (2026-11-03 02:28)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks traded more than 2 percent lower l...

• Military cadets set to embark on joint training cruise to boost interoperability (2026-11-03 02:23)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Military cadets were set to embark on a joint training...

• (LEAD) Presidential office holds emergency meeting over leak of personal data of president, trip entourage (2026-11-03 02:14)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The presidential office held an emergency meeting Tues...

• (2nd LD) LG Energy swings to Q3 loss amid EV market slowdown (2026-11-03 01:56)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- LG Energy Solution Ltd. (LGES), South Korea's leading ...

• (LEAD) LG Energy swings to Q3 loss amid EV market slowdown (2026-11-03 01:36)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- LG Energy Solution Ltd. (LGES), South Korea's leading ...

• N. Korea slams Japan's missile reinforcement, joint drills with U.S. (2026-11-03 01:31)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Tuesday criticized Japan's push to acqu...

• Police launch investigation into leak of presidential plane passenger information (2026-11-03 01:15)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Police said Tuesday they have launched a preliminary i...

• Sales of Galaxy Z Fold 8 increase following launch of Apple's 1st foldable smartphone (2026-11-03 01:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Domestic sales of Samsung Electronics Co.'s latest Gal...

• Presidential office holds emergency meeting over leak of personal data of president, trip entourage (2026-11-03 01:13)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The presidential office held an emergency meeting Tues...

• BOK sees consumer inflation remaining near 3 pct in Nov. (2026-11-03 01:10)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Consumer prices are expected to rise into the high 2 p...

• S. Korea, Fitch begin annual consultation meetings (2026-11-03 01:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and global credit appraiser Fitch Ratings ...

• FTC to toughen penalties for regulatory filing violations by biz groups (2026-11-03 01:00)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's antitrust watchdog said Tuesday it will ...

• Launch ceremony set for latest indigenously-built attack submarine (2026-11-03 00:54)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- The Navy was set to hold a launching ceremony Tuesday ...

• Police release identity of suspect in Seoul building arson (2026-11-03 00:40)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Police on Tuesday released the identity and mug shots ...

• (LEAD) Seoul shares open sharply lower on AI woes ahead of U.S. midterm elections (2026-11-03 00:22)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started sharply lower Tuesday, wei...

• S. Korea, Bulgaria reaffirm economic ties, nuclear cooperation (2026-11-03 00:20)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Bulgaria have reaffirmed their commitm...

• Foreigners' card spending in Seoul jumps nearly 58 pct to 8.84 tln won (2026-11-03 00:17)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- Foreign visitors' card spending in Seoul jumped nearly...

• Seoul shares open sharply lower on AI woes ahead of U.S. midterm elections (2026-11-03 00:03)

SEOUL, Nov. 3 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started sharply lower Tuesday, wei...

• (URGENT) Seoul shares open sharply lower on AI woes ahead of U.S. midterm elections (2026-11-03 00:01)

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