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Executive Summary

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Key Developments

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ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

Source: NK News

- [Destroyer deployment, missile tests, drone warfare and North Korea's near misses](#) (2026-07-01 05:32)

This week's episode of the NK News Podcast looks at North Korea's military modernization, from Kim Jong Un's new 5,000-ton Choe Hyon destroyer to recent tactical missile and artillery tests. Korea Risk Group Correspondent Joon Ha Park discusses what the destroyer adds to Pyongyang's navy, why its assignment to the West Sea Fleet matters and [...]

- [North Korean illicit coal exports rising due to lax sanctions monitoring: report](#) (2026-06-30 08:16)

North Korea has ramped up illicit coal exports on the back of its ties with China and Russia, a new report found, with its military exploiting weakened sanctions oversight to profit from trade tied to forced labor, slavery and other human rights abuses. "Satellite imagery of Nampo port taken post the pandemic shows North Korean [...]"

- [Seoul says it tracked North Korea missile test despite no real-time alert](#) (2026-06-30 07:22)

South Korea's defense ministry on Monday sought to dispel speculation that the military failed to detect North Korea's June 25 missile launch and said it tracked the projectiles in real time alongside the United States. Deputy Ministry Spokesman Lee Kyung-ho told reporters at a regular briefing that South Korean and U.S. forces detected and tracked [...]

- [Ask a North Korean: What is nursing school like in North Korea?](#) (2026-06-30 06:22)

"Ask a North Korean" is an NK News series featuring interviews with and columns by North Korean defectors, most of whom left the DPRK within the last few years. Readers may submit their questions for defectors by emailing ask@nknews.org and including their first name and city of residence. Today's question is about the training nurses [...]

- [Talks with North Korea could restart fast after conditions shift: ex-Trump aide](#) (2026-06-29 09:57)

The conditions for renewed U.S.-DPRK negotiations do not currently exist but could materialize quickly and within a year, according to Alex Wong, the former principal deputy national security adviser during President Donald Trump's second administration. Speaking at a discussion panel at the Jeju Peace Forum on South Korea's southern Jeju Island on Friday, Wong said [...]

- [US extends national emergency declaration over North Korea nuclear program](#)

(2026-06-29 08:02)

Washington has renewed a longstanding national emergency declaration toward North Korea for another year, citing the country's continued nuclear threat and other activities that pose an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to the United States. In a notice published Friday in the Federal Register, the White House said it extended on June 22 the measure on [...]

- [US, ROK and Japan call for crackdown on cybercrime funding North Korea nukes](#)

(2026-06-29 07:41)

The U.S., South Korea and Japan urged stronger law enforcement cooperation and sanctions enforcement to tackle North Korea's rampant cybercriminal activities in a meeting in Washington, D.C., highlighting the need to crack down on illicit revenue mechanisms supporting Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions. At the fifth meeting of the Trilateral Diplomatic Working Group on DPRK Cyber Threats [...]

- [Tuberculosis cases trigger mandatory treatment of North Korean workers in Russia](#)

(2026-06-29 05:55)

Editor's note: This article is part of an NK News series exploring Russia-DPRK relations based on court documents. Russian authorities ordered more than 30 North Korean nationals to undergo tuberculosis treatment in Moscow in 2024 and 2025, according to court documents, belatedly confirming DPRK labor flows into Russia and a suspected infection outbreak among overseas [...]

- [South Koreans reading North Korean newspaper online is on the rise: Seoul](#) (2026-06-26

09:39)

The number of people viewing North Korea's ruling party newspaper Rodong Sinmun digitally at a state-run facility in Seoul has increased since the publication was reclassified from anti-state to general material, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry. Views of Rodong Sinmun from a digital archive system at the ministry's Information Center on North Korea rose [...]

- [Seoul plans complete overhaul of drone operations to combat North Korean threats](#)

(2026-06-26 09:15)

South Korea announced a sweeping plan to expand its unmanned combat capabilities, citing the changing nature of modern warfare and growing security threats from North Korea, whose drone capabilities have continued to advance with support from Russia. In a press release Friday, Seoul's Ministry of National Defense said the policy aims to transform the military [...]

- [US lawmakers aim to renew bill supporting defectors, aid to North Korea](#) (2026-06-26

08:16)

U.S. lawmakers introduced a bipartisan Senate bill on Thursday seeking to reauthorize the expired North Korea Human Rights Act and increase pressure on North Korea over its human rights abuses. Reintroduced by Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia and Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan of Alaska, the bill seeks to reauthorize the act that expired Aug. [...]

- [Moscow rebukes Seoul for anti-Russia moves, military drills near North Korea](#) (2026-06-26 06:22)

A senior Moscow official criticized South Korea for aligning with the West in its “attacks” on Russia in a meeting with Seoul’s ambassador, accusing the ROK of stoking tensions in the DPRK and urging his country to end sanctions against Pyongyang. Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko, Moscow’s top diplomat overseeing Korean Peninsula affairs among other [...]

- [Ask a North Korean: What does a ‘hometown’ mean to a defector?](#) (2026-06-26 03:25)

“Ask a North Korean” is an NK News series featuring interviews with and columns by North Korean defectors, most of whom left the DPRK within the last few years. Idam, a pseudonym for a defector who left North Korea in 2019 and entered the South a year later, explains what a hometown means for an [...]

- [North Korea tests ability to strike ROK power stations with tactical nukes: KCNA](#) (2026-06-25 22:49)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw a missile test on Thursday involving tactical nuclear missiles capable of targeting what he implied were South Korean power stations, according to state media. The leader said the tests of what appeared to be the Hwasong-11D close-range ballistic missile (CRBM) and other weapons were meant to instill fear [...]

- [North Korea’s abductions are ‘state-sponsored kidnapping,’ US ambassador says](#) (2026-06-25 09:55)

The U.S. ambassador to the U.N. on Wednesday called North Korea’s past abductions of Japanese citizens “state-sponsored kidnapping” and urged Pyongyang to immediately resolve the decades-old cases. “The United States stands with you, stands with Japan, with the Republic of Korea, and with every nation whose citizens were stolen by the DPRK,” Amb. Mike Waltz [...]

- [Russian companies court North Korea with fuel, fertilizer and construction bids](#) (2026-06-25 09:15)

A large Russian business delegation from Siberia arrived in North Korea this week to offer fuel, fertilizers, agricultural products and construction services to the DPRK market, according to the East Siberian Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from five companies in the Irkutsk region kicked off business meetings with North Korean counterparts, the chamber announced on social [...]

- [Nordwind Airlines partners with IT firm to train North Korean airline staff](#) (2026-06-25 09:03)

Russia's Nordwind Airlines joined hands with a Moscow-based IT service to train North Korean Air Koryo staff on using ticketing systems inside the DPRK, according to a Nordwind press release Monday, a move likely heralding an increase of North Korean arrivals in Russia. Nordwind Airlines, the first company in decades to launch direct flights between [...]

- [North Korean construction near border is 'civil,' not armistice breach: UNC](#) (2026-06-25 08:58)

The U.N. Command (UNC) said Tuesday that recent North Korean construction inside the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) does not violate the 1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement, saying the projects remain on the northern side of the border and have not altered the military balance in the buffer zone. In a fact sheet, the U.S.-led command said [...]

- [Russia sends Ebola testing kits to North Korea amid new Africa outbreak](#) (2026-06-25 07:02)

Russia has supplied North Korea with Ebola test kits at Pyongyang's request, according to a Moscow-based government agency, as the two countries expand their cooperation in health care and various other fields. Test kits for the Bundibugyo variant of the Ebola virus had already been delivered to the DPRK, according to a June 19 press [...]

- [Chinese kids set to visit UK-sanctioned North Korean Songdowon camp: tour firm](#) (2026-06-25 06:03)

Chinese children are set to visit North Korea's Songdowon International Children's Camp this summer, according to a Russian tour agency, weeks after the U.K. blacklisted the camp and prompted Pyongyang to recall its ambassador from London. The Russian travel firm Vostok Intur flagged the "expected arrival of Chinese schoolchildren" at Songdowon this year in a [...]

- [North Korea tightens control of local market prices since pandemic: report](#) (2026-06-24 10:37)

North Korea has expanded the state's role in regulating consumer goods prices since the COVID-19 pandemic as it continues to control economic activity within its borders, according to a Japanese journalist. Black markets (jangmadang), that sell food, clothes and foreign goods largely set their own prices until around 2020, but are now increasingly influenced by [...]

- [Lee visits island North Korea shelled, calls for deterrent to 'overwhelm' enemy](#) (2026-06-24 08:46)

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung visited Yeonpyeong Island near the maritime border with North Korea on Wednesday, one day before the 76th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. It marked the first time a sitting president has visited the Marine Yeonpyeong Unit in 14 years, since Lee Myung-bak's inspection in 2012. North [...]

- [South Korean court denies jury trial for Pyongyang-born woman seeking return](#) (2026-06-24 08:03)

A South Korean court on Monday rejected a request by a Pyongyang-born resident for a trial by jury in her National Security Act case, as she continues a yearslong push to return to North Korea and reunite with her family. Kim Ryon-hui's lawyer asked the Daegu District Court to grant a trial by her peers, [...]

- [North Korean soldier taken into custody from inter-Korean border](#) (2026-06-24 03:29)

This is a breaking news story and will be updated. A North Korean soldier was taken into custody by South Korean forces from the central area of the heavily fortified inter-Korean border Tuesday evening, the South's military said the next day. The lone soldier is currently under investigation, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff told [...]

Source: NK Pro

- [New North Korean warship still at civilian port a week after deployment ceremony](#) (2026-06-30 09:30)

North Korea's newest naval destroyer still appeared docked at a west coast cargo port on Tuesday, despite Pyongyang claiming it had departed for operations a week earlier, according to NK Pro analysis of satellite imagery. On the east coast, NK Pro also uncovered previously unreported details about where a test of its sister ship took [...]. The post New North Korean warship still at civilian port a week after deployment ceremony appeared first on NK PRO.

- [Why Xi Jinping visited the North Korean school that trains future officials](#) (2026-06-29 04:12)

Chinese President Xi Jinping's trip to North Korea this month featured all the hallmarks of a state visit, from Kim Jong Un's greeting on the airport tarmac and a welcome ceremony in central Pyongyang to summit talks, a state dinner and a cultural performance. But amid all the pageantry, a curious stop at the DPRK's [...]. The post Why Xi Jinping visited the North Korean school that trains future officials appeared first on NK PRO.

- [Kim Jong Un vows military buildup as North Korea marks Korean War anniversary](#) (2026-06-26 06:59)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un convened a plenary meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), where he once again affirmed his commitment to strengthen the military "with a goal of overtaking the world" and announced a new nationwide project to modernize coal mines. This week also marked the 76th anniversary of the start [...]. The post Kim Jong Un vows military buildup as North Korea marks Korean War anniversary appeared first on NK PRO.

- [North Korean hackers deploy new macOS malware that tricks AI security tools](#) (2026-06-26 03:14)

North Korean-linked cybercriminals are using a newly identified malware family targeting Apple computers, which combines traditional data-stealing capabilities with a novel attempt to manipulate security tools powered by artificial intelligence (AI), according to cybersecurity researchers. In a report published Tuesday, U.S. cybersecurity firm SentinelLabs outlined the workings of the “macOS.Gaslight” malware, which is designed to [...] The post North Korean hackers deploy new macOS malware that tricks AI security tools appeared first on NK PRO.

- [New activity detected at North Korean military parade base: satellite imagery](#) (2026-06-25 07:41)

North Korea’s main military parade training base has become active again in recent days, according to NK Pro analysis of satellite imagery, suggesting Pyongyang may hold another parade this year. The new activity comes after large scale parades last October and February, each involving months of marching formation practices for over 10,000 participating troops. Planet [...] The post New activity detected at North Korean military parade base: satellite imagery appeared first on NK PRO.

- [Why North Korea’s anti-unification policies are an admission of weakness](#) (2026-06-24 10:21)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un did the unthinkable when he renounced the idea of peaceful reunification with the South, with the recent reveal of constitutional revisions highlighting how the regime has institutionalized the new hardline policy. But what has arguably flown under the radar is what this policy change revealed about the DPRK’s position [...] The post Why North Korea’s anti-unification policies are an admission of weakness appeared first on NK PRO.