

# NORTH KOREA SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT

## AI-Assisted Open Source Intelligence Assessment

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## Executive Summary

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## Key Developments

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## Outlook

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# ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

## Source: NK News

• Why a road link to Russia is North Korea's newest 'bridge to nowhere' (2026-11-06 09:52)

For over a decade, the New Yalu River Bridge linking China and North Korea was known as the "bridge to nowhere" on account of sitting unopened and unused. But following that bridge's long-delayed grand opening last month, another new span on the other side of the DPRK border arguably has a better claim to the [⋯]

• North Korean wrestler suspended over suspected doping (2026-11-06 09:44)

A North Korean wrestler has been provisionally suspended after testing positive for a banned substance, a month after he was suddenly removed from the 2026 Asian Games without explanation. In a press release Tuesday, the International Testing Agency (ITA) said it notified Ro Yu Chol of an "adverse analytical finding" after finding traces of furosemide [⋯]

• How actor Lanny Joon brought Call of Duty's North Korean character to life (2026-11-06 08:58)

Editor's note: This article includes spoilers for the game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4." For Lanny Joon, playing one of the central characters in "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4" was a lifeline after nearly three years without work and a way to honor the father he lost last year. Now in his 20th [⋯]

• Belarus' top diplomat to North Korea makes first public appearance in Pyongyang (2026-11-06 05:28)

The interim chief of the Belarusian Embassy in North Korea made his first public appearance in Pyongyang this week after the mission opened its doors and Belarus ratified a friendship and cooperation deal with the North. Valery Bahdanouski, the Belarusian charge d' affaires, attended a sports event hosted by the Russian Embassy on Wednesday to mark [⋯]

• Brazil's first ambassador to North Korea in a decade takes up post in Pyongyang (2026-11-05 09:36)

Brazil's newest ambassador to North Korea appears to have taken up his post in Pyongyang after a decadelong vacancy, according to the Chinese Embassy in the capital city. According to a Chinese Embassy announcement on social media, Brazilian Ambassador Ricardo Primo Portugal paid a courtesy visit to Chinese Ambassador Wang Yajun in Pyongyang on Wednesday. [⋯]

• UNESCO body backs North Korean taekwondo listing without South's involvement (2026-11-05 08:28)

A UNESCO evaluation body has recommended inscribing taekwondo as an intangible cultural heritage representing the DPRK, paving the way for its recognition as a standalone North Korean heritage listing ahead of a final decision next month. The recommendation, published Thursday by the evaluation body of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural [⋯]

• North Korea tests anti-aircraft missiles, conducts attack drill on airport: KCNA (2026-11-05 00:08)

North Korea launched surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) and cruise missiles during separate tests on Wednesday, according to state media, claiming to have developed new "intelligent" guidance and targeting systems. Photos published in Thursday's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) report on the exercises also show that the cruise missile test involved dropping cluster munitions on a runway [⋯]

• North Korean loudspeakers visible at border, but no broadcasts heard (2026-11-04 08:54)

North Korean propaganda loudspeakers were installed at two locations along the inter-Korean border on Wednesday, NK News observed, though no broadcasts could be heard from the South Korean side. Loudspeaker installations were visible on the North Korean side of the border from both the Odusan Unification Observatory in Paju and from the Key Observatory in [⋯]

• Cargo vessel becomes stranded off North Korea's coast, possibly to be scrapped (2026-11-04 08:05)

A cargo vessel appeared to become stranded off North Korea's eastern coast last month, satellite imagery shows, in what one expert described as a possible operation to scrap the boat for parts. The ship measuring roughly 100 meters in length appeared outside the Chongjin port between Oct. 16 and 19, Planet Labs satellite imagery shows, [⋯]

• Senior North Korean party official visits China on heels of Kim Jong Un trip (2026-11-04 07:24)

A top North Korean party official overseeing foreign affairs arrived in Beijing on Tuesday, 10 days after accompanying leader Kim Jong Un on a visit to the Chinese border city of Dandong. Kim Song Nam, the director of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) International Department, arrived for "an official visit" upon an invitation from [⋯]

• Hyunseung Lee on Kim Jong Un death rumors and North Korea's succession (2026-11-04 02:50)

North Korean escapee and Global Peace Foundation lead strategist Hyunseung Lee joins the podcast to discuss his recent article examining what the first seven days after Kim Jong Un's

death might look like, following the spread of false rumors about the North Korean leader's condition. Drawing on his experiences living through the deaths of Kim [⋯]

• North Korea's Kim Yo Jong says talks with US are possible but not a necessity (2026-11-04 02:12)

The North Korean leader's sister Kim Yo Jong said Wednesday that Pyongyang is open to talks with the U.S. but does not consider them necessary for its "national interests," again rejecting Washington's accusation that the DPRK stole a record $6.36 billion from the crypto exchange Binance. In a statement carried by the Korean Central News [⋯]

• North Korea fires 'several missiles' east into the sea: South Korean military (2026-11-04 01:13)

North Korea fired "several missiles" toward the East Sea (Sea of Japan) on Wednesday, according to South Korea's military. The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) initially reported its detection of an "unidentified projectile" at 9:52 a.m. KST, while Japanese authorities made no announcements about the launch. In a second update at 11:49 a.m. KST, the [⋯]

• North Korea teases new warship under construction larger than destroyers (2026-11-03 23:00)

North Korea published the first photos of a new class of warship under construction on the west coast on Wednesday that is larger than two destroyers the country built in recent years, appearing to confirm work on a third destroyer at the Nampho Shipyard was abandoned, according to NK News analysis. The Korean Central News [⋯]

• North Korea's surprising economic success will be short-lived, report suggests (2026-11-03 09:21)

North Korea's relatively strong economic growth in recent years is a temporary phenomenon driven heavily by military production related to Russia's war in Ukraine, according to a new analysis, warning that living standards could suffer once wartime demand wanes. A recent report by the Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS), a think tank affiliated with [⋯]

• Romania appoints new charge d'affaires to North Korea after reopening embassy (2026-11-03 08:53)

Romania has appointed a new charge d'affaires to North Korea, two months after reopening its mission in Pyongyang for the first time since the pandemic. Romanian charge d'affaires Bogdan Marian Anghel marked the start of his posting by making a courtesy visit to the Chinese Embassy in North Korea and meeting Ambassador Wang Yajun on [⋯]

• Call of Duty's North Korean invasion scenario hits a nerve in the South (2026-11-03 07:06)

Editor's note: This article includes spoilers for the game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4." Kim Jong-soo, a former South Korean soldier who served on the front lines of the inter-Korean

border, was initially shocked to see his peers dying on a city street as North Korean bombs rained down. But his fear turned to [⋯]

• Seoul launches new drone development agency to counter North Korean advances (2026-11-03 06:56)

Seoul has launched a new agency to steer the military's drone and counter-drone development, days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended a drone expo that highlighted growing threats from the DPRK's unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The Defense Drone Agency (국방드론본부) launched on Monday replaces the Drone Operations Command (드론작전사령부), which was established in [⋯]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A delegation from North Korea's coal ministry toured a Chinese smart-mining technology company on Wednesday, suggesting Pyongyang is actively seeking China's support to modernize its antiquated coal industry. More than 20 experts and officials from the North Korea's State Academy of Sciences and coal industry toured Shaanxi Coal Meilianmei Smart Energy to observe its smart-mining […]

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

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

## Source: NK Pro

• North Korea remains silent for domestic audience on flurry of weapons tests (2026-11-06 06:43)

North Korea's missile tests and Kim Yo Jong's multiple statements this week went unreported in domestic-facing news outlets — the silence suggests Pyongyang is aiming its military portrait outward while showing its own citizens a calmer picture focused on their livelihoods. State media highlighted troubles in capitalist countries while portraying friendly countries, such as China […] The post North Korea remains silent for domestic audience on flurry of weapons tests appeared first on NK PRO.

• North Korea expands warship construction project to third shipyard (2026-11-06 06:40)

A third North Korean shipyard has joined efforts to build a large new class of warships, according to NK Pro analysis of satellite imagery, under leader Kim Jong Un's shift to focus on ships bigger than the two 5,000-ton destroyers completed this year. Planet Labs imagery shows that the Chongjin Shipyard on the northeast coast […] The post North Korea expands warship construction project to third shipyard appeared first on NK PRO.

• Uptick in North Korean ships at Russian port suggests coal smuggling scheme (2026-11-05 06:14)

Multiple North Korean cargo ships have mysteriously sailed near a coal terminal in the Russian Far East over the past month, an NK Pro investigation has found, likely pointing to an illicit operation to conceal coal exports or other shipments. At least 13 DPRK-flagged vessels — including several subject to sanctions — broadcast their location […] The post Uptick in North Korean ships at Russian port suggests coal smuggling scheme appeared first on NK PRO.

• What the Democratic landslide in the US midterms means for Kim Jong Un (2026-11-05 05:51)

On the surface, the Democratic Party's landslide victory in the U.S. midterm elections appears to limit the chances for a revival of diplomacy between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. A Democratic-controlled Senate makes ratification of a formal peace treaty highly unlikely for one, and Trump cannot unilaterally repeal statutory sanctions [⋯] The post What the Democratic landslide in the US midterms means for Kim Jong Un appeared first on NK PRO.

• North Korea in October 2026: A month in review and what's ahead (2026-11-03 09:44)

About the Month in Review Every month, NK Pro conducts an in-depth analytic review of news on the Korean Peninsula. This Month in Review covers the period of Oct. 1, 2026 to Oct. 31, 2026. In addition to an executive summary providing top-line findings, the following review includes detailed analysis on a wide range of [⋯] The post North Korea in October 2026: A month in review and what's ahead appeared first on NK PRO.

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

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

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

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