

Access to solar panels has created capacity where the state falls short, but the overall energy security challenges facing the nation are daunting. This report, "North Korea's Energy Sector," is a compilation of articles published on 38 North in 2023 that surveyed North Korea's energy production facilities and infrastructure.

What is North Korea's energy infrastructure?

This installment of our series on North Korea's energy infrastructure will examine one of North Korea's largest hydroelectric power installations: Huichon Power Stations No. 1 through 12. Construction of the system first started during the Kim Jong II era and ended in the Kim Jong Un era.

What are North Korea's recent power station projects?

In the next installments, we will examine some of North Korea's recent power station projects, including the Orangchon Power Station, which was recently completed after 40 years of work, and North Korea's latest policy of small-scale hydro stations to serve local communities.

Can solar power solve North Korea's energy problems?

Jeong-hyeon,a North Korean escapee,told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung,the second-most populous city, "relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television". But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country's energy woes.

Does North Korea have a power shortage?

North Korea suffers from chronic energy shortages. Rolling blackouts are common, even in the nation's capital, while some of the poorest citizens receive state-provided electricity only once a year.

Does North Korea have a two-tier energy system?

Under North Korea's two-tier energy system, which prioritises industrial facilities, the only way for many citizens to access electricity is to pay state functionaries to allow them to install cables to siphon off power from local factories.





Concerns about DPRK's revisionist nature and options were also recently reflected in the way U.S. secretary of state Antony Blinken described North Korea in his recent submission to Foreign Affairs looking at major threats faced by the United States. He described North Korea as a revisionist power that, like Russia, China, and Iran, seeks to "entrench???



North Korea might be particularly famous for the hacking of Sony Pictures in 2014, in response to regime-critical film "The Interview". Since at least 2009, however, the regime conducted "denial of service" in May 2021 and the Indian Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in November 2019.



North Korea is often associated with nuclear weapons and displays of military power, to the extent that finding the combination of the terms soft and Pyongyang in one sentence would be truly unusual. However, some analysts believe that even an authoritarian and isolated country such as North Korea is using soft power to promote its





We at Fitch Solutions expect North Korea to grow by 1.0% in 2022 and 1.0% in 2023 following two full years of contraction in 2020 (-4.5%) and 2021 (-0.1%). since the early 2000s that North Korea would not give up its nuclear arsenal as long as the Kim regime remains in power, because it regards these weapons as the ultimate guarantor of



"North-South Korean Elements of National Power", NAPSNet Special Reports, April 27, 2011, the ROK's foreign policy had two critical dimensions. The first was to cultivate its primary ally, the United States, and it undertook extraordinary (and sometimes illegal) efforts to impress and influence American decision-makers with its loyalty



APT45 stands out among North Korean cyber groups for its distinct malware and frequent targeting of critical infrastructure. targeted government agencies, the defence industry, and nuclear research facilities, including the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in India. In response to domestic agricultural challenges, APT45 targeted a crop





Arms control and limiting North Korea's already growing nuclear arsenal should be the goal. That is more realistic and actionable. Getting North Korea back to dialogue is critical but that does not mean the United States should go soft on the North. There is a reason why Kim Jong-un asked President Trump in 2018 to release all sanctions on the



In North Korea, where power is so centralized around Kim and the Korea Workers" Party, it is critical to shape the elites" decision-making processes and to incentivize them to push for a system that is more accountable to the people. only long-term solutions can address the fundamental problem of the North Korean issue. Short-term



North Korea has focused on an asymmetric military strategy because of its lack of conventional power and resources. However, its traditional asymmetric weapons and strength have been monitored by Western countries, therefore, heavily sanctioned. For North Korea, developing and exerting its cyber capabilities is the best way to avoid sanctions while ???





Westerville, Ohio [April 4, 2024] ??? As Artificial Intelligence (AI) and High-Performance Compute (HPC) continue to disrupt the data center landscape, Vertiv (NYSE: VRT), a global provider of critical digital infrastructure and continuity solutions, today announced a new portfolio of high-density data center infrastructure solutions to support the higher cooling and power ???



North Korea's elite cyber force, under the control of its military and the Reconnaissance General Bureau, Kim's clandestine security apparatus, is composed of about 7,000 hackers, extensively trained in specialized domestic programs and, in some cases, trained also in Russia and China. called for a "cyber security moonshot," warning



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Introduction. Horizontal information flows between citizens are crucial to the spread of radical or authority-challenging ideas (Kim and Pfaff Citation 2012) authoritarian regimes, digital surveillance programs are increasingly used to curtail the spread of horizontal connections and information flows, especially between social actors critical of the government ???

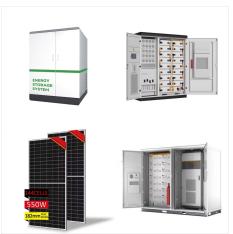


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North Korea is one of the most militarized countries in the world and remains a critical security challenge for the United States, our Northeast Asian allies, and the international community. power, and provide the means for North Korea to dominate the Korean Peninsula. Over the course of its existence, the KPA has seen both



In this new series, 38 North will look at the current state of North Korea's energy sector, including the country's major hydro and fossil fuel power stations, the state's push for local-scale hydro, the growing use of renewable ???



Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling ??? The Defense Intelligence Agency released today "North Korea Military Power," an unclassified intelligence product that examines the core capabilities of North Korea's military. This ???





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In December 2014, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) cyber group Kimsuky conducted an attack on the Republic of Korea's (ROK or South Korea) Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power (KHNP), leaking personal information of 10,000 employees, reactor blueprints, manuals, electricity charts, radiation methods and more. At the ???



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is reviving his grandfather's Marxist-Leninist principles as the regime confronts complex regional geopolitics and internal challenges. By returning to the ideological foundations laid by North Korea's founder, Kim II-sung, Kim Jong-un seeks to reinforce his legitimacy and shield his regime from the fate of the Soviet Union.





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EU-North Korea relations; (ii) the framework of EU policy toward North Korea with a normative realist explanation; and the different stages of EU policy toward North Korea that are (iii) active engagement, (iv) critical engagement and (v) active pressure. Prof Ko started by explaining the state of EU-North-Korea relations and put forward how