



# **SOUTH KOREA SECURITY ANALYSIS REPORT**

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## Executive Summary

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## ANNEX: COLLECTED ARTICLES BY SOURCE

### Source: Daily NK

- [North Korea's donju go dark as post-congress crackdown spreads fear](#) (2026-04-29 02:42)

North Korean donju — the wealthy private traders who form the backbone of the country's informal market economy — are going dark. Amid a sweeping crackdown on private wealth following the Ninth Workers' Party of Korea Congress, the fear gripping the country's merchant class has become all-consuming, with many choosing to vanish from public life [...]

- [North Korea's farm labor exemptions for top students spark fairness row](#) (2026-04-29 01:38)

A Ryanggang province party committee directive exempting top-scoring students from seasonal farm labor mobilization has ignited a fairness dispute among parents, with many arguing that school-level testing used to determine exemptions is too easy to manipulate, a Daily NK source in Ryanggang province said on Monday. North Korea regularly mobilizes students from senior middle schools [...]

- [N. Korea security officials get rations but feel the squeeze](#) (2026-04-28 20:34)

North Korea distributed three months' worth of food rations to personnel at security agencies in Hamhung ahead of the April 15 birthday of state founder Kim Il Sung, but the recipients themselves greeted the windfall with mixed feelings, a Daily NK source in South Hamgyong province said on Friday. North Korea's public distribution system, which [...]

- [Pyongyang tells Kangwon province: use science and talent to hit second-quarter targets](#) (2026-04-28 18:31)

North Korea's central party authorities have issued a directive to the Kangwon province party committee ordering officials to use science, technology, and talent development to drive progress on 12 key state projects during the second quarter of 2026, a Daily NK source in Kangwon province said on Friday. The Ninth Party Congress, which convened in [...]

- [A mended plastic bag from North Korea tells the story the regime won't](#) (2026-04-28 13:27)

On April 15, the day North Korea marks the birth of founding leader Kim Il Sung with elaborate state celebrations, I was combing through debris washed ashore on the rugged coastline of Yeonpyeong Island in the West Sea. Among the refuse, I found a tattered plastic bag. In six years of searching the coasts of [...]

- [Three words humbled a North Korean checkpoint inspector and got him reassigned](#) (2026-04-28 09:34)

A single claim of membership in the Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il Fund was enough to cut short the career of a North Korean checkpoint inspector in South Hwanghae province, according to a Daily NK source in Pyongyang. The Kim Il Sung-Kim Jong Il Fund is a state-affiliated fund established by North Korea to collect [...]

- [North Korea intensifies anti-American indoctrination for middle and high school students](#) (2026-04-27 20:41)

North Korean authorities are significantly expanding anti-American ideological education targeting middle and high school students, ordering the content to be woven into virtually every school subject. The move points to deepening official anxiety about ideological drift among the country's younger generation. A source in North Hamgyong province told Daily NK on Friday that on April [...]

- [Air conditioners become a must-have in North Korea as summers grow hotter](#) (2026-04-27 17:21)

Air conditioners are fast becoming a household essential in North Korea, with demand surging ahead of what many expect to be another punishing summer. The shift marks a notable change in a country where cooling units were long considered a luxury reserved for the privileged. A source in North Pyongan province told Daily NK on [...]

- [North Korea orders border residents to dress neatly as China camera surveillance grows](#) (2026-04-27 09:40)

North Korean authorities in April ordered people living near the Chinese border to dress neatly and mind their behavior along the riverbank, according to Daily NK sources, apparently in response to a rise in Chinese nationals filming North Koreans across the water and sharing the footage online. A source in north Hamgyong province told Daily [...]

- [North Korean officials skeptical of Kim Ju Ae as successor despite military appearances](#) (2026-04-27 09:03)

Kim Ju Ae, the daughter of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, made another high-profile appearance at a military event in April 2026, this time observing the test launch of the Hwasong-11Ra tactical ballistic missile on April 19. The appearance has reignited debate over whether she is being groomed as her father's successor. Yet sources [...]

- [North Korean farm officials lease state land for double profits as food prices surge](#) (2026-04-23 09:04)

Farm officials in North Korea's Jagang province are leasing portions of state-owned agricultural land to private individuals for a fee, a scheme that allows them to collect both rental income and a share of the harvest. According to a Daily NK source in Jagang province on

Wednesday, a farm in Kangye city began leasing parcels [...]

- [North Koreans can't afford home repairs even as imported flooring fills markets](#) (2026-04-23 01:55)

A variety of imported vinyl flooring sheets are flowing into North Korea through border customs posts in 2026, but deepening economic hardship has gutted purchasing power among lower-income households, leaving demand well short of supply. “Various kinds of vinyl flooring have been coming in steadily through customs,” a Daily NK source in Ryanggang province said [...]

- [Rising fuel prices drive North Koreans to modify electric bikes for profit](#) (2026-04-22 22:50)

As supply and demand for electric bicycles and motorized scooters rise simultaneously across North Korea in 2026, a growing number of people are having their vehicles modified well beyond factory specifications to haul cargo and carry passengers for pay. According to a Daily NK source in North Pyongan province on Wednesday, traders and transport workers [...]

- [North Korea politicizes murder case at mass public trial in Sariwon](#) (2026-04-22 08:09)

Two young men from Sariwon, the capital of North Hwanghae province, faced a public trial in April 2026 after robbing and killing a woman they attacked on a darkened street — and North Korean authorities used the occasion to send a broader political message, framing the killings as anti-state crimes rather than ordinary criminal offenses. [...]

- [Break-ins hit South Hamgyong villages during planting season as police do little to help](#) (2026-04-22 02:06)

A wave of break-ins is sweeping rural areas of South Hamgyong province in April as thieves exploit the spring planting season to target homes left empty during the day, stealing food, solar panels, fertilizer, and cooking pots from households already struggling to get by. A source in South Hamgyong province told Daily NK on Monday [...]

## Source: Hankyoreh

- [North Korea and Russia hail ties ‘written in blood,’ discuss continued military cooperation](#) (2026-04-28 12:01)
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- [USFK commander sets early 2029 as target date for OPCON transfer](#) (2026-04-24 12:01)
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- [US flags Korean intel leak issue, calls for safeguarding of sensitive information](#) (2026-04-24 12:01)

- Was the PPP leader's big meeting in Washington with State Dept. undersecretary's chief of staff? (2026-04-24 12:01)
- [Editorial] Seoul must make an effort to move up OPCON transfer (2026-04-24 12:01)
- 54 Republican lawmakers demand Korea end 'discriminatory' regulation against Coupang (2026-04-23 12:01)
- Korea's economy grows 1.7% in Q1 as strong chip exports mitigate oil shocks (2026-04-23 12:01)
- SK Hynix posts record-breaking 37 trillion won in Q1 operating profits (2026-04-23 12:01)
- US' real gripe with Seoul isn't an intel leak or Coupang – it's the delayed investment rollout (2026-04-23 12:01)
- End of Iran war remains unclear even as ceasefire continues (2026-04-23 12:01)
- 71% of Americans say Trump's temper is unstable (2026-04-23 12:01)
- [Editorial] US has no business telling Korea whether it can arrest Coupang founder (2026-04-23 12:01)
- [Cartoon] Bulletproof Bang and Bom (2026-04-23 12:01)
- 'Incorrect about basic matters' : Trump's mixed signals derail peace talks with Iran (2026-04-22 12:01)
- Trump extends ceasefire with Iran indefinitely, US blockade remains sticking point in talks (2026-04-22 12:01)
- [Editorial] Korea must protect its interests while sorting out US intel leak dispute (2026-04-22 12:01)
- China sends an aircraft carrier to Taiwan Strait after Japanese destroyer transits channel (2026-04-22 12:01)
- Trump's tariffs have only given China more sway over global supply chains (2026-04-22 12:01)

- [Trump's tariffs didn't help the US economy — some say they were never meant to](#) (2026-04-22 12:01)

## Source: Korea Times

- [Korean labor law loophole leaves microbusiness workers unprotected](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Jung Woo-jin remembers Christmas Eve 2024 as the day his manager handed over the car keys. Jung, a pseudonym for a man who worked at a relocation agency for foreign executives from October 2024 to January 2026, said the manager ordered him to drive the vehicle to the supervisor's home and park it in the underground garage ahead of a night out drinking. The personal errands escalated as time went on. Over the next year, the manager made Jung plan a private vacation for his boss in Europe, book hotels and rental cars, and research local traffic laws. Jung also had to move personal belongings and settle utility bills at the supervisor's residence. Jung eventually quit and reported the abuse to the Seoul Regional Employment and Labor Office. Authorities, however, rejected his complaint. While Jung's company had six employees when he joined, officials determined that high turnover brought the average during his tenure to 4.66 workers. Because Korea's workplace harassment laws apply only to businesses with at least five regular employees, the calculation left Jung in a regulatory gap with

- [Korea begins construction of fast combat support ship](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

A steel-cutting ceremony was held in southern Korea on Wednesday to mark the start of the construction of a naval combat support ship, the arms procurement agency said. The event for the country's second auxiliary oil, ammunition and equipment (AOE-II) ship took place at a shipyard of Hanwha Ocean in Geoje, South Gyeongsang Province, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) said in a release. The second AOE program, worth 531.5 billion won (\$360 million), was launched in 2024 to build a follow-on vessel to the 10,000-ton logistics support ship Soyang, which was commissioned in 2018. The new vessel is designed to support a domestically-developed engineering control system that controls the propulsion, electrical power and auxiliary equipment through a single network to boost safety. An upgraded video surveillance system will be installed to automatically detect emergencies, such as a fire or a fall, according to DAPA. The new ship is also expected to provide improved crew accommodations and safety, with noise-reduction features offering a more comfortable on-board environment,

- [President Lee to host luncheon with minor party, independent lawmakers at Cheong Wa Dae](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung was set to host a luncheon with lawmakers from minor parties and independents at Cheong Wa Dae on Wednesday, a move aimed at expanding communication, officials said. The luncheon is expected to bring together 21 lawmakers, including 19 representatives from five minor parties, marking the first time Lee will host all minor party and independent lawmakers together at Cheong Wa Dae, according to the presidential office. The

minor parties, including the Rebuilding Korea Party, the Jinbo Party and the New Reform Party, each have less than 20 lawmakers, the threshold needed to form a negotiating group. At the meeting, the president is expected to outline government policies on major issues, including the response to the Middle East conflict, prosecution reform and the real estate market, and seek cooperation from the minor parties. The presidential office said the luncheon is part of the president's efforts to broaden "inclusive" communication and is aimed at "emphasizing bipartisan cooperation in addressing pending livelihood issues and the legislative process." Theeve

- [Busan partners with Agoda to attract foreign remote workers with workcation benefits](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Busan is teaming up with online travel platform Agoda to promote the southeastern port city as a "workcation" destination for foreign visitors, offering remote workers streamlined booking and accommodation discounts. Starting May 6, Busan will launch the program on Agoda's platform, with an initial focus on key inbound markets including Japan, China and Taiwan. A dedicated Busan workcation page and social media marketing campaigns will go live to highlight details about workcation opportunities in the city to users worldwide. The city also plans to streamline its workcation enrollment process for foreign participants, simplifying verification to lower entry barriers and make the program more accessible to international users. International remote workers and digital nomads can participate by completing verification on busanbusiness.com, using a passport and proof of employment, after which they receive a dedicated Agoda promo code for discounts. The Agoda deal is the latest step in Busan's bid to become a global workcation hub. In 2023, the city opened a 708 square-meter workcation center on

- [Korea launches ROKS Jeju, 4th vessel in new Ulsan-class frigate series](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

The Korean Navy and the state-run Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) launched the ROKS Jeju, Wednesday, the fourth in a series of advanced frigates designed to bolster the country's coastal defenses. The vessel, an Ulsan-class Batch-III frigate, was christened at a shipyard in Goseong, South Gyeongsang Province, marking a milestone in a program aimed at replacing the military's aging fleet of smaller warships with high-tech, multi-mission platforms. The 3,600-ton guided-missile frigate measures 129 meters in length and 14.8 meters in beam. It is armed with a 5-inch gun, Korea Vertical Launch System (KVLS), surface-to-air missiles, surface-to-surface missiles, tactical ship-to-shore missiles and long-range anti-submarine torpedoes — all domestically developed systems. ROKS Jeju's most notable upgrade over previous frigates is its Integrated Sensor Mast (ISM) incorporating a domestically developed four-face fixed-array Multifunctional Phased Array Radar (MFR) capable of simultaneous detection, tracking and engagement of multiple air and surface targets across all bear

- [Presidential Security Service holds elite training for UAE agents in long-standing cooperation](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

The Presidential Security Service (PSS) recently conducted a commissioned training in Seoul for presidential security agents from the United Arab Emirates, the agency said Wednesday. The elite training was part of efforts to enhance high-level cooperation between the two countries in military, security, counterterrorism and special operations since 2010. The program took place at the PSS training institute in western Seoul, where 10 UAE agents tasked with presidential protection underwent a four-week course from March 30 to April 24. The course was customized to reflect the UAE's requirements while incorporating Korea's advanced protective service capabilities, according to the PSS. The first two weeks focused on security theory and basic skills, while the final two weeks covered advanced protection techniques and scenario-based response training. "We hope this training will serve as an opportunity to further strengthen security cooperation between our two countries," PSS chief Hwang In-kwon said, noting that the UAE has been a key partner of Korea, with the two sides formally est

- [Gov't identifies foreign trafficking victims, expands fast-track protections](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Two foreign nationals were formally recognized as victims of human trafficking in Korea this week, in a case that underscores how labor and sexual exploitation continue to ensnare vulnerable migrants. The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family said Wednesday it confirmed a Vietnamese national and a Filipino national as victims following a review by its Trafficking in Persons Case Deliberation Committee held Tuesday. Under government guidelines, the two victims will receive support covering living expenses, medical care, employment assistance and legal aid. Authorities said both individuals entered Korea for study or employment but were subjected to exploitation after arrival. The Vietnamese victim, identified as A, arrived in June 2023 to enroll in a vocational school. Officials said the victim faced poor-quality instruction and was placed in field training that violated Ministry of Justice regulations, where wages were not paid. Sixteen other international students in the same program were previously recognized as victims last year. The Filipino victim, identified only as B, arrived in

- [Universities take lead in spreading K-culture abroad](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Korea is turning to its universities to carry K-culture beyond familiar strongholds, launching a new initiative that sends Korean students overseas to stage events in regions without Korean cultural centers. The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism said Wednesday it is working with the Korea Foundation for International Cultural Exchange to advance the Oullim Korea Culture Festival University Support Project. The program selects domestic universities through a competitive process and pairs them with overseas partners to host performances, exhibitions and seminars abroad. The effort is designed to broaden the reach of Korean cultural exports beyond K-pop and television dramas, incorporating academic exchange and locally tailored programming. Nine universities were chosen for this year's initiative: Keimyung University, Far East University, Korea Nazarene University, Yonsei University, Chugye University for the Arts, Korea National University of Arts, Hansung University, Hanyang University and Kyonggi University. They will collaborate with partner institutions in countries such as Uz

- [Over 6,700 kids repeatedly reported for suspected abuse last year](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Over 6,700 children were repeatedly reported to police for suspected abuse last year, a lawmaker said Wednesday, citing data from the Korean National Police Agency. The number of children reported two or more times in 2025 due to suspected child abuse totaled 6,795, according to the police data released by Rep. Suh Beom-soo of the main opposition People Power Party. The police revamped the Abuse Prevention Officer system in January last year and have since tracked repeated reports by victim child, not the reporter's phone number. The largest group — 4,362 children — was reported twice, followed by 1,306 reported three times and 490 reported four times. As many as 114 children were reported 10 or more times. Separate welfare ministry data shows 50,242 suspected child abuse reports in 2024 and 24,492 of them were confirmed as abuse cases after government investigations. Meanwhile, child abuse cases where suspected perpetrators are not referred to the prosecution increased from 1,233 in 2021 to 1,735 in 2022, 2,399 in 2023 and 2,854 in 2025, according to police data.

- [Kookmin University, GE Aerospace hold seminar to deepen industry-academia cooperation](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Kookmin University is actively engaging in industry-academia collaboration to develop new technologies with businesses and research institutes. Last week, the university and GE Aerospace, a U.S. aircraft engine manufacturer, co-hosted a seminar to discuss ways of sharing research and development (R&D) trends and strengthening cooperation among corporations, universities and research institutes. The university said more than 20 professors, researchers and military officials participated in the “2026 KMU x GE Aerospace Technical Seminar,” held at its campus in northern Seoul on April 22. The university noted that it has maintained a close cooperative relationship with GE Aerospace since signing a memorandum of understanding on research collaboration related to unmanned aerial vehicle systems in 2018. From 2021 to 2024, the two sides carried out a joint project on the development of a quantum security-integrated avionics suite, building the foundation for collaborative research in the field. The seminar provided an opportunity for participants to share research experiences and the latest

- [Kookmin University launches international design award in Milan](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Kookmin University, one of Korea’s leading institutions in design education, co-hosted an international design award ceremony for the first time jointly with the Italian Association for Industrial Design (ADI) in Milan last week. The university said the inaugural Design Beyond East & West (DBEW) Award, held at the ADI Design Museum, served not only as an award ceremony, but also as a forum where students, educators and experts discussed the future of design. Kookmin announced that the Gold Prize was awarded to Baoyi Huang and professor David Buck from the University of Sheffield for their design work titled “Ecological Samsara — Soundscape Transformation of Parkwood Springs.” The Silver Prizes went to three teams from HTW Berlin University of Applied Sciences, Avantika University in India and L’École de design Nantes Atlantique in France. Kookmin University noted that the award is a global recognition reflecting the design values and aesthetics of Asian culture within the broader context of world design.

Based on a new design paradigm that transcends the boundaries between East a

- [Unionized cargo workers, BGF Logis reach tentative agreement after fatal truck accident](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

Unionized cargo workers said Wednesday they have reached a tentative agreement with BGF Logis, the logistics affiliate of the CU convenience store chain, following the death of a union member hit by a truck during a recent demonstration near a logistics center of the company. Last Monday, a 2.5-ton truck struck participants of a cargo worker rally near a CU convenience store logistics center in Jinju, about 290 kilometers southeast of Seoul, killing a union member in his 50s and injuring two others. The rally was staged to demand that BGF negotiate directly with unionized cargo truck drivers who are not directly employed by the company. Such a call followed the recent enactment of the so-called yellow envelope act that made prime contractors more accountable for subcontracted workers while restricting businesses from claiming damages from striking workers. The Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union said it reached the deal in a meeting with representatives from BGF Logis early Wednesday, with an official signing ceremony slated for 11 a.m. The union said blockades at major lo

- [Appeals court set to rule on ex-President Yoon's obstruction of justice case](#) (2026-04-29 05:57)

An appeals court was set to rule Wednesday on former President Yoon Suk Yeol's trial on obstruction of justice and other charges stemming from his failed martial law bid, after a lower court sentenced him to five years in prison. The Seoul High Court was scheduled to hand down its verdict in a live-televised hearing at 3 p.m., following the ousted former president's January conviction for obstructing investigators from detaining him last year over his martial law declaration in late 2024. The lower court also found him guilty of violating the rights of his Cabinet members by calling only select members to a meeting to review his martial law plan, and creating and then discarding a false proclamation after the decree was lifted. The lower court had acquitted him of abuse of power charges for ordering the distribution of false press statements defending his declaration. Both Yoon and special counsel Cho Eun-suk's team appealed the ruling, with the special prosecutor demanding a 10-year sentence as they did at the lower court. The jailed former president has been standing a total of eight tr

- [Lawyers, counselors grapple with what AI can and cannot replace](#) (2026-04-28 17:57)

A Seoul-based lawyer surnamed Ha spends about 600,000 won (\$410) a month on artificial intelligence (AI) subscriptions such as Claude and Korean legal platforms such as SuperLawyer and LBOX. Hiring a junior lawyer would cost him close to 100 million won a year, roughly 14 times as much. The math, he says, is no longer close. “Without AI, I’ d probably have one more person in the office by now,” Ha told The Korea Times, adding that over the past two years, he has used large language models intensively for work. “I still need to review the quality of final drafts, but the need to hire new lawyers has definitely gone down.” Only a few

years ago, Korean law firms routinely hired swarms of new law school graduates to plow through ruling precedents, check statutes and draft the first versions of briefs. Now, more managing partners reach for a subscription instead of a job posting, and the same calculation is playing out across other white-collar professions, from legal offices to counseling rooms, as AI forces a reckoning over what kind of work still requires a human. “I don’t re

- [Korea unveils sweeping plan to cut plastic use, curb oil dependence](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Korea is moving to break its reliance on oil-based plastics, unveiling an ambitious plan Tuesday to slash waste and build a circular economy that officials say will reshape how materials are produced and reused. The Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment said it presented the “Plastic-Free Circular Economy Transition Plan” at a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, setting a target to cut the use of newly produced plastic materials by more than 30 percent from projected levels by 2030. The plan calls for reducing unnecessary plastic at the source while replacing unavoidable waste with recycled materials, the ministry said. Under current projections, plastic waste from households and businesses is expected to reach about 10 million tons by 2030, up from 7.8 million tons in 2024. The government aims to reduce that total by 1 million tons through source reduction and replace 2 million tons with recycled materials. Key measures include encouraging a shift to alternative materials such as paper, promoting lighter packaging designs and restricting excessive packaging in delivery services. Products

- [Appeals court increases sentence for ex-first lady to 4 years for corruption](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

An appeals court on Tuesday increased the sentence for former first lady Kim Keon Hee from 20 months to four years in prison on corruption charges. The Seoul High Court handed down the sentence during a hearing that was televised live, after finding her partially guilty of involvement in a stock price manipulation scheme and guilty of accepting luxury gifts from the Unification Church. It acquitted her, however, of receiving free opinion poll results from a self-proclaimed power broker, upholding the lower court's ruling. Special counsel Min Joong-ki's team had sought a 15-year prison term for the wife of former President Yoon Suk Yeol after indicting her on charges of violating the Capital Markets Act, the Political Funds Act and a law on the acceptance of bribes for mediation. The team accused her of manipulating the stock price of Deutsch Motors, a BMW dealer in Korea, to make 810 million won (\$549,000) in illegal profits from 2010-12, receiving free opinion poll results from the power broker ahead of her husband's 2022 presidential election, and accepting two Chanel bags and a Graff

- [Korean government to pay ‘fair allowance’ to short-term workers](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

The government will introduce a new allowance and raise pay for short-term public-sector workers as part of a sweeping plan to stamp out unfair employment practices affecting irregular workers whose contract is less than one year across state-funded organizations. At a Cabinet meeting Tuesday, the Ministry of Employment and Labor reported that the plan, drawn up jointly with related ministries, is aimed at rooting out practices such as repeatedly renewing

11-month contracts to avoid paying severance and sidestep giving permanent jobs to short-term workers. The new measure is expected to be adopted next year. According to a government survey of 2,100 state-related bodies, there are roughly 146,000 fixed-term workers in the public sector, with about half — some 73,000 — on contracts of less than one year. The average monthly wage for these workers is 2.89 million won (\$1,960), but those on contracts that last less than one year earn slightly less at 2.8 million won a month. Based on those findings, the labor ministry has decided to work toward banning contracts shorter than 12 months

- [Korea's top AI official quits for Assembly by-election, raising doubts over DPK candidate strategy](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Ha Jung-woo, senior presidential secretary for AI (artificial intelligence) policy and future planning, confirmed his resignation Tuesday in what is widely seen as a prelude to a parliamentary by-election bid on June 3. The move drew criticism over the vacancy it will create at the top of the government's AI strategy and raised questions about whether the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) needed to recruit sitting presidential aides as candidates. The bid is regarded as suitable given Ha's public-friendly profile, especially considering that the by-elections, scheduled to be held concurrently with the quadrennial local elections, have expanded to more than a dozen constituencies and include contested regions. However, some say the decision was inconsiderate, as Ha was appointed less than 10 months ago and the DPK has a broader pool of talent to draw from. Criticism is also emerging from within the ruling party, with one official saying, "Ha's decision to run in a by-election is out of the blue, at a time when the government should be laying the groundwork to become a top-three

- [GKL showcases traditional ceramics at casino venue to promote regional arts](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Korea is turning to an unconventional stage for cultural diplomacy, placing award-winning traditional ceramics inside a casino in Seoul in an effort to attract foreign tourists and promote regional arts. Grand Korea Leisure, which operates the Seven Luck foreigner-only casinos, said Tuesday it opened a special exhibition featuring master ceramists from Yeosu at its Coex branch in Gangnam District. The exhibition runs through June 30. The company said the display is part of a broader initiative to link tourism with regional culture and support local festivals, including the upcoming Yeosu Ceramic Festival scheduled to begin May 1. Two artists are featured in the exhibition: master ceramist Park Gwang-cheon and Yeosu city master potter Lee Hyeong-woo. Each has contributed five works, which are displayed on the third floor of the casino's dedicated exhibition space. Grand Korea Leisure CEO Yoon Doo-hyun said the venue attracts more than 360,000 foreign visitors annually, making it a strategic platform for cultural outreach. Yoon said the exhibition is intended to introduce visitors to Korea

- [Korea exports anti-corruption model to Ethiopia in new training push](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Korea is taking its anti-corruption playbook abroad this week, hosting Ethiopian officials for an intensive training program aimed at exporting what it calls a proven governance model. The

Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission said Tuesday it began a five-day training program for nine officials from the Ethiopian Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission. The program, which runs through Friday, is conducted in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency. The initiative follows a memorandum of understanding signed in June 2024 between the two countries to strengthen cooperation on anti-corruption policies. Ethiopian officials requested the program to learn from Korea's legal and institutional frameworks, the commission said. The curriculum focuses on key laws, including the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act and the Conflict of Interest Prevention Act for public officials, as well as Korea's structured anti-corruption education system. Sessions also cover training programs designed for future generations, the commission said. The agency said Korea has drawn

- [Korea, Australia to discuss AI education, Korean language programs at joint committee](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

The Ministry of Education is dispatching a delegation to the seventh Korea-Australia Joint Education Committee meeting in Canberra Wednesday to discuss cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI) education, international student exchange, research collaboration, and Korean language programs. The bilateral committee, established under a memorandum of understanding on education cooperation signed in 2008, convenes at the director-general level every two years, rotating between the two countries. At this session, the two sides will share updates on their respective education policies and discuss cooperation in future-oriented fields. A central focus will be strategies to expand AI education in schools and strengthen teacher expertise, including opportunities for Korean and Australian educators to share AI and digital teaching practices and develop online exchange programs. Discussions on higher education will cover student exchange, dual and joint degree programs and joint curriculum development. The ministry said it plans to improve the quality of international cooperation frameworks betw

- [Korea rolls out tourism drive to woo holiday travelers from Japan, China](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Korea is racing to turn a looming holiday travel surge into a nationwide tourism boost, rolling out discounts, events and targeted campaigns to draw visitors from Japan and China, despite rising airfares. The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism said Tuesday that it is launching a series of initiatives with the Korea Tourism Organization timed with Japan's Golden Week, which began Tuesday and runs through May 6, and China's Labor Day holiday, which begins Thursday and runs through May 5. Officials expect between 180,000 and 200,000 visitors from the two countries during the period, including 80,000 to 90,000 from Japan and 100,000 to 110,000 from China, the ministry said. The campaign aims to spread tourism beyond Seoul by highlighting regional destinations and offering incentives tailored to different traveler groups. For Japanese tourists, particularly families, the government is working with airlines including Jin Air and Air Busan to offer airfare discounts of 1,000 to 2,000 yen per person and additional baggage allowances of up to 5 kilograms. Discount vouchers for duty-free

- [Lee says will resolve 'pending issues' with allies through mutual respect](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Issues between close allies should be resolved based on mutual respect and fundamental principles, President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday. Lee made the remarks during a Cabinet meeting at Cheong Wa Dae, stressing that "cooperation with traditional allies should also be developed." "(We) need the wisdom to build healthy, future-oriented relations with traditional allies, while resolving pending issues based on mutual respect, common sense and principles," he told the meeting. "(I) will also devote myself to diplomacy aimed at building genuine friendship with allies, with confidence as a sovereign nation," the president added. The president did not provide the specific background, but the remarks came amid diplomatic frictions over Washington's reported complaints about Seoul's handling of a massive information breach at Coupang, a U.S.-listed e-commerce firm, and the disclosure by a Seoul minister that Kusong may be a North Korean uranium enrichment site. Earlier reports suggested that Washington has partially suspended information sharing on North Korea's nuclear facilities with Seoul over

- [Medical schools short of teaching faculty after increase in admission quotas](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

Medical schools failed to hire enough teaching faculty following a large increase in admission quotas for 2025, the state audit agency said Tuesday. The Board of Audit and Inspection announced the results of an audit into what measures medical schools took to ensure quality education after their aggregate admission quotas rose by about 1,500 to 4,567 for the 2025 school year under a decision by the then government of ousted former President Yoon Suk Yeol. Of the 30 medical schools given larger quotas, 18 fell short of meeting their hiring plans as of February last year, with Soon Chun Hyang University in the central city of Cheonan topping the list with a shortage of 92 teachers. Only 59 percent of newly added teaching positions were filled at 30 medical schools between March 2024 and February 2025, and the situation was worse at schools outside of the Seoul metropolitan area due in part to lower wages and poorer living conditions in provincial areas. The audit agency said government budgets were also allocated to medical schools solely based on increased quotas without taking the specif

- [Regulatory blind spot leaves students passing by adult-content livestream studio on way to school](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

An adult-content livestreaming studio located next to an elementary school in Seoul's Gangnam district has sparked controversy over its potential impact on students' learning environment. A joint inspection by district authorities, launched after a series of complaints from parents, found that no concrete action could be taken under current law, further fueling the dispute. According to Gangnam District Office on Monday, the studio at the center of the controversy is located in the basement of a commercial building about 100 meters from an elementary school in Cheongdam-dong. Officials said the space is used by female online streamers who produce what are called "Excel broadcasts," a kind of livestream in which viewer donations are displayed on-screen in a spreadsheet-like format. The format often

features multiple streamers at once, with some using provocative gestures or revealing outfits to encourage viewers to compete with one another in sending donations. Citing their structure and sexually explicit content, the National Tax Service last year described such broadcasts as

- [96 Korean lawmakers blast US for 'infringing on judicial sovereignty' over Coupang probe](#) (2026-04-28 11:57)

A total of 96 Korean lawmakers on Tuesday condemned what they described as U.S. political pressure over a local investigation into e-commerce giant Coupang, calling it “an infringement on judicial sovereignty” and “interference in domestic affairs.” Rep. Park Hong-bae of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) and other lawmakers held a press conference at the National Assembly, saying 96 legislators had signed a joint protest letter to be delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul later in the day. The figure represents roughly one-third of the 300-member Assembly. The move follows a recent letter sent by 54 House Republican lawmakers, who claimed Korean government and law enforcement authorities' investigation into Coupang's massive data leak case was discriminatory against the U.S.-headquartered company. The 54 signatories account for about a quarter of the 217 Republican members in the 435-seat House of Representatives. A media report also said Washington asked Seoul to legally guarantee the safety of Coupang founder Kim Bom-suk, also known as Bom Kim, otherwise it would not pr

- [Court orders partial cancellation of corporate taxes for Netflix Korea](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

A Seoul court on Tuesday ordered authorities to cancel 68.7 billion won (\$ 46.6 million) in taxes levied on the local unit of U.S. streaming giant Netflix. The Seoul Administrative Court ruled partly in favor of Netflix Services Korea after the company filed a lawsuit seeking to nullify corporate tax and other levies imposed by local tax authorities in November 2023. In 2021, the National Tax Service slapped approximately 80 billion won in taxes on Netflix following an audit amid controversy that the company was paying relatively low corporate tax compared to the volume of its sales. The streaming service firm challenged the measure, seeking a cancellation of around 76.2 billion won of the levied taxes. At the center of the controversy is whether the payments made by Netflix's Korean unit to a Dutch affiliate should be treated as "copyright royalties" or "business profits." Tax authorities have argued that the money transferred to the Dutch affiliate should be regarded as copyright royalties, which are subject to taxation. The local unit of Netflix, however, claimed that payments under su

- [Early-response gaps leave migrant women in Korea vulnerable to abuse: report](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Violence against migrant women in Korea often begins long before victims come into contact with government support services, according to a report released Tuesday that pointed to persistent gaps in early intervention and access to protection. The Korea Institute for Healthy Family said it reviewed 16,300 counseling cases involving violence against migrant women from a total of 236,728 consultations handled by the Danuri Call Center in 2025. In 77.1 percent of

those cases, the reported abuse involved domestic violence, making it by far the most common category. The findings suggest that violence frequently unfolds within intimate or family relationships and reaches public authorities only later, through police involvement, counseling services or outside referrals. The Danuri Call Center, which operates around the clock, provides counseling, interpretation and translation in 13 languages for migrants and multicultural families. It also offers crisis assistance, support during investigations and court proceedings, referrals to shelters and follow-up care. Demand for such services continued

- [Arts Council Korea names new chairman](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

The Arts Council Korea has named Lee Beom-heon, a special professor at Shinhan University, as its new chairman. The council, a state-run body tasked with leading the national arts agenda, said Lee was elected as its ninth chairman through an internal vote during a meeting on Monday. The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism also appointed eight new board members during the meeting. Lee and the new board members will serve a three-year term. The meeting was attended by all 11 board members, including three continuing members whose terms run through July 31, 2027. Lee majored in East Asian painting at Hongik University and received a master's degree from the same institution. He previously served as the 24th chairman of the Korea Fine Arts Association from 2017 to 2020, a cultural arts adviser to the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education from 2019 to 2024 and the 28th chairman of the Federation of Korean Artistic and Cultural Organizations from 2020 to 2024. He currently serves as a special professor at Shinhan University, a non-tenure-track position typically reserved for prominent f

- [Seoul opens int'l student support center in Sinchon](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Seoul city government has launched Seoul Global Student Center in the Sinchon university area, offering a one-stop platform in the northwestern neighborhood for foreign students seeking employment, startup support and settlement assistance, the city announced. The center, which begins full operations in May, is located near several major universities to maximize accessibility for foreign students. It complements the existing Seoul Global Center in Jongno, central Seoul, which serves the broader foreign resident population, by focusing specifically on the needs of international students. The number of foreign students in Korea has nearly tripled over the past decade, rising from roughly 90,000 to approximately 250,000, according to 2025 data from the Korean Educational Development Institute. Regardless of their multilingual skills, multicultural awareness and global networks, systematic support for these students remains inadequate, with critics pointing to a widening gap between policies aimed at attracting foreign students and those designed to help them find employment and settle in t

- [Busan job fair targets global talent with expanded reach](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Busan will open its doors to hundreds of international students seeking careers in Korea as city officials introduce an expanded job fair aimed at connecting foreign talent with regional employers. The Busan Metropolitan City government said Tuesday that the “2026 Busan Dream Job Fair” will take place Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at BEXCO's second exhibition

hall. About 1,000 international students from the Busan, Ulsan and the South Gyeongsang region are expected to attend, alongside representatives from 44 companies. The city said the event, now in its fourth year, has widened its scope to include students from Ulsan and South Gyeongsang, positioning itself as a broader employment platform aimed at helping foreign students transition from education to long-term residency. Participating companies span key regional industries, including manufacturing, hospitality and tourism, services, logistics and trade, and medical institutions. The number of participating firms rose to 44 this year from 35 last year, an increase of about 25 percent, underscoring growing demand among local b

- [Police seek arrest warrant for teen in jewelry store theft](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Police said Tuesday they plan to request an arrest warrant for a teenager accused of stealing gold bracelets from a jewelry store. The teenager posing as a customer entered a jewelry store in Gwangju, 30 kilometers southeast of Seoul, on Monday afternoon, smashed a display case and fled with several gold bracelets, according to the Gyeonggi Gwangju Police Station. He allegedly used a bus emergency escape hammer to strike the display stand and committed the theft within seconds. He was apprehended on a street near the store about an hour later. The police are looking for the bracelets stolen by the teenager, which the store owner claims are worth 50 to 70 million won (\$47,500).

- [Appeals court sentences former PPP floor leader to 2-year prison term over funds from Unification Church](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

An appeals court on Tuesday sentenced Rep. Kweon Seong-dong of the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) to a two-year prison term on charges of accepting illegal political funds from the Unification Church. The Seoul High Court handed down the sentence after finding him guilty of accepting 100 million won (\$68,000) in January 2022 from a church official seeking favors from the former administration of President Yoon Suk Yeol. The sentence matched the ruling of a lower court in January. "This case is far more serious than typical violations of the Political Funds Act, making severe punishment inevitable," a judge at the sentencing hearing said. "Even though the charges were corroborated by various evidence, he denied the crime from the investigation stage." The court also ordered Kweon to forfeit 100 million won, in line with the lower court ruling. Kweon, a five-term lawmaker once known as one of Yoon's close confidants, had argued he met the church official for a meal but did not receive money. His lawyers had also claimed the case did not fall under the mandate of special counsel Min

- [S. Korea identifies remains of another soldier killed during Korean War](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

South Korea's military has identified the remains of another soldier killed during the 1950-53 Korean War, raising the number of such service members to 273, the defense ministry said Tuesday. The ministry's Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification and the 21st Infantry Division recovered the remains of late Cpl. Kim Pan-seong near Yanggu, Gangwon, in 2024, according to the ministry. KIA stands for killed in action. Kim, who joined the military service in May 1951, died while fighting against North Korean and Chinese forces on Mount Baekseok,

near Yanggu County, in October the same year. He was 21. South Korea has so far identified the remains of 273 service members killed in the conflict since it launched the excavation project in 2000.

- [University of Seoul professors selected for technology commercialization project](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Two University of Seoul professors have been selected for a government-led support program for technology commercialization, the university said Monday. The two are Professor Song Oh-sung of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and Professor Lee Seung-hwan of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The program, part of the “2026 Technology Management Promotion Project” run by the Ministry of Science and ICT and the Commercialization Promotion Agency for R&D Outcomes, aims to support professors and researchers in commercializing technologies they have developed. Song and Lee are expected to receive support under the “IP Star Scientist Support Program,” which is designed to help researchers put their outstanding research outcomes and intellectual property (IP) into practical use. The university said the two professors will carry out the full process of technology commercialization in collaboration with private sector agencies specializing in commercialization. The program also aims to promote further development of intellectual property by researchers, lead

- [Korean lawmakers blast US for pressure over Coupang probe](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Korean lawmakers on Tuesday condemned what they described as U.S. political pressure over a local investigation into e-commerce giant Coupang, calling it “an infringement on judicial sovereignty” and “interference in domestic affairs.” Rep. Park Hong-bae of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea and other lawmakers held a press conference at the National Assembly, saying around 90 legislators had signed a joint protest letter to be delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul later in the day. The lawmakers said the move reflects a cross-party effort to respond at the parliamentary level. They argued that intervention by foreign lawmakers in a domestic corporate investigation, as well as attempts to link the issue to broader diplomatic or security cooperation, undermines the rule of law. “Matters arising in Korea must be handled under Korean law and procedures,” Park said, warning that yielding to such demands could set a precedent for multinational firms to influence legal processes through diplomatic channels. The move follows reports that House Republican lawmakers had sent a letter

- [Kookmin University to start collaborative project on mobility design with UK firm](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Kookmin University has unveiled a plan to launch an industry-academia collaboration project with PriestmanGoode (PG), a London-based design firm, in the field of mobility design. The university said Monday that the Department of Automotive and Transportation Design at the College of Design will work with PriestmanGoode on mobility design research. A school official said the project aims to develop mobility solutions that can help Seoul address challenges

related to urban expansion and severe traffic congestion in its metropolitan area. The initiative focuses on building a user-centered mobility ecosystem aligned with the city's 2050 Seoul Grand Plan. Kookmin explained that both parties will jointly analyze changes in mobility environments and transportation issues resulting from urban sprawl, a phenomenon widely observed in major cities around the world. The project seeks to propose innovative solutions to these challenges. Over the course of the one-year collaboration, the two sides will conduct in-depth research on user travel experiences and service systems, with a particular focus

- [Lee vows to prevent industrial deaths with all available means](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday pledged to mobilize all available resources to prevent workplace deaths, marking a state-designated day for commemorating industrial disaster victims. Lee called eliminating industrial disasters and achieving safety-based sustainable growth a "key task" and a core priority of his government on his Facebook account on Industrial Accident Workers' Day. Korea designated the day in 2024 to coincide with International Workers' Memorial Day on April 28, in remembrance and mourning of those who died on duty. " (The government) will mobilize all possible means so that workplaces will no longer be sites of death," Lee wrote. "We still have a long way to go in the face of the heart-rending outcries of those who lost family members and neighbors" to industrial disasters, the president also said, pledging necessary legal and institutional upgrades to prevent workplace deaths. He said signs of positive change had emerged, noting that the number of industrial deaths fell 17.5 percent in the first quarter of this year from a year earlier, "thanks to multifaceted governm

- [Appeals court set to rule on ex-first lady's corruption charges](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

An appeals court was set to rule Tuesday on corruption charges against former first lady Kim Keon Hee, following a lower court sentence of one year and eight months in prison. Kim, who faces charges of accepting luxury goods from the Unification Church and involvement in a stock price manipulation scheme, was set to be sentenced during a 3 p.m. hearing at the Seoul High Court. The session will be broadcast live. Special counsel Min Joong-ki's team has sought a 15-year prison term for the wife of former President Yoon Suk Yeol after indicting her on charges of violating the Capital Markets Act, the Political Funds Act and a law on the acceptance of bribes for mediation. The team accuses her of manipulating the stock price of Deutsch Motors, a BMW dealer in South Korea, to make 810 million won (\$549,000) in illegal profits from 2010-2012, receiving free opinion poll results from a self-proclaimed power broker ahead of her husband's 2022 presidential election, and accepting two Chanel bags and a Graff diamond necklace from a former Unification Church official requesting favors. The lower co

- [Ruling bloc's 80 lawmakers to send joint letter on US defense of Coupang](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

More than 80 lawmakers of the ruling bloc plan to send a joint letter to the U.S. government protesting its defense of e-commerce giant Coupang, arguing it constitutes an infringement on South Korea's judicial sovereignty, political sources said Monday. The envisioned letter, which

has reportedly been co-signed by 83 lawmakers of the ruling Democratic Party (DP), the minor Rebuilding Korea Party and Jinbo Party, will be delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul on Tuesday, following a press conference at the National Assembly. The missive will come in response to Washington's reported complaints against Seoul over what some in the U.S. view as an unfair treatment of Coupang, a U.S.-listed firm, amid a probe here into a massive breach of the personal information of more than 33 million of its customers. The plan for the letter was revealed in a request DP Reps. Kim Nam-geun, Park Hong-bae and others sent to fellow lawmakers to ask for their signatures. In the request, they argued the U.S. government recently demanded that Seoul guarantee the personal safety of Coupang Chairman Kim Bom-suk or ri

- [As Korea cracks down on English kindergartens, Seoul districts open their own for free](#) (2026-04-27 17:57)

Last week, Byun Jae-i, a 5-year-old at Donghwa Kindergarten in southern Seoul's Seocho District, learned that kangaroos come from Australia and pandas from China. The twist is she learned it all in English, a language she is still picking up. “I had learned English at a private institute before, so learning it here became easier,” she told The Korea Times. “Last time at kindergarten, I did an art activity where I made a tiny palm-sized bed and that was the most fun.” The weekly classes, funded by Seocho District, are part of a broader push by some Seoul districts to give young children a friendlier first brush with English, amid a government crackdown on so-called “English kindergartens.” In Korea, English kindergartens refer to private academies that teach children mostly in English from around age 3 until they begin elementary school. Monthly tuition at English kindergartens averaged 1.54 million won (\$1,042) in 2024 — roughly 3.5 times the average monthly private education spending of 435,000 won per 5-year-old — according to the Ministry of Education. Criticized for fueli

- [Police launch probe into medical syringe hoarding amid war-related shortage](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Police said Monday they have launched an investigation into four companies suspected of hoarding medical syringes in violation of a government ban amid a shortage caused by the Middle East conflict. The four were among 32 companies caught during a special crackdown by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety to ensure compliance with the government measure, which was recently adopted amid shortage concerns prompted by the Middle East war. The prolonged war is disrupting naphtha supplies, limiting the production of essential medical supplies, including syringes and intravenous bags. The ministry referred the four companies to the police after confirming they were in violation of the ban, and each case was assigned to the police station with jurisdiction, according to the National Office of Investigation under the National Police Agency. On Saturday, President Lee Jae Myung addressed the issue in a post on X, saying he has instructed the Cabinet to take “maximum” measures in the event violations are found, such as through swift investigations and punishment, and maximum administrative sanction

- [20-year prison term sought for ex-justice minister in martial law case](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

A special counsel team on Monday sought a 20-year prison term for former Justice Minister Park Sung-jae on charges of playing a key role in former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid and granting undue favors to Yoon's wife. The team led by special counsel Cho Eun-suk made the sentence request during the final hearing of Park's trial at the Seoul Central District Court, saying it calls for strict judgment in order to sound the alarm on "a jurist who destroys the law." Park is accused of playing a key role in an insurrection and abusing his power by calling a meeting of senior justice ministry officials in the wake of Yoon's December 2024 martial law declaration to review dispatching prosecutors to a martial law-supporting body, checking the capacity of correctional facilities and calling to work officials responsible for imposing travel bans. Additionally, the former minister is accused of giving inappropriate orders to his subordinates in line with a request from Yoon's wife, Kim Keon Hee, in May 2024, to check certain details of the prosecution's investigation into suspic

- [Korea launches campaign urging fair treatment of immigrant workers](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

A new government-backed campaign seeks to change how workers are addressed on factory floors and at industrial worksites in Korea, urging employers to move away from dismissive or overly casual labels for immigrant laborers and instead use their given names. The Ministry of Employment and Labor said Monday that it launched the Immigrant Worker Labor Respect Campaign at an industrial site in Ulsan, a major port city in the southeast. The event, which drew approximately 100 foreign workers and representatives from labor rights foundations, centered on a highly symbolic gesture: the distribution of safety helmets engraved with each worker's individual name. Officials said the initiative is a direct challenge to a long-standing workplace culture where foreign staff are frequently addressed by generic titles, numbers or informal honorifics that critics argue strip them of their professional dignity. The campaign is rooted in the belief that linguistic respect is a prerequisite for physical safety. By emphasizing the use of names and formal honorifics, authorities hope to foster an environme

- [Korea exports K-edu model to reshape Sri Lanka' s medical research](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Korea' s push to export its higher education model is gaining ground overseas, with a university-led partnership helping reshape Sri Lanka' s medical research and training landscape. The Ministry of Education said Monday that a recent evaluation of its "Leading University for International Cooperation" program found tangible progress in strengthening higher education and public health systems in Sri Lanka. At the center of the effort is Sungkyunkwan University, which has worked since 2020 with the University of Sri Jayewardenepura to establish the country' s first Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine. The department, launched in July 2020, played a critical role during the COVID-19 pandemic as the only institution in Sri Lanka dedicated to nationwide infectious disease analysis, officials said. Building on that foundation, the Sri Lankan government supported the creation of a national-level Allergy and Immunology Research Institute within the university, set to be completed in January 2027. The institute is expected to serve as a central hub for

infectious disease respo

- [Ex-Unification Church official gets heavier prison term during appeal over gifts to ex-first lady](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

An appeals court on Monday sentenced a former Unification Church official to 18 months in prison for giving luxury gifts to former first lady Kim Keon Hee, a heavier punishment than the 14 months given by a lower court. The Seoul High Court handed down the sentence to Yun Young-ho, who formerly served as head of the church's global headquarters, upholding most of the lower court's ruling in January. The appeals court found Yun guilty of giving a Graff diamond necklace worth 62.2 million won (\$42,200) and a Chanel bag worth 12.7 million won to Kim, the wife of ousted former President Yoon Suk Yeol, in July 2022 while requesting favors on various issues related to the church. It also ruled that he gave 100 million won in illegal political funds to Rep. Kweon Seong-dong of the now main opposition People Power Party — a close political ally of Yoon — in January 2022. The court overturned the lower court's acquittal of Yun from charges of embezzling church funds to gift a separate Chanel bag to Kim in April 2022, finding him guilty of embezzlement, which apparently led to his increased se

- [Google to open AI campus in Korea](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Google will open an artificial intelligence (AI) campus in Korea within this year in line with the Korean government's expanded cooperation with global AI companies, a senior Cheong Wa Dae official said Monday. Kim Yong-beom, presidential chief of staff for policy, said the envisioned campus is anticipated to facilitate Google's cooperation with startups and researchers in Korea. It will be the first in the world outside the United Kingdom, where its AI research lab Google DeepMind is headquartered. Kim said Demis Hassabis, co-founder and CEO of Google DeepMind, disclosed the plan during his meeting with President Lee Jae Myung at Cheong Wa Dae. "Hassabis agreed to actively consider dispatching Google researchers to Korea," Kim said. "The CEO instantly accepted our request to send at least 10." The meeting came as Korea strives to become one of the world's top three AI powerhouses, alongside the United States and China. Lee and Hassabis discussed a range of cooperative measures, such as advancing the country's AI ecosystem and promoting the responsible use of related technologies. The

- [Seoul reimagines derelict oil depot as year-round cultural hub](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

A former oil depot on the western edge of Seoul is fast becoming one of the city's most ambitious cultural experiments, as officials push to turn the industrial relic into a year-round arts and events hub drawing 1 million visitors annually. Seoul Metropolitan Government said Monday it plans to expand programming at Oil Tank Culture Park, a repurposed oil reserve facility built in 1976 and closed in 2000, into a multidisciplinary cultural complex blending exhibitions, performances, festivals and wellness events. Built from massive steel storage tanks once used for fuel reserves, the site was reimagined as a public cultural space in 2017 that preserves its industrial structure while hosting immersive media art, concerts and participatory

programs. The city said it is aiming to attract 1 million annual visitors for this year as it scales up about 20 major events per year, ranging from music festivals to sports and wellness programming. This month alone, Oil Tank Culture Park has hosted a series of large-scale events focused on inclusion and environmental themes. An inclusive arts festival

- [Seoul turns streets into stages with expanded busking program](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Korea's capital is transforming sidewalks, plazas and riverside parks into open-air stages, rolling out an expanded street performance initiative that will bring nearly 2,000 performances across the city through the end of the year. Seoul Metropolitan Government said Monday it has launched the 2026 edition of Guseokguseok Live, a city-run cultural program that places curated live performances in everyday public spaces. Running from April through December, the program will feature 150 selected performance teams chosen through a competitive process that included video screening and live auditions. Officials said 657 teams applied this year, reflecting growing demand among street performers. The final lineup spans music, instrumental performances, traditional arts and stage performances. The city said the selection process was designed to emphasize live performance quality and audience engagement in public settings. Since its launch in 2011, Guseokguseok Live has grown into one of Seoul's largest public arts initiatives, producing more than 27,000 performances by over 2,000 artist teams

- [Major umbrella union to hold Labor Day rally over cargo worker's death in Jinju](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

A major umbrella union will hold a large-scale rally on Labor Day to demand responsibility over the death of a cargo worker hit by a truck during a recent demonstration, officials said Monday. Last Monday, a 2.5-ton truck struck participants of a cargo worker rally near a CU convenience store logistics center in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province, killing a union member in his 50s and injuring two others. The Korean Confederation of Trade Unions plans to hold its rally near the headquarters of BGF Retail, the operator of CU, in southern Seoul on Friday to call for a resolution to the underlying dispute between labor and management. Subcontractor workers of BGF had staged last week's rally to demand direct negotiations with BGF management following the recent enforcement of a new law holding prime contractors more accountable for subcontracted employees. The collision is suspected to have happened as rallygoers tried to block the truck, operated by a non-union worker, from leaving the site and continuing to work for the company despite the ongoing rally by unionized cargo truck drivers. The

- [Montana joins growing list of US states waiving driving tests for Koreans](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Drivers from Korea living in the U.S. state of Montana will soon be able to exchange their Korean licenses for local ones without undergoing written or road tests under a new reciprocal agreement aimed at easing bureaucratic burdens. The National Police Agency announced Monday that it had finalized the agreement with Montana officials Thursday, making it the 30th

U.S. jurisdiction to waive testing requirements for Korean citizens. Under the terms of the deal, which takes effect May 1, Koreans residing in Montana for more than 90 days can obtain a Montana Class D license — the standard for passenger vehicles — by simply passing a physical vision and aptitude screening. The agreement covers a broad range of Korean license types, including Class 1 large, special and standard licenses, as well as Class 2 standard licenses. The arrangement is reciprocal, allowing Montana residents legally staying in Korea to exchange their Class D licenses for a Korean Class 2 license under a similarly streamlined process. The addition of Montana marks the culmination of a decade of diplomatic efforts. Si

- [Korea Heritage Service enlists G-Dragon-backed foundation for UNESCO cultural push](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

Korea's cultural authorities are turning to the philanthropic arm of the country's pop-music machine to bolster its diplomatic standing, enlisting a foundation backed by K-pop star G-Dragon to help navigate a high-stakes gathering of world heritage leaders. The Korea Heritage Service said Monday that it had entered into a formal partnership with the Just Peace Foundation, an organization established last year with the support of the musician, whose legal name is Kwon Ji-yong. The memorandum of understanding, signed Thursday at the National Palace Museum of Korea, aims to coordinate the hosting of the 48th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. The partnership represents a calculated attempt by Seoul to bridge the gap between its traditional statecraft and its modern soft power exports. Under the agreement, the foundation and its affiliates will participate in the summit and spearhead public-awareness campaigns for the UNESCO World Heritage Fund, an international purse used to protect and restore sites of "outstanding universal value." The Just Peace Foundation was launched

- [73 criminal suspects repatriated from Cambodia, Philippines since late February](#) (2026-04-27 11:57)

The Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) said Monday that 73 Koreans suspected of committing crimes, such as voice phishing, in Cambodia and the Philippines have been repatriated over the past two months. In the repatriation operation that lasted from Feb. 26 to April 22, 42 suspects returned from Cambodia and 31 from the Philippines, the agency said, adding 69 of them have been detained here and transferred to the prosecution. The repatriates from the Philippines included a ringleader who hacked a capital company's website server in 2011, stole the personal information of 1.75 million people and extorted 100 million won (\$68,000) from the company. Among those repatriated from Cambodia were 24 members of a criminal organization who swindled 51.7 billion won from 368 voice phishing victims and 14 members of a "romance scam" organization that extorted 2.3 billion won from 53 victims. The KNPA said the latest repatriation operation has been swiftly executed based on cooperative relationships with the police forces of the two Southeast Asian countries.

- [Minor party candidate for Busan mayor injured in drink attack](#) (2026-04-27 05:57)

The minor Reform Party's candidate running for Busan mayor was injured during street campaigning Monday after a driver in a passenger car sprayed a beverage at him in the southeastern port city. The incident occurred on a road in the city's northern ward of Geumjeong shortly after 8 a.m., when a passenger car approached candidate Jeong Yi-han as he was greeting citizens commuting to work. The driver suddenly sprayed the beverage he was drinking at Jeong's face while hurling abusive language and profanities. The candidate reportedly lost his balance and fell backward. Jeong was taken to a hospital after losing consciousness from hitting his head on the ground, while the driver fled the scene. Police said they began an investigation by analyzing witness accounts and surveillance camera footage from the scene and nearby areas. The Busan mayoral election will be held as part of the June 3 local elections.

- [Court set to begin ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-26 23:57)

An appeals court was set to hold the first preliminary hearing of former President Yoon Suk Yeol's insurrection trial Monday over his failed 2024 martial law bid after a lower court sentenced him to life imprisonment. The Seoul High Court will convene the session at 2 p.m. following appeals from both Yoon and a special counsel team over the February ruling that convicted the ousted president on charges of leading an insurrection through his martial law declaration on Dec. 3, 2024. Special counsel Cho Eun-suk's team had demanded the death penalty for Yoon at the lower court, accusing him of declaring the decree to incite a riot with the intent of subverting the constitutional order. Yoon is not required to attend Monday's session, which will discuss the trial's future proceedings. Other defendants in the trial include former Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun, who received a 30-year prison term on charges of playing a key role in the insurrection, and six former senior military and police officials convicted in the case. The court plans to hold its next preliminary hearing May 7 before beginning

- [Navy, Marine Corps hold large-scale amphibious landing drills in Pohang](#) (2026-04-26 23:57)

The Navy and Marine Corps launched a weeklong regular amphibious landing exercise in a southeastern coastal city last week, the armed services said Monday, in efforts to maintain combat readiness against diversifying threats in future warfare. Some 3,200 troops were deployed for the drills set to run through Thursday in coastal areas in Pohang, about 270 kilometers southeast of Seoul, according to the Navy and the Marine Corps. On Monday, the troops held the "decisive action" phase of the exercise, which proceeded with amphibious assault drills in a coastal area with landing ships, transport aircraft and helicopters as naval warships and attack helicopters provided cover. An array of military assets was deployed for the drills, ranging from the KF-16 fighter jet and the P-8A maritime surveillance aircraft to some 20 naval vessels, including the ROKS Marado amphibious assault ship. To factor in changes in modern warfare, this year's exercise incorporated various manned and unmanned assets, including drones, and surveillance assets for coastal surveillance and ground operations, the armed

- [New IHO digital mapping standard effectively retires 'Sea of Japan' label, Korea says](#) (2026-04-26 17:57)

A new digital mapping standard adopted by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) is drawing attention for what it means for Japan's long-standing push to call the body of water between the Korean Peninsula and the Japanese archipelago solely as the Sea of Japan, as the standard replaces geographical names with numerical identifiers, effectively removing the label altogether. At the fourth session of the IHO Assembly held in Monaco from April 19-23, the S-130 digital dataset standard was finalized and formally adopted. The move follows a decision made at the second Assembly in 2020 to develop S-130 as an updated framework to replace the existing standard chart, Limits of Oceans and Seas, also known as S-23. S-130 introduces a digital charting system that replaces names with numerical identifiers for maritime areas, marking a shift from a name-based framework to a number-based structure. Designed for use in electronic navigation and geographic information systems, the standard assigns each sea area a unique code based on the latitude and longitude of its central point. The syst

- [Data of 100,000 leaked from golf course: North Korean hacking suspected](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

Personal information of around 100,000 customers has been leaked from a golf course, prompting a police investigation, sources said Sunday. The Korean National Police Agency is probing the case after the website of Lee & Lee Country Club in the county of Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, was hacked, with data on about 100,000 individuals believed to have been compromised, according to the sources familiar with the issue. The leaked data includes names, dates of birth, gender, user IDs, passwords, phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses. Police became aware of the breach while investigating major North Korean hacking groups, the sources said, adding that investigators believe the golf club's server was infected with malware distributed by a hacking group. The number of hackers operating under North Korean authorities was estimated at 8,400 as of 2024, according to South Korea's defense white paper.

- [4 in 10 workers in Korea lack paid Labor Day leave](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

Nearly four out of 10 workers in Korea are not guaranteed paid leave on Labor Day, highlighting persistent blind spots in labor rights, particularly among non-full time workers. According to a poll commissioned by civic group Workplace Gabjil 119 and conducted by Global Research from Feb. 2 to 8, 35.2 percent of 1,000 surveyed employees said they are not ensured paid leave on May 1. The disparity becomes more pronounced across employment types. Among day laborers, who are employed on a daily basis, 60 percent reported not receiving paid leave. The figure was similarly high for freelancers at 59.3 percent, part-time workers at 57 percent and dispatched or outsourced workers at 40 percent. In contrast, only 16.5 percent of employees at large corporations reported the same issue, indicating significantly stronger protections for those in more stable, formal employment. Labor Day was designated as a paid holiday in Korea in 1994. However, due to varying interpretations of the Labor Standards Act, certain groups

such as public officials, teachers and delivery workers were classified as "speci

- [Lee condemns White House Correspondents' dinner shooting as 'grave threat to democracy'](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

President Lee Jae Myung expressed his shock Sunday over a violent incident at the White House Correspondents' dinner, condemning political violence and offering sympathies to the American public. In a post on social media platform X, Lee said he was “deeply shocked by the violent incident” and called it “especially regrettable” given that the event was meant to reaffirm the role of the press and freedom of speech. According to media reports, the incident occurred during the annual dinner hosted by the White House Correspondents' Association at the Hilton in Washington, D.C., where an armed suspect opened fire at Secret Service agents before being subdued and taken into custody. The White House Correspondents' dinner is a high-profile event attended by senior government officials, journalists and public figures, highlighting the symbolic importance of the gathering. No injuries were reported among key attendees, and U.S. President Donald Trump and the first lady were evacuated safely from the venue following the incident, according to reports. Lee expressed relief over their

- [PPP picks Choo Kyung-ho to face Kim Boo-kyum in Daegu mayoral election](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

The main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Sunday confirmed Rep. Choo Kyung-ho as its candidate for Daegu mayor in the June 3 local elections, setting up a two-way race with Kim Boo-kyum, the candidate for the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK). Choo, who served as deputy prime minister and minister of economy and finance from 2022 to 2023 under ousted former President Yoon Suk Yeol, secured the nomination through a combination of party member voting and a public opinion poll conducted over Friday and Saturday. PPP nomination committee chief Rep. Park Duk-hyum announced Choo's candidacy during a briefing at the party's headquarters in Yeouido. “The final result was calculated by converting both the party member votes and the public survey into a unified percentage based on valid votes, and then applying additional weighting factors,” he said. The nomination comes after weeks of internal friction within the conservative PPP, which had raised the possibility of independent bids, have largely subsided. Rep. Joo Ho-young's legal challenge to his exclusion from the primary w

- [Gov't to phase out HWP file format for AI compatibility](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

Korea is moving to phase out Hangul Word Processor (HWP) file formats across key government document systems, as public institutions seek to modernize workflows and improve compatibility with artificial intelligence (AI) tools. The Presidential Council on National Artificial Intelligence Strategy (NAIS), together with the Ministry of the Interior and Safety and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, plans to begin restricting attaching HWP files across key public communication channels starting May. These include the government's internal document platform, as well as official email services. Beginning May 18, the government will

expand adoption of HWPX — an open-format version of HWP designed for greater interoperability — across the On-Nara System, the document drafting and distribution platform used by public officials, extending its application to local governments. On-Mail, an internal communication tool for civil servants, will follow suit by October. Both systems are overseen by the interior ministry. The Integrated Government Mail service, operating under the korea.k

- [6 Korean universities break into Asia top 30 in THE rankings, but int'l outlook drags](#) (2026-04-26 05:57)

Six Korean universities placed in the top 30 of the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Rankings 2026, buoyed by strong gains in the newly introduced industry index, but persistent weakness in international outlook left them struggling to close the gap with regional leaders from China, Singapore and Hong Kong. Seoul National University ranked 15th, the highest among Korean institutions, followed by Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) at 17th, Yonsei University at 19th, Sungkyunkwan University at 20th, Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) at 25th and Korea University at 26th. This year's results reflect the impact of revised evaluation metrics. The changes follow the introduction of a new methodology first applied in the World University Rankings 2024. A notable change was the strengthened industry metric, with the addition of a patents indicator boosting universities with strong technological capabilities — particularly in Korea. Seoul National University, KAIST, Yonsei University and POSTECH each secured a perfect score of 100 in the category. H

- [KAIST develops medical tool to identify multiple viruses simultaneously](#) (2026-04-26 05:57)

Scientists at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), in collaboration with researchers at the University of California, Berkeley and the Gladstone Institutes, have developed a new technique that uses the gene-editing tool CRISPR to identify multiple pathogens at once, the institute said Friday. The technique, developed by KAIST professor Son Sung-min of the Department of Bio and Brain Engineering and an international team of researchers, relies on the reaction speed of an enzyme known as Cas13. By treating these variations as a “molecular barcode,” they can distinguish multiple viruses or bacteria in a single sample, potentially streamlining diagnostic testing for infectious diseases. Researchers found that the protein Cas13, which acts as a sensor for genetic material, displays a unique signature when it encounters a virus. Once the protein identifies its target, it triggers a chemical reaction that releases a fluorescent glow. The team discovered that the specific speed of this reaction changes depending on the pathogen involved, allowing scientists to us

- [Ex-broadcasting watchdog chief says she will not run for Daegu mayor](#) (2026-04-25 05:57)

Lee Jin-sook, a former broadcasting watchdog chief under ousted former President Yoon Suk Yeol, said Saturday she would not run for the Daegu mayoralty after being excluded from the main opposition People Power Party's (PPP) primary. The former head of the Korea Media and Communications Commission has left open the option of running as an independent candidate

in the June 3 local elections since her exclusion from the party's nomination process about a month ago. The party cited the need to nominate a candidate with economic expertise rather than political experience to revive the economy of the declining metropolitan city. Lee is known for her political ties to the disgraced former president. "I am stepping down as a preliminary candidate for Daegu mayor," she said during a press conference at the party's office in Daegu, some 250 kilometers southeast of Seoul. "I will back the party's nominee, once selected in the primary tomorrow, to defeat the Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) contender." Lee called the nomination committee's decision "unfair" but said concerns about a potential victo

- [Canada's army chief sees war-forged ties with S. Korea grow 'stronger'](#) (2026-04-25 05:57)

GAPYEONG — The partnership between South Korea and Canada, forged on battlefields of the 1950-53 Korean War, has endured for decades and is growing even "stronger" amid deepening military cooperation, the commander of the Canadian Army said. Lt. Gen. Michael Wright, commander of the Canadian Army, made the remarks in an interview with Yonhap News Agency, Friday, while visiting South Korea to attend a ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of a key Korean War battle in the northern county of Gapyeong. Some 2,000 troops of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade, comprising soldiers of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, engaged in three days of fierce combat against Chinese forces in April 1951 at the height of the three-year war. "For Canada, it's a reaffirmation of our partnership that started on the battlefields in Korea in 1950 and endures to this day and, if anything, is getting stronger," Wright said when asked about the significance of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeong. "So I really think that the history that we share is an indicator of what we'll do together in

- [Oxford University to launch center for Korean studies](#) (2026-04-25 05:57)

Oxford University plans to launch a center for Korean studies as early as October to boost research into Korean culture, language and history, professors leading the project have said. The university will announce the establishment of the Oxford Centre for Korean Studies during the official public opening of Oxford's Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities, Saturday. The center's establishment, led by Jieun Kiaer, James Lewis and Chi Young-hae of the university's Korean studies program, received final approval from a faculty meeting last month. The center will oversee Korea-related research and lectures, and promote further research into modern Korean politics, the economy and literature. It marks the latest addition of such a center at the university, following the establishment of centers on Japanese and Chinese studies in 1981 and 2008, respectively. Lewis, a professor of Korean history, told Yonhap News Agency that Europe as a whole will likely be inspired by the envisioned center's long-term research. Another senior faculty meeting last month decided on the need for a Korean s

- [African writers share global insights on Afropolitanism, Black consciousness at Korea University](#) (2026-04-24 23:57)

Two prominent African writers engaged Korea University students in Seoul in a discussion on Afropolitanism and Black consciousness, offering global perspectives through a “glocal” lens. The seminar, held on March 31 and co-hosted by the Network for Glocal Activism and the Institute of African Cultural Studies in Korea, featured renowned author Ishmael Beah of Sierra Leone and South African linguist and researcher Zukile Jama. For Beah, a memoirist and human rights advocate, writing is a way to reclaim ownership over African narratives. “For many years, our stories have been told by other people,” he told The Korea Times. “Even when well-intentioned, they often miss the context. And without the right context, people form stereotypes and incomplete conclusions.” Beah is best known for his 2007 memoir, “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier,” in which he recounts his experiences as a child soldier during the Sierra Leone Civil War in the 1990s. The book gained international recognition for its powerful and personal portrayal of war, trauma and recovery. His work has reached

- [Ex-Samsung adviser jailed over confinement case involving elderly woman](#) (2026-04-24 17:57)

Lim Woo-jae, a former adviser at Samsung Electro-Mechanics, has been serving a one-year prison sentence after being convicted in a first trial of participating in the concealment of a confinement and assault case involving an elderly woman, judicial sources said Thursday. According to legal sources, the Uijeongbu District Court Criminal Division 11 sentenced Lim to one year in prison late last year on charges of obstruction of official duties by deception. Lim was indicted for his involvement in a confinement and assault case that occurred in April last year in Yeoncheon County, Gyeonggi Province. In the case, a man in his 30s allegedly confined and assaulted his grandmother for about six days. A shaman, identified by the surname Park, who was reportedly in a relationship with Lim, was named as a key figure behind the incident. Investigators said Lim and Park had lived together since 2023 in a container structure on farmland owned by the suspect’s father, during which they received money from the man under the pretext of stock investments. Authorities believe psychological manipulatio

- [Is Korea’s tap water safe to drink?](#) (2026-04-24 17:57)

“I personally prefer tap water. I’d say bottled water is as good as dead water.” That is the view of Choe Jae-cheon, a leading animal behaviorist and biologist and emeritus professor at Ewha Womans University. This would mean that, according to him, Evian, the globally recognized French bottled water brand, and Samdasoo, Korea’s famous Jeju volcanic bedrock water, are ultimately no better than Seoul tap water. Choe firmly believes that however pure the original source may be, water cannot help but lose its freshness after spending months in plastic bottles during distribution. From an environmental standpoint, the message is a welcome one. The bottled water industry is among the world’s major polluters, producing a gargantuan volume of plastic waste, and Korea is no exception. Greenpeace says more than 5.6 billion bottles of mineral water were used in the country in 2020 alone. Assuming each bottle measures 10 centimeters in diameter, lined up end to end, they would circle the Earth 14 times. Bottled water harms the environment not only after it is consumed, but also in the ver

- [Prosecution rejects arrest warrant request for HYBE chairman](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

Prosecutors rejected on Friday a police request for an arrest warrant for Bang Si-hyuk, chairman and founder of K-pop powerhouse HYBE Labels, who is accused of unfair stock trading, citing insufficient evidence. The Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office sent back to the police the arrest warrant request filed against Bang earlier this week on charges of fraudulent unfair trading under the Capital Markets Act. Bang was suspected of deceiving investors in 2019 into selling their shares in HYBE before the company held an initial public offering (IPO), through which he allegedly pocketed about 260 billion won (\$175.28 million) in illegal profits. "At this stage, there is insufficient evidence to justify the necessity of detention, and we have therefore requested a supplementary investigation," the prosecution said. Police said they will review whether to reapply for the warrant after conducting further investigation, adding that decisions will be made "in accordance with due process." The Capital Markets Act prohibits obtaining financial gains through false statements or by using decept

- [Main opposition party struggles to find June election candidates, bringing back old guards](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

While the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) continues to list candidates for the June local and by-elections, the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) is struggling to field contenders, relying on old guards amid internal disputes and a declining support rate. With just 40 days remaining, the PPP has yet to finalize its candidates for key mayoral and by-election races, including in Gyeonggi Province and Busan, the country's second-largest city, as of Friday. The conservative party is also showing signs of polarization over Chairman Rep. Jang Dong-hyeok's leadership, with growing calls for his resignation. For the by-election for the parliamentary seat in Pyeongtaek B, Gyeonggi Province, political heavyweights have gathered. Minor Rebuilding Korea Party leader Cho Kuk, Jinbo Party leader Kim Jae-yeon and former acting president and conservative party leader Hwang Kyo-ahn have all announced their bids. The PPP, however, has yet to field a candidate. While Choo Mi-ae, a former justice minister and six-term lawmaker, has been actively campaigning as the DPK candidate in the Gye

- [Korea secures over 74 mil. barrels of crude oil for May: presidential aide](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

Korea has secured over 74 million barrels of crude oil for May, presidential chief of staff Kang Hoon-sik said Friday, easing concerns over oil supply disruptions. Kang made the announcement in a press briefing at Cheong Wa Dae, saying the government is making all-out efforts to secure additional supplies amid growing uncertainties surrounding the war in the Middle East. "For May, we have secured 74.62 million barrels of crude oil — equivalent to 87 percent of last year's monthly average — so there is little need to be concerned over supply disruptions," he said. By securing additional oil supplies from Africa and North America, Seoul has reduced its dependence on the Middle East from 69 percent to 56 percent, Kang added. Additionally, Korea has diversified shipping routes to those that bypass the Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for the country's imports of crude oil. "The decision to import 23.99 million barrels

from Saudi Arabia and 16 million barrels from the United Arab Emirates in May via alternativesupply routes that bypass the Strait of Hormuz is the result of the government a

- [Historic pavilion in Namwon moves closer to National Treasure status](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

A storied wooden pavilion celebrated in Korean literature and landscape design is poised to receive the country's highest cultural designation, officials said Friday. The Korea Heritage Service said it has announced plans to designate Namwon Gwanghallu as a National Treasure, recognizing its architectural significance and nearly 400 years of cultural history. Often referred to as "Honam Jeilru" — a name that means the finest pavilion in the Honam region, an older term for the area now encompassing North and South Jeolla provinces — Gwanghallu traces its origins to the early 1392-1910 Joseon period. It was first established by the scholar-official Hwang Hui, who built a structure on the site while he was in exile in Namwon, according to the agency. The pavilion later evolved into a prominent government structure where officials and scholars gathered for banquets and social events. Destroyed during the Japanese invasion in 1597, the structure was rebuilt in 1626. It has undergone several restorations while maintaining its original form, the agency said. The pavilion is widely regar

- [Daejeon's beloved white lion cub dies at 7 months from rare skeletal disorder](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

Bomunyi, a 7-month-old white lion cub at Daejeon Aquarium, died earlier this month from a rare congenital skeletal disorder, according to the Daejeon Metropolitan City on Friday. The cub, a female born in August last year to white lions Leo and Remi, was introduced to the public in November and quickly drew widespread affection from visitors. In recent weeks, however, speculation circulated on social media that she had gone missing or died. "As she grew and gained weight, her joints, weakened by the rare disease, could no longer keep up, and her condition gradually worsened," said an official at Daejeon Aquarium, a freshwater aquarium with small indoor animal facilities. "We held out hope that she could overcome the disease as a wild animal and tried many things, but her condition deteriorated sharply last month and she ultimately did not survive." White lions are a genetic rarity originating from the Timbavati region of South Africa. After her mother, Remi, failed to care for her after birth, Bomunyi was taken care of by zookeepers. Established in 2015, the Daejeon Aquarium has fa

- [Seoul botanic park festival blooms with hands-on spring events](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

A spring garden festival designed to move beyond passive viewing and into hands-on participation is set to unfold this weekend at Seoul Botanic Park, city officials said Friday. The Seoul Metropolitan Government said the fourth annual Haebom Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, offering a range of programs that blend plants, culture and environmental awareness under the theme "For Everything That Blooms." The event is structured to guide visitors from shared experiences to play and environmental activities, anchored by popular characters including Joguman and Dodori to make garden culture more accessible, according to organizers. At the main stage, visitors can join interactive programs

such as an environmental-themed “Dodori Eco Olympics,” a flower-themed magic show and terrarium demonstrations and lectures, all designed to bring nature closer to daily life. A garden concert is scheduled for Saturday at 5 p.m. in the open forest area, adding a musical backdrop to the seasonal event. Across the venue, including inside the greenhouse, hands-on activities such as flower arr

- [Free palace entry and nationwide events set for Children’s Day](#) (2026-04-24 11:57)

Families across Korea will be invited to step inside royal palaces and heritage sites for free Monday, as the government rolls out a wide slate of Children’s Day programs designed to turn history into hands-on play. The Korea Heritage Service said Friday that children under 12, accompanied by up to two guardians, will receive free admission to the four main palaces — Gyeongbok, Changdeok, Deoksu and Changgyeong — as well as Jongmyo Shrine and the royal tombs of the Joseon Dynasty on May 5. At Gyeongbok Palace, a special Children’s Day program centered on the royal guard-changing ceremony will unfold near Gwanghwamun. Activities include a costumed guard ritual featuring character mascots and an interactive experience simulating the selection exam for Joseon-era professional soldiers. Participants will be admitted free of charge, with some sessions requiring advance or on-site registration. In Daejeon, the Natural Heritage Center will host a full-day event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering rare access to geological and biological storage facilities, along with quizzes, photo missio

- [Assembly speaker blasts US Republicans for ‘meddling in’ Korea’s domestic affairs over Coupang](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik condemned U.S. Republicans’ claim that Korea is discriminating against e-commerce giant Coupang, calling it “interference in domestic affairs.” His remarks followed a letter sent by 54 U.S. lawmakers in the Republican Study Committee to Korean Ambassador to the United States Kang Kyung-wha, in which they claimed Korea is taking discriminatory and unfair actions against the U.S.-based company that is under police investigation and government scrutiny for a massive customer data leak last year.

“Coupang is under multiple allegations, such as a massive data breach and algorithm rigging. If U.S. Republicans say it is a discriminatory measure against U.S. firms, it means they do not respect Korean laws,” Woo said on an SBS radio show Friday. “This is an apparent intervention in domestic affairs and should not happen ... If Korean companies did the same things [data leak and algorithm rigging] in the U.S., would the U.S. let it go?” he said. “I urge Republicans not to meddle in Korea’s legal affairs.” Woo also lashed out at Coupang, saying tha

- [Ex-presidential candidate Kim Moon-soo fined \\$337 for election law violation](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

A court on Friday fined former presidential candidate Kim Moon-soo of the conservative People Power Party (PPP) 500,000 won (\$337) for violating the election law in the lead up to last year’s presidential race. Kim was earlier indicted on charges of violating the election law by handing out his business card to five janitors at Suseo Station in southern Seoul in May as a preliminary

candidate of the PPP, a month before the presidential election. The Seoul Central District Court ruled that Kim's actions amounted to election campaigning and a violation of the election law, rejecting his argument that he had simply greeted the workers. Under the Public Official Election Act, preliminary candidates are barred from handing out their business cards or soliciting support past the ticket gates of bus terminals, train stations and airports. While prosecutors had sought a fine of 1 million won, the court noted the relatively minor nature of the offense. By law, those fined 1 million won or more for election law violations are barred from running for office for five years. Kim, a former labor minister

- [Korea brings e-cigarettes under tobacco law, banning online sales](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

A revision to the Tobacco Business Act took effect Friday extending the legal definition of tobacco from traditional leaf-based products to cover natural and synthetic nicotine, bringing liquid e-cigarettes under government oversight for the first time. The law is expected to more than double the price of both locally manufactured and imported products, which will be subject to consumption taxes and other levies. There will, however, be a 50 percent tax reduction for the next two years to limit market shock. According to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the combined taxes and levies on these products is set at 1,823 won (\$1.23) per milliliter, meaning a standard 30-milliliter bottle would carry around 27,000 won in tax at the reduced rate, nearly double the typical retail price of 15,000 to 20,000 won. Under the revised law, use of e-cigarettes is banned in facilities such as schools, hospitals and government offices, as well as in designated outdoor no-smoking zones. Online sales of e-cigarettes are banned, and health warnings including nicotine content and ingredient disclosures m

- [Special counsel seeks 30-year prison term for ex-President Yoon over alleged drone dispatch to Pyongyang](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

A special counsel team on Friday demanded a 30-year prison term for former President Yoon Suk Yeol on charges of benefiting the enemy for allegedly ordering the dispatch of military drones over Pyongyang in 2024. The team, led by special counsel Cho Eun-suk, also requested the Seoul Central District Court to sentence former Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun to 25 years in prison over the same allegation. Cho's team believes the alleged dispatch in October 2024 was aimed at inciting the North's retaliation, in an attempt to use it as a pretext for Yoon's failed martial law bid that took place two months later. "Due to this criminal act, the country's military interests were severely undermined as there was substantial harm to national security," the team said, accusing the two of committing a "crime against the state and the people." The team has argued that the move led to heightened inter-Korean tensions at the time while leaking military secrets when one of the drones crashed in North Korea. Pyongyang had at the time accused Seoul of flying drones into the country multiple times, releasing

- [Declining income, no consent: AI eats into Korea's creative, language workforce](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

It is a familiar sound: the brisk, slightly metallic voice at the end of a TV shopping segment, rattling off legal disclaimers. For many voice actors, that sound now means a lost livelihood and a warning of what may come next. Instead of hiring a professional, companies now pick a digital voice and just start typing. “That used to be our work,” Choi Jae-ho, head of the Korea Voice Performance Association, told The Korea Times. “Now they go into a system, download a voice they like and type in the script. That work is simply gone.” Artificial intelligence (AI) has become the most powerful new colleague — and competitor — for Korea’s creative and language professionals, from voice actors and webtoon artists to interpreters. It is cutting deep into some people’s incomes, quietly erasing entry-level jobs and forcing unions and associations into emergency talks on how to protect their jobs, even as many professionals say it is also making their best work faster and better. Few professional groups have felt the shock as viscerally as voice actors. Choi says the average income

- [Gov't monitors foreign residents' movement, migration flows](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

The Ministry of Justice said it has released two new sets of nationally approved statistics tracking the regional movement and migration flows of foreign residents in Korea, with the data now available to the public for the first time. The two new datasets — the Foreign Residents' Regional Migration Statistics and the Foreign Residents' Inflow and Outflow Statistics — were designated as nationally approved statistics in April following review by the National Data Agency. Korea's foreign resident population stood at approximately 2.78 million as of 2025, representing 5.4 percent of the total population. The regional migration statistics compile quarterly data on foreign residents changing their registered addresses, drawn from relocation filings. The data is expected to help analyze shifts in the geographic distribution of foreign residents and movement patterns linked to industry, education and housing. The inflow and outflow statistics use monthly data, defining new foreign resident registrations as "inflows" and departures following registration cancellations as "outflows." The min

- [Seoul to transform Central Asian enclave into tourism hub](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

The Jung District Office announced a plan to transform Central Asian Street in Gwanghui-dong, near Dongdaemun Market, into a specialized cultural and tourism hub, part of a two-year initiative to revitalize the commercial district through 2027. The project, a partnership between the district, the Seoul Metropolitan Government and the Seoul Credit Guarantee Foundation, will be supported by an investment of 1 billion (\$674,000). Located near Dongdaemun History & Culture Park Station, the 23,000-square-meter district comprises roughly 250 businesses. The area is a rare pocket of Central Asian culture in the capital, where Uzbek, Russian and Mongolian restaurants operate alongside traditional Korean eateries near landmarks like Dongdaemun Design Plaza and the Cheonggye Stream. Unlike the usual practice of selecting sites through a competitive bidding process, the street was directly designated for inclusion in the city’s commercial development program. Officials said the decision was based on the neighborhood’s cultural diversity, as well as its potential to strengthen and complement Se

- [Visits to public libraries rise as new branches open](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

Korea's public libraries drew more than 230 million visits last year, a 2.8 percent increase from 2024, as the number of branches rose to 1,328, the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism said Friday. The ministry released the findings jointly with the Korean Library Association in its 2026 National Public Library Statistical Survey, a state-approved survey covering library performance data from 2025. The number of public libraries nationwide rose by 32, or 2.5 percent, from 2024, bringing the average population served per branch down to 38,492 — about 1,000 fewer than a year earlier. Borrowing held steady at about 140 million volumes, roughly in line with the previous year. Cultural and reading programs averaged 92 per branch annually, with total participation rising 6.8 percent from a year earlier. Library collections grew to about 126.11 million volumes, a 1.4 percent increase, bringing per capita holdings to 2.47 books. The number of full-time librarians rose 3.4 percent to 6,276, reducing the population per librarian to 8,145. Total library expenditures reached approximately 1.5

- [Korea marks 75th anniversary of Battle of Kapyong with Commonwealth allies](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

Korea marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong Friday with a ceremony honoring veterans of the 1950-53 Korean War and reaffirming defense ties with partner nations that fought alongside it during the conflict. Lee Yong-cheol, minister of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA), attended the event at the Commonwealth War Memorial in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province, alongside senior military officials and ambassadors from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — the four Commonwealth countries that participate in the annual commemoration. Speaking at the event, Lee said Korea will “remember the sacrifice and dedication of the veterans who came to defend liberal democracy” and continue to strengthen cooperation with countries that fought alongside it during the war. The Battle of Kapyong, fought in April 1951 during the Chinese Spring Offensive, is widely regarded as one of the Korean War's key engagements. About 2,000 troops from the 27th Commonwealth Brigade held off a Chinese force more than five times their size, helping United Nations forces

- [S. Korea, Australia to launch joint war remains search next week](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

South Korea and Australia will begin a monthlong project next week to excavate the remains of an Australian soldier who went missing while fighting during the 1950-53 Korean War, Seoul's defense ministry said Friday. The project between the ministry's Agency for KIA Recovery & Identification and the Australian Army's Unrecovered War Casualties (UWC-A) unit will run from Monday through May 22 in the northern county of Gapyeong, according to the ministry. KIA stands for killed in action. Fourteen officials from the two agencies and dozens of troops from both countries will take part in efforts to locate the remains of Cpl. William Murphy, who was a member of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade that fought in a key battle in Gapyeong. Some 2,000 troops of the brigade, comprising soldiers from Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, engaged in three days of fierce combat against Chinese forces in April 1951 at the height of the three-year war. The ministry said it decided to launch the project on the occasion

of the 75th anniversary of the Gapyeong battle to honor the noble sacrifice of those

- [Foreign patients top 2 mil. for 1st time in 2025](#) (2026-04-24 05:57)

The number of foreign patients topped 2 million for the first time last year as Korea emerged as a global hub for plastic surgery and dermatology, the health ministry said Friday. A total of 2.01 million international patients from 201 countries visited the country last year, nearly doubling from 1.17 million a year earlier, according to the Ministry of Health and Welfare. The annual number had risen every year since the ministry began compiling such data in 2009 but dropped to 110,000 in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, it took only five years to surpass the 2 million mark, driven by growing demand for Korean dermatology treatments and the global popularity of K-pop and Korean dramas. Chinese patients accounted for 30.8 percent of the total, followed by Japanese at 29.8 percent, Taiwanese at 9.2 percent and Americans at 8.6 percent. In particular, the number of U.S. patients surged 70.4 percent to a record 173,000 in 2025 from a year earlier. More than 62 percent of the foreign patients were treated at dermatology clinics, while 11.2 percent received plastic surgery. By region

- [Army troops of Korea, Canada launch 1st high-tech military training this week](#) (2026-04-23 23:57)

Army troops of Korea and Canada launched joint high-tech military drills in Korea for the first time earlier this week, officials said Friday, as part of efforts to bolster bilateral military ties between the two nations. The 11-day exercise, which runs through April 30, is under way at the Korea Combat Training Center (KCTC), a facility employing advanced technologies for realistic ground drills, in the mountainous county of Inje, some 125 kilometers northeast of Seoul, according to Army officials. A group of 44 soldiers from the Canadian Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, an Army regiment that served in the 1950-53 Korean War, has been deployed to train alongside Korean troops from the 7th Infantry Division. The joint training comes as the Canadian troops visited Korea to commemorate the 75th anniversary of a key battle that took place in the northern county of Gapyeong in April 1951 at the height of the three-year war. Some 2,000 troops of the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade, including Canadian troops, engaged in three days of fierce combat against Chinese forces at the he

- [Korea seizes 657 kilograms of drugs in sweeping overseas crackdowns](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Korea's customs authorities have intercepted a growing volume of illicit drugs before they reach the border, seizing 657 kilograms in a coordinated overseas crackdown that underscores the expanding reach of transnational trafficking networks. The Korea Customs Service said Thursday it conducted joint enforcement operations with its counterparts in Thailand and Cambodia from January through March, uncovering 32 drug trafficking attempts involving methamphetamine, cannabis and etomidate. Officials said the amount seized was enough for roughly 1.81 million doses. The operations are designed to stop narcotics at the source, with authorities sharing intelligence in advance and tightening inspections of passengers and cargo bound for Korea. Officers from both countries worked side by side to identify high-risk

shipments and exchange information in real time when drugs were detected. In Thailand, the two sides conducted their fifth joint operation, code-named “Trident,” seizing 651.4 kilograms of drugs — the largest haul since cooperation began in 2022. Over the five rounds, authorities

- [Court issues arrest warrant for truck driver for running into people at rally](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

A district court on Thursday issued an arrest warrant for a truck driver who drove into a group of rallygoers in the southeastern city of Jinju this week, killing one and injuring two others. On Monday, the 2.5-ton truck struck participants of a cargo worker rally under the Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union near a CU convenience store logistics center in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province. The Jinju branch of the Changwon District Court issued the warrant for the driver, a non-union member in his 40s, citing risk of flight and destroying evidence. Police have applied a murder charge against the driver after determining he acted recklessly. Authorities believe the collision happened as rallygoers tried to block the vehicle from exiting the site. The fatal incident sparked outcry from the union, with one of the members driving into a police barricade outside the logistics center, injuring a police officer. The court also granted a warrant for the arrest of the union member, a man in his 60s. Unionized cargo workers had staged the rally to call for negotiations with BGF Retail,

- [Online sales of liquid e-cigarettes to be banned; warning labels mandatory](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Online sales of liquid electronic cigarettes made with synthetic nicotine will be fully banned starting this week and those products will be required to carry warning labels similar to those on conventional cigarettes, the finance ministry said Thursday. The measures are part of comprehensive regulatory steps announced by the ministry a day before the revised Tobacco Business Act takes effect. Under the revision, the definition of tobacco will be expanded to include both tobacco leaves and nicotine, whether natural or synthetic, bringing liquid e-cigarettes made with synthetic nicotine under the regulatory framework. Accordingly, manufacturers and importers will be required to obtain approval from the finance minister and register with provincial governments before selling such products. They will also be subject to taxes, including individual consumption tax, when distributed in the market. But a 50 percent tax reduction will apply for the next two years to mitigate the impact on the market, according to the ministry. Online selling, sales to minors and promotional activities will all be

- [PPP Rep. Joo Ho-young says will not run for Daegu mayor after court upholds party cutoff](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Rep. Joo Ho-young, a six-term lawmaker of the main opposition People Power Party (PPP), announced Thursday he will not run for mayor of the traditional conservative stronghold of Daegu after a high court dismissed his injunction request to suspend the party's cutoff decision. His announcement came nearly a month after the PPP excluded the heavyweight from the

nomination process, prompting him to file for a court injunction challenging his exclusion. The Seoul High Court dismissed his injunction request Wednesday, upholding an earlier ruling by a district court. "I believed that continued disputes over my candidacy would do more harm than good to the election," Joo said during a press conference at the National Assembly as he announced his decision not to run in the June 3 election. He also ruled out the possibility of running as an independent. The ruling Democratic Party of Korea named former Prime Minister Kim Boo-kyum as its candidate early on, as the liberal party seeks to hold the upper hand in the elections by fielding one of its heavyweights in Daegu, long considered an unwavering

- [Government taps 20 universities to expand AI education nationwide](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Korea's education ministry unveiled a sweeping plan to embed artificial intelligence (AI) into the core of university education, selecting 20 educational institutions to lead a new national curriculum effort aimed at every student, regardless of major. The Ministry of Education said Thursday that the schools had been chosen for the "2026 University AI Basic Curriculum Development Support Project." The initiative is designed to ensure that all university students acquire fundamental AI competencies as the use of the technology becomes ubiquitous. The ministry said the program also seeks to narrow disparities in AI education across regions and institutions. A total of 80 universities applied. Following document reviews and on-site evaluations, 20 were selected — including six in the capital region and 14 elsewhere. Participating universities will develop foundational liberal arts courses covering AI literacy, including ethics and critical thinking, as well as smaller specialized programs that apply AI to fields outside of engineering. They will also strengthen faculty capabilities

- [Mother sentenced to life for brutal abuse, death of 4-month-old son](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

A woman who brutally beat her four-month-old son and left him to die in a bathtub was sentenced Thursday to life imprisonment in a child abuse case that stunned the nation. The Suncheon branch of the Gwangju District Court ruled that the mother, in her 30s, had "cruelly" abused her child for half of his short life before ending it. The woman was indicted for indiscriminately beating her son and leaving him in a running bathtub at their home in Yeosu, South Jeolla Province, on Oct. 22. The infant died of multiple fractures and internal bleeding. The court also sentenced the child's father to four years and six months in prison on charges of neglecting the abuse and threatening a witness in the case. "Despite the defendants having the infinite responsibility of raising their child safely as parents, the child died 133 days after being born due to the abuse from his own parents, who should have been the world to him," the court said. Prosecutors had sought a life sentence for the mother and a 10-year term for her husband. Investigators earlier determined that the woman had abused her child on

- [POSTECH researcher unlocks switchable lens for 2D, 3D displays](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

A film no thicker than a fingernail could soon transform smartphones into immersive 3D displays, after Korean researchers unveiled what they describe as the first switchable metalens

capable of toggling seamlessly between 2D and 3D viewing. The Ministry of Science and ICT said that a joint team led by Professor Rho Jun-suk of Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), working with Samsung Research's Visual Technology Team, developed the next-generation optical device capable of dynamically controlling light. The study was published on Thursday in *Nature*, one of the world's most prestigious scientific journals. In a rare feat, Rho is also listed as a corresponding author on a second paper in the same issue, marking the first time a Korean researcher accomplished two such publications simultaneously. Unlike conventional lenses, metalenses are built from nanoscale structures that precisely manipulate the phase, amplitude and polarization of light. At just 1.2 millimeters thick, the lens switches function depending on voltage. Without power, it acts as a concave lens, deliver

- [Samsung heiress's ex-husband serving prison term in deception case](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

The ex-husband of Lee Boo-jin, the eldest daughter of late Samsung Group Chairman Lee Kun-hee, has belatedly been revealed to be serving a one-year prison sentence for deceiving authorities in a bizarre case involving his shaman girlfriend, legal sources said Thursday. Im Woo-jae, a former consultant at Samsung Electro-Mechanics who was married to Lee from 1999 until their divorce in 2020, was found guilty of obstruction of official duties by deception after he attempted to shield his girlfriend following an elaborate scheme that involved the confinement and assault of a woman in her 80s last year, according to the sources. The case dates back to last April, when the elderly woman was confined and beaten by her grandson in the border county of Yeoncheon, Gyeonggi Province. According to the sources, authorities determined that Im's girlfriend, a shaman in her 40s, orchestrated the assault to force an apology from the grandson's father, with whom she had a falling out over his refusal to follow her advice on land transaction issues. The man at the center of the disagreement was an acquaintance

- [Seoul scrambles to process migrant worker visas as planting season starts](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Facing a surge in seasonal labor demand, the Ministry of Justice has moved to clear a growing backlog of visa approvals for foreign farmworkers, seeking to avert disruptions during Korea's critical planting season. The ministry said it has instructed immigration offices nationwide to accelerate the issuance of certificates of visa issuance, a required step for overseas workers entering the country for short-term agricultural jobs. More than 3,700 applications remain pending, with an additional 2,000 expected by the end of April, underscoring the strain on the system as demand rises. In a sign of mounting pressure, the ministry dispatched a two-member emergency response team to the Jeonju Immigration Office in southwestern Korea, where delays have been particularly pronounced. Officials called for expedited reviews to ease labor shortages in rural areas, where planting activity is now intensifying. The move reflects a broader effort by the government to stabilize agricultural production, as farms grow increasingly dependent on foreign seasonal workers amid a shrinking domestic labor pool

- [Jeonbuk National University unveils AI-driven campus transformation model](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

Jeonbuk National University unveiled a comprehensive transformation model earlier this week driven by artificial intelligence (AI) spanning education, research, administration and employment support, as part of its “AI university transition” initiative. The university hosted an “AI System Sharing Conference” at its International Convention Center to present its integrated AI ecosystem to officials and staff from universities across the country. The initiative integrates academic affairs, administrative operations, research management and career support into a unified data platform, an approach that remains uncommon among Korean universities. Officials said the conference aimed to share implementation cases and explore expansion strategies with other institutions. At the event, the university introduced several core systems, including a next-generation integrated information platform called the Jeonbuk National University Management Platform (JUMP), along with an upgraded learning management system, real-time translation services and an AI-based job platform. It also highlighted

- [Prosecution raided over ex-prosecutor general's alleged role in martial law bid](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

A special counsel team raided the top prosecutors office Thursday over former Prosecutor General Shim Woo-jung's alleged involvement in former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid in 2024. The team, tasked with investigating uncovered allegations surrounding Yoon and his short-lived decree, sent investigators to the Supreme Prosecutors Office in southern Seoul to carry out the search and seizure. Shim is suspected to have played a key role in the failed martial law attempt, which has been ruled by a district court as an insurrection, by reviewing the possible dispatch of public prosecutors to a joint martial law investigation headquarters on Dec. 3, 2024, when Yoon declared martial law. Shim allegedly held three phone calls with then Justice Minister Park Sung-jae at the time, raising suspicions that Park may have instructed him to send prosecutors to the martial law organ. The special counsel team is also investigating Shim over his decision not to appeal a court decision in March 2025 that led to Yoon's release from custody following his arrest in January that sparked a cou

- [Gov't eyes new protections for migrant workers to shore up faltering farms](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs unveiled its 2026 plan to support farm labor, the first annual blueprint under a five-year strategy adopted in late 2025. The plan, announced earlier this week, sets two main targets. The first is to increase the share of farm labor supplied through public programs to 60 percent by 2030, from 51.2 percent in 2024, and the second is to improve working conditions by requiring insurance coverage for seasonal workers. The number of foreign seasonal workers allocated for the first half of 2026 reached a record 93,503, already surpassing the total in 2025. The public program, operated through Nonghyup cooperatives, has also expanded, with 142 cooperatives now managing more than 5,000 workers. To ease

costs for participating cooperatives, the ministry said it would work with the Ministry of Health and Welfare to revise related rules so that foreign seasonal workers in the public program are exempt from long-term care insurance premiums. For domestic hiring, the government plans to broaden recruitment channels beyond its existing network of rural

- [Seoul offers scholarships to descendants of independence activists](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

The Seoul Scholarship Foundation said Wednesday it will select 120 grant recipients from among fourth- through sixth-generation descendants of Korean independence activists, awarding 3 million won per person (\$2,000) annually in a program valued at a total of 360 million won. Launched by the Seoul Metropolitan Government in 2020, the foundation's program for descendants of independence activists was the first of its kind by a local government in Korea. It is intended to honor those who died or suffered for national independence during Japan's occupation of Korea from 1910 to 1945, while easing the educational burden on descendants, who fall outside the scope of current veterans support laws. From 2020 through last year, the city provided a total of 2 billion won in support through the program. In 2025, marking the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation, it held an award ceremony attended by recipients and their families, along with special lectures on the independence movement. Participants have also taken on broader roles beyond their studies, helping organize international acad

- [US military looks to make Korea regional hub for equipment repair](#) (2026-04-23 11:57)

The U.S. military is moving to expand the repair and maintenance of its equipment in Korea, leveraging the country's advanced defense industry as part of a broader effort to strengthen logistics support on the Korean Peninsula. Gen. Xavier Brunson, commander of United States Forces Korea, raised the idea during a recent congressional hearing, saying, "Our continued emphasis on things like a regional sustainment hub, because of the importance of sustainment to the region." He also noted that sustaining combat power remains essential to maintaining readiness in a contested environment. His remarks brought renewed attention to the concept of a Regional Sustainment Hub, which is aimed at reinforcing maintenance and logistics capabilities across the region. Brunson also addressed the issue in a written testimony submitted to Congress, where he outlined a plan to make greater use of Korea's industrial base. He wrote that the effort would involve "leveraging the ROK industrial base to support maintenance, repair, and overhaul," signaling a shift toward conducting more repair work clo

- [80,000 rally behind young woman who died after police dropped sexual assault case](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

More than 80,000 people have signed a petition calling for a renewed investigation after a 19-year-old woman died by suicide in late February following a police decision to drop her sexual assault case. As of Thursday, the petition posted on the National Assembly site on April 16 has collected 80,900 signatures, surpassing the 50,000-signature threshold that obligates the Assembly to formally review it. The case centers on a woman who filed a criminal complaint in

December 2025 against her employer at a bar in Ansan, Gyeonggi Province, accusing the owner, a man in his 40s, of quasi-rape. She told police that she had drunk heavily, blacked out and later came to her senses to find him on top of her and engaged in sexual activity. Police, however, accepted the owner's claim that it was consensual and decided not to send the case to the prosecution, citing CCTV footage that showed the two smiling and talking to each other before and after the encounter. Days after being informed of the conclusion, the woman, who had been an aspiring police officer, according to her family, fell to her death.

- [New university funding aims to reverse decline in technical literacy](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Korea is moving to address growing concerns over declining basic science and mathematics skills among university students, introducing a funding program aimed at strengthening core academic foundations before weaknesses widen further. The Ministry of Science and ICT said Thursday it will launch a new initiative to strengthen core competencies among science and engineering undergraduates at regional universities. The program will initially select two institutions outside the capital region for support. Each selected university can overhaul introductory coursework, expand lab facilities and redesign curricula to better prepare students for advanced study. Officials said the effort comes as more freshmen struggle to keep pace with foundational courses, raising concerns about higher dropout rates in later years. The problem has been more pronounced at universities outside the capital region, fueling fears of a broader regional talent divide. Participating universities will be required to draft and implement comprehensive plans to improve basic education in mathematics and science, including

- [Korea enacts sweeping law to fast-track bioengineering](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Seeking to outpace global rivals in the race for biotechnology leadership, Korea has introduced a comprehensive legal framework designed to accelerate synthetic biology — an emerging field that applies engineering principles to living systems. The policy is intended to speed the translation of rapidly advancing research into commercial applications, positioning the sector as a key driver of economic growth and technological independence. The Ministry of Science and ICT said the new law, which took effect Thursday, establishes a full-cycle support system spanning research, infrastructure, data use and safety oversight. The measure is designed to bring order and speed to a field increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and automation. Synthetic biology allows scientists to design and engineer biological systems, with applications ranging from biomanufacturing and health care to energy and agriculture. The ministry said the law formalizes a national strategy first outlined in December 2023, when the technology was designated a key strategic sector. Under the framework, the government

- [25 people indicted in \\$6.7 bil. starch sugar price-fixing case](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Prosecutors said Thursday they have indicted 25 people over an eight-year starch sugar collusion scheme worth more than 10 trillion won (\$6.7 billion) that marks the country's largest food price-fixing case to date. A total of 21 employees and executives at three food companies — Daesang, Sajo CPK and CJ Cheiljedang — and four others, including the head of the Korea

Corn Processing Industry Association, face charges of violating the fair trade law, according to the Seoul Central District Prosecutors Office. The suspects are accused of fixing prices and rigging bids of starch sugar products, such as glucose syrup, and other byproducts in the local market from July 2017 to October 2025. The scheme is estimated to be valued at 10.15 trillion won. Prosecutors blamed the collusion for higher prices, noting that the price of starch rose as high as 73.4 percent and the price of sugar products by up to 63.8 percent over the cited period. In February, prosecutors raided the sugar companies over the allegations before filing for arrest warrants for the chief executives of Daesang and Sajo CPK

- [Seoul to transform into citywide playground for ‘Kids Week’](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

The Seoul Metropolitan Government said Wednesday it will hold "Seoul Kids Week" from May 1 through May 7, turning venues across the city into free or discounted play spaces to coincide with Children's Day on May 5. The weeklong event centers on Seoul's network of publicly operated Seoul Kids Cafes, which have drawn 1.45 million visitors to date. All Seoul Kids Cafe locations will open on Children's Day despite it being a public holiday, with special programs including magic shows, classical instrument performances and bumper car experiences. About 60 facilities eligible for free admission under relevant ordinances will be open at no charge on May 5, and a lottery will be held to give an additional 555 visitors free passes at facilities where free admission is not available. A special edition of "Seoul Kids Cafe Money" — vouchers offering 20 percent discounts at participating private children's cafes — will also be issued for the month of May. Residents can check which Seoul Kids Cafe locations offer free admission on May 5 through the Uridongne Kium Portal starting April 24. Coinciding

- [Lee's approval rating remains at record high of 69%: poll](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating remained at a record high of 69 percent for the third consecutive time in a biweekly survey, the poll showed Thursday. In a National Barometer Survey (NBS) conducted from Monday to Wednesday, negative assessment of Lee inched down 1 percentage point to 21 percent from the previous survey conducted two weeks earlier. Lee's approval rating first reached 69 percent in the fourth week of March, when it marked the highest level in NBS polls since his inauguration in June last year, and has stayed at that level for the following two surveys. Support for the ruling Democratic Party of Korea (DPK) moved up 1 percentage point to 48 percent, while backing for the main opposition People Power Party dropped 3 percentage points to 15 percent, marking the lowest level under the current administration. On the upcoming June 3 local elections, 58 percent of respondents said voters should support the DPK for stability, while 30 percent said they should back the opposition to keep the government in check. The survey was conducted by pollsters Embrain Public, Kstat R

- [Seoul, San Francisco mark 50 years of ties as sister cities](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Seoul and San Francisco celebrated the 50th anniversary of their sister-city bond this week with a series of diplomatic exchanges that ranged from ceremonial baseball pitches to the symbolic transfer of debris from the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The historic artifacts,

remnants of the disaster that reshaped the California city, are to be incorporated into a memorial garden currently under development in the Korean capital. The festivities were anchored by a three-day visit from San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie, who led a delegation of more than 20 representatives to Seoul from Tuesday through Thursday. The mission marked Lurie's first official overseas trip since taking office, signaling the high priority placed on the trans-Pacific partnership between the two technology hubs. Accompanying him were Hagen Choi, chair of the Sister Cities Committee; music executive Ghazi Shami; Jim Coulter, chairman of private equity firm TPG; and Branislav Henselmann, executive director of the San Francisco Ballet, among others. On the first evening, the delegation toured the Myeong-dong shop

- [Timeline for OPCON transfer to be set in annual defense talks in October: Seoul](#)  
(2026-04-23 05:57)

A timeline for the handover of wartime operational control (OPCON) to South Korea from the United States will be set in this year's annual ministerial meeting and proposed to the leaders of the two countries, Seoul's defense ministry said Thursday. The remarks by a ministry official came after U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) commander Gen. Xavier Brunson said the allies aim to meet conditions required for the envisioned OPCON transfer no later than the first quarter of 2029. "Based on suggestions by South Korean and U.S. military authorities, the defense ministers will make a decision in the Security Consultative Meeting (SCM) and propose it to the presidents of the two countries," ministry spokesperson Chung Binna said in a regular briefing when asked about Brunson's remarks. The SCM is an annual defense ministerial meeting that takes place every autumn in either Seoul or Washington. Noting that Seoul and Washington are pushing for the transfer in a "systemic, stable and consistent" manner, Chung said the defense ministry is seeking to promptly complete the transfer and is strengthening cooper

- [Audit finds Air Force pilot caused midair collision for selfie — how much did he actually pay?](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Korea's audit agency reduced by 90 percent a fine for an Air Force pilot who was found to have caused a midair collision for a selfie. While the Board of Audit and Inspection (BAI) ruled the pilot was partially responsible for the 2021 crash, the reduced penalty is part of a broader Wednesday report detailing severe financial and disciplinary mismanagement across 12 state institutions. The high-profile case involves an Air Force major who crashed an F-15K fighter jet during his final flight before a reassignment. The pilot raised his altitude and tilted the aircraft without notifying his formation to capture the jet's upper section in a smartphone selfie. The maneuver caused a midair collision with another fighter jet. Both aircraft landed safely without casualties. The Ministry of National Defense initially ordered the pilot to reimburse the full 878.7 million won (\$594,632) repair cost. The pilot appealed the decision to the BAI. He admitted negligence but argued he was not financially liable for the aircraft and did not significantly violate his duty of care. The BAI reduced the reimb

- [Korea to accept record 93,500 foreign seasonal workers for agriculture sector during first half of the year](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Korea will accept a record 93,500 foreign seasonal workers for the agriculture sector in the first half, the agriculture ministry said Thursday. The figure represents a marked increase from the 77,411 foreign agricultural workers that came to the country throughout last year, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The ministry said it will work to enhance the skills of foreign workers by distributing training content in different foreign languages, while consulting with the justice ministry to introduce a new visa that would allow longer stays of skilled foreign workers in the agriculture and fisheries sector. It will also adopt measures to improve working conditions for migrant workers and create a safe working environment for foreign workers.

- [Korea, Thailand, Cambodia seize over 650 kg of narcotics in Q1 in joint crackdowns](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

Korea's customs authorities said Thursday it seized more than 650 kilograms of illegal drugs coming from Cambodia and Thailand at the border in the first quarter, during joint crackdown operations with customs agencies of the two countries. A total of 657 kg of narcotics were confiscated in the January-March period, an amount that could supply some 1.8 million people, according to the Korea Customs Service (KCS). Methamphetamine, marijuana and etomidate, an anesthetic agent used to induce sedation, were included among the drugs seized in the 32 cases uncovered by the two collaborative investigations, the agency said. By country, 28 cases involving 651.4 kg of narcotics were caught under a joint crackdown, dubbed "TRIDENT," with Thai authorities. The amount of drugs seized marked the highest for a single crackdown, since the two countries started carrying out such operations in 2022, the agency said. An aggregate 14 cases, involving 1,037 kg of illegal drugs, were uncovered during the past five joint investigations conducted so far, the agency said. On the Cambodia front, authorities have

- [Watchdog recommends higher insurance payouts for sinkhole-related deaths](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

The state civil rights watchdog has recommended revising the current citizen safety insurance system to provide higher compensation for deaths caused by sinkhole accidents, the Seoul city government said Thursday. The city government said its ombudsman committee analyzed sinkhole accident compensation problems and proposed revisions to the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC). A survey by the ACRC found that more than 40 percent of sewer pipes nationwide are over 30 years old, indicating serious deterioration that raises sinkhole risks. But compensation may not be provided if the citizen safety insurance subscribed to by the metropolitan governments does not include a coverage item for sinkholes. The public liability insurance operated by the Korea Local Finance Association is structured to distribute compensation within a limit without distinction between personal injury and property damage, meaning that the compensation per person can be significantly reduced in the event of multiple casualties. To address this issue, the ACRC recommended that compensation for deaths in si

- [6 paper manufacturers fined \\$228.8 mil. for price fixing](#) (2026-04-23 05:57)

The head of the antitrust watchdog said Thursday the agency has decided to impose a combined fine of 338.3 billion won (\$228.8 million) on six paper manufacturers for price fixing. Fair Trade Commission (FTC) Chairman Ju Biung-ghi reported the decision to a meeting of ministers related to managing market prices affecting people's livelihoods, noting that the watchdog will also order the companies to reset their prices independently and refer them to the prosecution. Hansol Paper and five other companies were found to have colluded to fix prices of printing paper used in the education and publishing sectors for nearly four years. The decision comes as the government intensifies its efforts to crack down on collusion and unfair practices in markets for essential items. During Thursday's meeting, the FTC said it will push for stronger punitive measures against companies that get involved in collusion cases repeatedly.

- [Lee set to meet Vietnamese PM, attend biz forum](#) (2026-04-22 23:57)

HANOI — President Lee Jae Myung was set to meet Vietnamese Prime Minister Lu Minh Hung on Thursday and discuss ways to advance bilateral cooperation. The meeting with Hung follows Lee's bilateral summit with Vietnam's top leader To Lam, who serves as state president and general secretary of the Communist Party, on Wednesday, where the two leaders agreed to expand cooperation in various sectors, including supply chains, infrastructure and energy. Lee and Hung, widely regarded as Vietnam's No. 2 official, were expected to build on such an agreement and explore more detailed areas of cooperation, according to Lee's presidential office. The South Korean president will then meet Vietnam's National Assembly Chairman Tran Thanh Man. Later Thursday, Lee will attend a business forum aimed at promoting trade and investment between companies from the two countries. Lee is accompanied by a large economic delegation on his state visit to Vietnam, including Samsung Electronics Chairman Lee Jae-yong, SK Group Executive Chair Chey Tae-won, LG Group Chairman Koo Kwang-mo and Lotte Group Chairman Shin Do

- [Branksome Hall Asia sends students to world's top universities through inquiry-based education](#) (2026-04-22 23:57)

Branksome Hall Asia (BHA) is drawing attention for its strong global university admissions outcomes, as it aligns with international education trends by emphasizing inquiry-based learning and self-directed study to cultivate global talents. The International Baccalaureate (IB) program, which emphasizes critical thinking and independent learning, is gaining traction among leading universities worldwide, though it remains relatively unfamiliar to many Korean students and parents. BHA, an IB World School on Jeju Island, is emerging as a notable case of how such an education model can foster diverse academic pathways and support entry into top-tier global institutions. Developed by a Switzerland-based nonprofit, IB programs aim to cultivate globally minded students through transdisciplinary and interdisciplinary learning. Emphasizing inquiry, discussion and cross-subject connections, it is widely seen as an alternative to memorization-driven, exam-oriented education systems. However, relatively few schools in Korea offer the full IB continuum from early education through to the Diploma Progr

- ['My business is gone': Seoul's low-cost study spaces spark backlash from cafe owners](#) (2026-04-22 17:57)

As midterm exam season approaches for students at all levels in South Korea, Mapo Naru Space, a public study space for students in Seoul's Mapo District, was crowded with students on Monday evening. Even as the clock ticked past 9 p.m., only three of its 114 seats were available. "Cafes are often too noisy, and study cafes — quiet, laptop-friendly spaces that serve coffee — are not cost-effective unless you go there every day," said Lee, a 22-year-old college student. "This place is very affordable and well-maintained, which is why I come here every exam season." About a five-minute walk down the street, that same air of quiet intensity that marks exam season was absent at a private study cafe. Twenty-seven of its 70 seats — nearly 40 percent — were empty. Jo, the 63-year-old owner, said sales have fallen sharply since Mapo Naru Space opened in the neighborhood two years ago. "I took over the business after being told monthly net profit would be around 8 million won (\$5,400), but these days there is barely any profit at all," Jo said. He said he had decided to shut down

- [Runaway wolf's 'mukbang' draws national attention in Korea](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Five days have passed since Neukgu, a 2-year-old male wolf that escaped from O-World theme park in Daejeon and evaded capture for nine days, was returned to the zoo. Yet public fascination with the runaway wolf has only intensified — so much so that some have begun calling for the attention to be toned down so the animal can rest. In a "mukbang" (eating broadcast) clip posted on O-World's Instagram account, Neukgu emerges warily from his enclosure, scans his surroundings and slowly approaches a pile of ground beef and minced raw chicken. He is then seen taking small bites while continuing to glance around cautiously. O-World said the young wolf is still recovering and has begun eating more. Fans and other netizens responded immediately with messages of support. By Wednesday afternoon, two days after it was posted, the footage had drawn 1.46 million views and 51,000 likes, along with 1,300 comments expressing hopes for Neukgu's speedy recovery and excitement about seeing him again soon. Another video of Neukgu feeding, uploaded on Tuesday, had also drawn over 390,000 views — an

- [K-pop star Mino could face 102 days of mandatory 'reservice' if convicted](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Song Mino of K-pop group WINNER could be required to return to military service if found guilty of violating Korea's Military Service Act, drawing renewed attention to fairness in the country's mandatory enlistment system. A report by the Financial News Wednesday said that if Song is convicted, he is likely to be subject to "reservice," meaning he would have to complete the period he failed to serve. The length of that period — currently estimated at 102 days — has become a key point of public interest. The case has also fueled confusion online, with some claiming that Song could be required to serve up to five times the number of days he was absent, or around 500 days. However, that interpretation does not apply to his case. Under Korean law, the penalty depends on the length of unauthorized absence. For absences of fewer

than seven days, additional service of up to five times the missed period may be imposed. But for absences exceeding eight days, as in Song's case, Article 89-2 of the Military Service Act applies, allowing for criminal punishment — up to three years in

- [Music, commentary breathe new life into royal tombs of Joseon Dynasty](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Beneath the pine-draped burial mounds of the royal tombs for rulers of the 1392-1910 Joseon Dynasty, where generations of kings and queens have rested in quiet repose, a different kind of resonance is beginning to stir — not of ritual silence, but of music, memory and measured revival. Beginning in May, the Joseon Royal Tombs Eastern District Office will present a new cultural series, “Royal Tombs Story Path with Music,” an effort to reimagine these solemn grounds as living spaces where history is not only preserved, but felt. The initiative, announced by the Royal Palaces and Tombs Center, reflects a broader shift in heritage programming, away from static observation and toward immersive encounters. The opening program on May 2 will take place in Guri, Gyeonggi Province, at Donggureung, the largest of the royal tomb complexes and the burial site of King Taejo, the founder of the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910). The event will connect the king's legacy with the Cheonsang Yeolcha Bunyajido — a 14th-century map of the night sky that charts constellations as they were understood at t

- [Korea aims to renovate fading villages into guesthouses, co-working spaces](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

As the specter of population decline looms over the aging rural areas of Northeast Asia, Korean and Japanese officials are undergoing a radical architectural reimagining of the countryside by turning entire dying villages into decentralized hotels. This week, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs convened a two-day "Rural Empty House Regeneration Forum" in Mungyeong, North Gyeongsang Province, bringing together local policymakers and private innovators to exchange notes on the growing crisis of abandoned properties. The guest of honor was Shunpei Shimada, CEO of Satoyume Corp., a Japanese consulting firm dedicated to regional revitalization, and the mastermind behind the Kosuge Village hotel project, which has become a regional benchmark for rural regeneration. The "village hotel" concept rejects the traditional resort model of a single, massive building. Instead, the community itself functions as the hotel. An abandoned house becomes the reception desk, another is transformed into a luxury guest suite, the local public bath serves as the spa, and neighborhood residents s

- [Special counsel seeks 15-year prison term for ex-interior minister in insurrection appeal](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

A special counsel team on Wednesday sought a 15-year prison term for former Interior Minister Lee Sang-min in an appellate trial over his alleged role in former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid. Lee is charged with playing a key role in an insurrection by giving orders to cut off water and power to media outlets critical of the Yoon administration after the then president declared martial law on Dec. 3, 2024. He has also been indicted on charges of giving

false testimony during Yoon's impeachment trial last year. In February, a lower court found him guilty of both charges and sentenced him to seven years in prison. "He took part in a crime that destroyed the constitutional order," a member of special counsel Cho Eun-suk's team said during the final trial hearing at the Seoul High Court. "The only reason power and water were not cut off was that the emergency martial law order was swiftly lifted as a result of citizens' resistance, and the military and police's half-hearted fulfillment of duties." Cho's team had requested a 15-year prison term during the initial trial as well.

- [Appeals court cuts battery maker CEO's prison term from 15 to 4 years over deadly plant fire](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

An appeals court on Wednesday reduced the prison sentence for lithium battery maker Aricell's chief executive officer (CEO) to four years over a deadly fire at the company's plant in 2024. The Suwon High Court handed down the significantly reduced term to Aricell CEO Park Soon-kwan from a 15-year sentence by a lower court in connection with the blaze in June 2024 that killed 23 workers and injured nine others. In September, the Suwon District Court delivered the heavy punishment for Park, who had been indicted on multiple charges, including failing to secure workplace safety and violating the Serious Accidents Punishment Act. The appeals court recognized the "grave" consequences of the fire, but it found insufficient grounds to determine that Park intended to evade liability under the Serious Accidents Punishment Act. It also rejected the prosecution's argument that the company failed to install an emergency exit on the second floor of the plant, saying safety regulations do not specify whether it should be installed on each floor. The court also sentenced Park's son, a company general manager, to a suspended sentence.

- [USFK commander warns against 'political expediency' in rushed OPCON transfer](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Remarks by the top U.S. military commander in South Korea have prompted a fresh round of debate over the planned transfer of wartime operational control (OPCON) from Washington to Seoul, with experts cautioning against letting political timelines override military conditions. Gen. Xavier Brunson, commander of U.S. Forces Korea (USFK), emphasized a conditions-based approach to OPCON during testimony before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday (local time), urging that "political expediency does not outpace the conditions." His use of the phrase "political expediency" — a departure from his earlier, broader references to conditions — is being interpreted by analysts as a message aimed at slowing the momentum for OPCON transfer under Seoul's current policy direction. The Lee Jae Myung administration has made completing OPCON transfer within its five-year term a policy priority, with 2028 widely discussed as a possible target year. That timeline has raised concerns that political considerations could begin to shape what has traditionally been a conditions-based process.

- [Commonwealth veterans of Korean War to visit Korea this week](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Veterans and bereaved families from four Commonwealth countries will visit Korea this week to mark the 75th anniversary of a key battle during the 1950-53 Korean War, the veterans ministry said.

said Wednesday. Their visit comes on the occasion of the anniversary of a battle in the northern county of Gapyeong in April 1951, in which some 2,000 troops of the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade engaged in three days of fierce combat against Chinese forces at the height of the three-year war. As part of their itinerary, the veterans and bereaved families from Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand will attend ceremonies marking the battle as well as visit the inter-Korean border village of Panmunjom, the ministry said. To mark the anniversary and honor Commonwealth troops who fought in the Korean War, the Army chiefs from the four countries will also visit Korea this week. Also among those visiting the country will be a 97-year-old Australian veteran who served in the Korean War as a petty officer in the Royal Australian Navy, according to the ministry.

- [Yoon's constitutional petition against insurrection tribunal law referred to formal review](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

A constitutional petition filed by former President Yoon Suk Yeol to challenge a new law on the establishment of a dedicated tribunal to handle charges of insurrection has been referred to a formal review by the Constitutional Court, judicial officials said Wednesday. The Constitutional Court decided Tuesday to refer the case to its full nine-member bench for review, the officials said. Yoon filed the complaint on March 31 against the insurrection tribunal law that was passed by the National Assembly in December and took effect the following month. In accordance with the law, the Seoul High Court designated two divisions as benches specializing in insurrection cases related to Yoon's failed attempt to impose martial law in 2024. Yoon claimed that the insurrection tribunal law infringes upon the right to a fair trial and the right to equality by imposing disadvantageous procedures that are significantly different from general criminal procedures. His lawyers also said that it constitutes a serious limitation on the principle of the presumption of innocence for the state to design the stru

- [Physics breakthrough born in Korean lab wins global recognition](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

A specialized field of physics born in a Korean laboratory received a definitive seal of global recognition, marking a rare instance where a locally pioneered theory has been elevated to an international reference standard. The Ministry of Science and ICT said Wednesday that a comprehensive review of two-dimensional van der Waals magnetism, led by Park Je-geun, a professor at Seoul National University's department of physics and astronomy, has been published in *Reviews of Modern Physics*. Issued by the American Physical Society, the journal is widely regarded as the most selective in the field, typically reserved for senior authorities whose work defines the trajectory of entire subdisciplines. The 88-page paper synthesizes more than 15 years of inquiry into a fundamental question: Can magnetism survive in materials only one atomic layer thick? While the theoretical possibility was first proposed in 1943 by the Nobel laureate Lars Onsager, a Norwegian American theoretical physicist and physical chemist, the hypothesis remained unproven for decades, languishing as a classic problem of co

- [Notorious drug kingpin indicted month after repatriation from Philippines](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Investigators indicted an infamous drug trafficker, Park Wang-yeol, on Wednesday, about a month after he was repatriated from the Philippines to undergo an investigation and face possible charges in his home country. A joint government narcotics investigation team indicted Park with physical detention on aggravated drug charges, with plans to charge him further based on the results of its ongoing probe. Park is accused of trafficking methamphetamine into Korea from overseas, including 317 grams from Mexico and the Philippines in 2020, 1,482.7 grams from the Philippines in June 2024 and 3,079 grams from South Africa. Park returned to his home country in handcuffs last month in a temporary repatriation under an extradition treaty between Seoul and Manila. He had been serving a 60-year prison sentence in the Philippines for the murder of three Koreans in 2016. Authorities believe Park continued to carry out his drug trafficking operation in Korea even after being put behind bars in the Philippines, using messaging apps, such as Telegram. Investigators plan to indict Park on additional charge

- [No more memories: Overnight trips disappear as teachers fear criminal liability](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Nearly half of South Korean schools have cut back on traditional overnight field trips, driven by educators' growing fears of criminal liability if a student gets hurt. According to a survey released Tuesday by the Korean Teachers and Education Workers Union, only 53.4 percent of elementary, middle and high schools organized overnight field trips over the past year. The remaining institutions opted for day trips (25.9 percent), conducted on-campus activities only (10.8 percent) or halted all experiential learning (7.2 percent). The union polled 789 branch heads nationwide from March 23 to 30. The respondents represented elementary schools (41.95 percent), middle schools (27.76 percent) and high schools (23.07 percent). When asked why they are reluctant to organize the trips, 89.6 percent of teachers cited fear of criminal liability if an accident occurs. Among them, 54.8 percent described the pressure as "very high." Additionally, 84 percent pointed to excessive administrative burdens and prior site inspections. Although 72.2 percent of respondents said teachers' opinions are reflected

- [Prime minister honors late independence fighter at repatriation ceremony](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Prime Minister Kim Min-seok on Wednesday reaffirmed Seoul's pledge to ensure that all independence fighters are laid to rest at home. The renewed pledge came in a ceremony marking the repatriation of the remains of late independence fighter Lee Ha-jun, who fought for Korea's independence from Japan's 1910-45 colonial rule. The centenarian died at his home in California in February at the age of 104. His remains arrived here Tuesday and will be laid to rest alongside his deceased wife at Daejeon National Cemetery. "Even amidst the horrendous torture that he suffered daily, he endured the flogging while thinking only of the independence of his homeland," Kim said during the repatriation ceremony at Seoul National Cemetery, referring to the 3 1/2 years Lee was imprisoned in Japan. "Even after the independence of his homeland, he did not speak of his fight for independence or the pain he suffered as a result to anyone and endured the long years alone." Born in Pyongyang in 1921, Lee was 17 years old

when he organized a secret society to fight for Korea's independence. Following Korea's liberat

- [Power demand forecast to increase nearly 30% by 2040](#) (2026-04-22 11:57)

Korea's annual electricity demand is expected to jump nearly 30 percent from the current level by 2040, the climate ministry said Wednesday. In 2040, annual power consumption is forecast to reach a minimum of 657.6 terawatt-hour (TWh) and a maximum of 694.1 TWh, the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment said. The estimates were made at a policy forum on the 12th basic plan for electricity supply and demand for the 2026-2040 period, which is being devised by the government. The figures represent a 26 percent increase from the annual power consumption of 549.8 TWh tallied in 2024. The peak electricity demand is also expected to reach a minimum of 131.8 gigawatts (GW) and a maximum of 138.2 GW in 2040, compared with the current level of 100 GW, according to the ministry. It said the forecast was based on two scenarios, one where the current economic growth level continues and the country implements the nationally determined contribution (NDC) goal for 2035. The other, reflects a faster pace of growth than previously expected thanks to the spread of artificial intelligence (AI) and suc

- [Public invited to tour heritage sites under restoration](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

In an effort to demystify the meticulous and often secretive world of architectural conservation, the National Heritage Administration said Wednesday it will open 15 major restoration sites to the public through the end of the year. The initiative offers a rare, unvarnished look at the traditional craftsmanship required to maintain the nation's historic palaces, temples and ancient monuments. The program, which has operated in various forms since 2014, aims to increase transparency and public appreciation for the technical rigor involved in cultural preservation. This year's selection was curated based on site safety, accessibility and the presence of "core processes" — significant stages of work, such as the dismantling of heavy timber frames or the delicate application of traditional pigments. Among the headlining sites is the Donhwamun, the main gate at Changdeok Palace, a World Heritage-listed structure currently undergoing a comprehensive dismantling and repair process. Visitors will have the opportunity to observe how centuries-old wooden components are categorized, treated

- [Seoul International Garden Show returns with largest edition](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

The Seoul International Garden Show is back this year at its largest scale yet, transforming a continuous 10-kilometer stretch from Seongdong District into Gwangjin District into a single garden corridor from May 1 to Oct. 27, expanding participation beyond the capital for the first time through a partnership with South Chungcheong Province. The Seoul Metropolitan Government said Wednesday that the show will be held in and around Seoul Forest in Seongdong District, covering 90,000 square meters across 167 gardens — 7.5 times the size of the 2024 venue at Ttukseom Han River Park and 4.5 times that of last year's Boramae Park site. Expanding the garden show with works from outside the capital, the city partnered with South Chungcheong Province, tying the event with the Taean International Horticulture and Healing Expo, which opens Saturday. Seoul will set aside a dedicated zone for the province within Seoul

Forest to showcase gardens by companies participating in the Taeon expo. The show also features works by international artists from Italy, India, China and France, alongside contribu

- [Gov't expands AI-powered cybersecurity to cover private cloud services in education](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

The Ministry of Education and the Korea Education and Research Information Service (KERIS) said Wednesday they will upgrade their artificial intelligence (AI)-powered cybersecurity monitoring systems and extend coverage to private cloud services used by educational institutions for AI-based teaching and learning. The Ministry of Education operates the Education Cyber Security Center, designating KERIS as its dedicated agency for 24/7 security monitoring and incident response across 435 educational institutions, including universities, public agencies and regional education offices. The ministry said the AI-based automatic detection system — developed in-house and registered as Korea's first patent in AI-powered security monitoring — identified approximately 480 million cyberthreat indicators across those institutions in 2025. Of those, around 86,000 were confirmed as actual intrusions and addressed, a 36 percent increase from approximately 63,000 in 2024, before the system's latest round of enhancements. The ministry and KERIS also announced the formal opening of the AI Cyber Securi

- [Gangnam District to stage weekly street performances](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

The Gangnam District Office said Wednesday it will run a weekly outdoor performance program at Gangnam Square, in front of Exit 12 of Gangnam Station, from April 23 through October. The program, titled "FUN&FUN Gangnam," is designed for residents and tourists to enjoy live street performances during the evening commute hours. Shows will run every Thursday starting after 6 p.m. for approximately 40 minutes. A total of 19 performances are scheduled for the year — 11 taekwondo shows, six street arts performances and two special events — although schedules may be adjusted due to rain or other weather conditions. The World Taekwondo Headquarters, located near Gangnam Square in southern Seoul, will collaborate with the Gangnam-gu Taekwondo Association to deliver performances combining demonstration routines, board-breaking and pop choreography. The district said the program takes on added significance given the high volume of tourists in the Gangnam Station area, offering an accessible showcase of Korean cultural heritage. The street performance lineup spans pop and live band genres, prov

- [Population mobility hits 5-year high in March: data](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

The number of Koreans relocating to new homes reached its highest level for any March period in five years, driven by increased housing transactions, data showed Wednesday. About 609,000 people changed residences in March, up 11 percent from a year earlier, according to the data from the Ministry of Data and Statistics. The figure marked the highest March level since 2021, when 735,000 people moved. The population mobility rate — which refers to the number of

people relocating per 100 residents — rose 1.4 percentage points on-year to 14.1 percent. " Housing transaction volumes in January and February rose by 30 percent compared to the sameperiod last year. Also attributable were delays in moving due to the Lunar New Year holiday inFebruary, as well as policy measures promoting population inflows into some localcommunities," a ministry official said. By region, Seoul posted a net outflow of 167 residents,while Gyeonggi Province, surrounding the capital, recorded a net inflow of 2,165 residents. Thewestern port city of Incheon also reported a net gain of 1,586 residents in March. The

- [Childbirths grow at record high pace in February: data](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

The number of babies born rose at a record high pace in February of this year, driven largely by an increase in childbirths by women in their 30s, government data showed Wednesday. A total of 22,898 babies were born during the month, up a solid 13.6 percent from the same period a year earlier, according to findings by the Ministry of Data and Statistics. The figure was the highest for the month since 2019, when 25,710 babies were born, and the growth pace was also the highest for any February since record keeping began in 1981, the ministry said. The number of newborns has been on an upward trend since July 2024. The country's total fertility rate, the average number of children a woman is expected to have in her lifetime, rose 0.1 from a year earlier to 0.93 in February. The ministry said the recent rise in births was mainly led by women in their 30s, with the number of births per 1,000 women in their early 30s rising by 9.1 to 86.1 and the corresponding tally for women in their late 30s increasing by 9.2 to 61.5. The number of births per 1,000 women in their late 20s only rose by 1.6 to 2

- [Beyond tourists, Seoul draws Netflix, global producers](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

“Made in Korea,” the Indian comedy-drama film which topped Netflix’ s global non-English chart for two weeks, is set against the backdrop of Seoul. One of its central episodes unfolds at Cheonggye Stream, where Shenba, played by Priyanka Mohan, encounters an elderly Korean woman and unburdens herself of the worries weighing on her mind. She was swindled by her boyfriend and had been working as a caregiver since moving to Korea. The encounter eventually leads to the two opening a restaurant together. The young foreigner begins to piece her life back together, in Seoul, far from home. For Korean audiences watching the film, one obvious question follows: Why in Cheonggye Stream though? “Cheonggyecheon is a place of restoration. Waterways that once vanished have returned. It reflects what our main character is going through — overcoming past wounds and beginning to piece her life back together,” director Ra Karthik told the Hankookilbo in a written interview. “Cheonggyecheon is where that history becomes intertwined with Shenba’ s story.” Still, it is unfamiliar for Koreans to

- [Chinese national sent to prosecution over deadly warehouse fire](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

A Chinese national arrested for causing a fire at a cold storage warehouse that left two firefighters dead was referred to the prosecution Wednesday, police said. The 34-year-old man is accused of causing the fire while using a torch to remove epoxy flooring, a highly flammable

substance, at a seafood processing company's warehouse in Wando, about 410 kilometers southwest of Seoul, on April 12. The fire spread rapidly, leaving two firefighters trapped inside the warehouse dead. The Chinese national, who is said to be staying here illegally, fled to another region as the problem became serious but was caught by the police later. The police have booked his supervisor on the same charges, believing that the person also bears responsibility for the deadly fire.

- [AMF Holdings joins new alliance to modernize Korea's global tourism strategy](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

In a bid to capitalize on the enduring global appetite for Korean soft power, three of the nation's prominent cultural and commercial entities formalized a partnership Monday, aimed at expanding the country's international tourism footprint. A memorandum of understanding signed by the Korea Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (KOFICE), amusement park operator Seoul Land, and AMF Holdings, a prominent Korean cultural platform specializing in the fashion, beauty and modeling industries, aims to recast domestic cultural assets as potent drivers of global marketing. The agreement points to a broader shift toward more tightly integrated public-private partnerships, as Seoul seeks to expand the reach of "hallyu," or the Korean wave, beyond its traditional strongholds in music and television. Under the terms of the agreement, the organizations will pool their resources: KOFICE's extensive global diplomatic network, Seoul Land's physical tourism infrastructure and AMF Holdings' expertise in fashion and model-driven content planning. The collaboration is designed to prod

- [US Indo-Pacific hosts workshop to strengthen civil-military crisis response on Korean Peninsula](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

Korean and U.S. service members attended a workshop this month to strengthen civilian-military coordination for crisis and disaster response on the Korean Peninsula, the United States Forces Korea (USFK) said Wednesday. The three-day workshop, which kicked off April 7, was hosted by the United States Indo-Pacific Command in Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi Province, according to a release uploaded on the USFK website. The event was designed to train participants on civil-military and humanitarian assistance operations in response to natural disasters and complex emergencies on the Korean Peninsula. During the session, participants explored complex concepts and received training in best practices from various international organizations, such as the U.N. World Food Programme and the International Committee of the Red Cross. "These efforts ensure that U.S. and ROK forces, alongside international partners, remain ready to respond rapidly and effectively to future disasters on the Korean Peninsula and across the Indo-Pacific," it said, referring to Korea by its formal name, Republic of

- [Police seek arrest warrant for truck driver for fatally striking rallygoers in Jinju](#) (2026-04-22 05:57)

Police said Wednesday they have filed for an arrest warrant for the driver of a truck that ran into a group of rallygoers earlier this week, killing one and injuring two others. The 2.5-ton truck struck participants of a cargo worker rally under the Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union on Monday near a CU convenience store logistics center in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province. Police have applied a murder charge against the driver, a non-union member in his 40s, after determining he had acted recklessly. They had taken custody of him at the scene on suspicion of causing bodily injury. A police official said the driver did not stop after striking the victims, including a union member in his 50s who was pronounced dead after being rushed to a hospital in a state of cardiac arrest. The driver reportedly told police that he did not intend to hurt anyone and only tried to quickly leave the area. Authorities believe the collision happened as rallygoers tried to block the vehicle from exiting the site. Union members have accused police of recklessly facilitating trucks to leave the

## Source: The Korea Herald

- [Big Hit Music artists dominate global charts led by BTS, TXT](#) (2026-04-29 06:02)

Artists under Big Hit Music are continuing to flourish on global music charts, led by BTS and Tomorrow X Together. According to the latest Billboard charts dated May 2, BTS' fifth studio album "Arirang" maintained a strong presence across major rankings. Its main track "Swim" ranked No. 2 on the Global Excl. US chart and No. 3 on the Global 200, extending its run in the top three to five consecutive weeks. All 13 vocal tracks from the album — excluding the sixth track, "No. 29," which features t

- [Pyongyang appears to justify support of Russia' s war in Ukraine with glorification of fallen soldiers](#) (2026-04-29 06:01)

North Korea' s state-run Rodong Sinmun on Wednesday reported that people from across society are paying their respects at the new memorial museum for overseas military operations, in an apparent continuation of the regime' s efforts to justify deploying troops to support Russia. The newspaper described the museum as a place that "eternally conveys the heroic feats and noble spirit" of Korean People' s Army soldiers who took part in overseas military operations. It said officials, workers, military

- [Is Korea becoming too dependent on chips? Moody' s weighs in](#) (2026-04-29 05:58)

South Korea' s broader industrial base may give it a structural edge over Taiwan, but that advantage is increasingly under strain as the economy becomes more reliant on semiconductors, according to an economist at Moody's Analytics. While Seoul is often compared with Taipei for their similar economic size and heavy dependence on chips, Korea' s more diversified mix — spanning autos, machinery and other traditional industries — has historically provided a buffer against sector-specific shocks. But

- [\[H.eco Tech Festa 2026\] From firefighter coats to airline safety: 119REO's circular bet](#) (2026-04-29 05:54)

Lee Seung-woo's company started with a missed fundraising goal that turned into something else entirely. In 2016 as a student at Konkuk University in Seoul, Lee joined a one-year campus venture project to raise money for a firefighter dying of a rare cancer. The team collected discarded turnout coats — the heavy aramid-fiber jackets Korean firefighters wear into burning buildings — and stitched them into bags and key rings. After 12 months, they had a small donation ready for the family. The fam

- [Samsung Display tipped to win exclusive iPhone 20 OLED deal](#) (2026-04-29 05:53)

Samsung Display is on track to be the exclusive OLED supplier for Apple's 20th-anniversary iPhone in 2027, according to fresh supply-chain leaks out of Greater China. The arrangement, if it holds, would echo the sole-vendor deal that handed Samsung the entire iPhone X panel order in 2017. Three separate leaks within the past week have pointed to the same panel: a custom screen with all four edges gently curved, built without the polarizing film that sits on top of conventional OLEDs. Greater Chi

- [Korea vows crackdown on unapproved international schools](#) (2026-04-29 05:48)

South Korea's Education Ministry said it would crack down on about 200 unapproved or unregistered education facilities, including international schools operating in a legal gray zone, as concerns grow over students being kept outside the formal public education system. The ministry said Wednesday it had identified the facilities after running a reporting period and conducting on-site inspections from December to March. The targets included institutions that collected high tuition without approva

- [10 years after Alphago clash](#) (2026-04-29 05:45)

Go master Lee Se-dol (right), a special professor at the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology; Demis Hassabis (center), co-founder and CEO of Google DeepMind and the architect behind AlphaGo; and author Cho Seung-yeon take part in a discussion during the Google for Korea 2026 event in Seoul on Wednesday. Hassabis, who is also an artificial intelligence researcher and Nobel Prize in Chemistry laureate in 2024, visited Korea for the first time in 10 years following the landmark human

- [LG Electronics posts record Q1 sales on appliances, EV parts](#) (2026-04-29 05:45)

LG Electronics reported record first-quarter revenue on Wednesday, with its home appliance and vehicle components businesses emerging as key growth drivers. The company posted consolidated revenue of 23.73 trillion won (\$17.5 billion), up 4.3 percent from a year earlier, and operating profit of 1.67 trillion won, up 32.9 percent. Revenue marked a record high for a first quarter, while operating profit was the third-highest on record, LG said. Combined quarterly revenue from its home appliance bu

- [Calls mount to accelerate Seoul's first US-bound investment plan amid alliance strains](#) (2026-04-29 05:45)

Delays in rolling out South Korea's first major US-bound investment project are feeding broader tensions with the US, and could begin to affect key security negotiations, South Korean government officials and experts warn. Seoul has yet to finalize a concrete blueprint for its initial project under a pledged \$350 billion investment in the United States, despite agreement on the overall framework last year. Officials and analysts say moving quickly on the project is now critical to stabilizing ti

- [Lee calls partisan feuding over foreign affairs 'self-inflicted harm'](#) (2026-04-29 05:42)

President Lee Jae Myung on Wednesday called for political unity on foreign and security affairs, saying the current domestic infighting over external matters amounts to “self-inflicted harm” at a time of mounting external challenges. During a luncheon with lawmakers from minor parties and independents at Cheong Wa Dae, Lee underscored that South Korea faced an “extremely challenging external situation” that demanded greater unity at home rather than partisan conflict. “To overcome these difficul

- [Hana, Posco, Dunamu team up on blockchain remittance platform](#) (2026-04-29 05:26)

Hana Financial Group, Posco International and Dunamu said Wednesday they are joining hands to build a blockchain-based cross-border remittance platform, aiming to improve transparency and efficiency in overseas fund transactions. The three companies signed a memorandum of understanding at Hana Financial Group's headquarters in Seoul to collaborate across finance and digital assets. Attendees included Hana Financial Group Vice Chair Lee Eun-hyung, Posco International President Lee Kye-in and Duna

- [Plastic waste plan draws fire over lack of hard limits](#) (2026-04-29 05:25)

South Korea's plan to curb plastic waste would still allow total plastic use to rise through 2030, environmental groups said, criticizing the government for leaning on recycling and voluntary reuse rather than binding cuts in consumption. The Environment Ministry on Tuesday released an updated strategy that aims to cap newly produced plastic waste at 70 percent of projected 2030 levels. But critics say that target is based on continued growth in plastic consumption, meaning the actual reduction

- [LX International Q1 profit doubles on commodities, trading recovery](#) (2026-04-29 05:20)

LX International said Wednesday its first-quarter operating profit nearly doubled from the previous quarter, as stronger commodity prices and a recovery in trading lifted earnings. The company reported revenue of 4.21 trillion won (\$2.9 billion) and operating profit of 108.9 billion won for the January-March period, according to a regulatory filing. Revenue rose 4 percent from a year earlier, supported by higher output and sales at key assets including its AKP nickel mine and palm plantations in

- [LX Hausys earns Red Dot for eco-friendly terrazzo design](#) (2026-04-29 05:19)

LX Hausys said Wednesday its acrylic solid surface Himacs Terrazzo has won the 2026 Red Dot Award for product design. The product was recognized for its distinctive design and use of recycled materials, reflecting both aesthetic innovation and environmental sustainability. Himacs Terrazzo reinterprets the traditional Italian terrazzo style — a surface made by embedding marble chips and pebbles into cement — with a more refined, contemporary finish. The product also stood out for its contribution

- [Posco expands financial support for steel exporters](#) (2026-04-29 05:19)

Posco is expanding financial support for its trading partners, aiming to stabilize supply chains and strengthen export competitiveness amid global tariffs and an oversupply of Chinese steel. The program, launched in January, is structured in partnership with Industrial Bank of Korea and Korea Trade Insurance (K-Sure). Posco and IBK jointly contribute 20 billion won to K-Sure, which then provides preferential guarantees worth about 400 billion won to participating trading companies. IBK offers ad

- [This is the studio behind Korea's box office comeback](#) (2026-04-29 05:01)

Korea's film business is showing signs of life again, and it has one film — and the studio behind it — to thank for most of it. According to the quarterly report released Wednesday by the Korean Film Council, the government body in charge of film policy, the country's box office took in 318 billion won (\$215 million) and drew 31.9 million admissions between January and March, making it the strongest first quarter since 2020. Revenue climbed 58.7 percent year on year; admissions rose 53.2 percent

- [Korean-French actor Park Ji-min joins Cannes jury](#) (2026-04-29 05:01)

Park Ji-min, the South Korea-born French actor and visual artist, has been named to the short film and La Cined jury at this year's Cannes Film Festival, organizers announced Tuesday. The Paris-based artist will serve under jury president Carla Simon, the Spanish filmmaker behind Berlin Golden Bear winner Alcarra. The five-member panel will hand out the Short Film Palme d'Or and the three La Cined prizes, awarded to student films selected from schools around the world. Also on the jury are Iran

- [What Universal Ballet did right to make 'Shim Chung' a Korean classic](#) (2026-04-29 04:57)

Becoming a "classic" is less a moment than a process — a long, uneven accumulation of revisions, failures and returns. Many of the works we now consider classics also required time to mature. "Swan Lake" was dismissed at its 1877 premiere and only entered the canon after years of reworking; "The Nutcracker," first staged in 1892, met a similarly chilly reception before becoming a seasonal staple. In ballet, as in all performing arts, endurance is earned over time. Now, in Korea, a homegrown work

- ['Perfect Crown' is fiction, but its Joseon setting contains historical inaccuracies: historian](#) (2026-04-29 04:50)

“Perfect Crown” focuses on a hypothetical royal family of the Joseon era, which, in reality, ended in the early 20th century. Despite the hit series' fictional nature, historian Shim Yong-hwan says it still contains many historical inaccuracies, especially in its regency storyline and portrayal of a continued royal family after the fall of Joseon. The series follows chaebol heiress Hui-ju (IU), who orchestrates a contract marriage with royal prince I-an (Byeon Woo-seok) in a fictional 21st-centu

- [Daegu public official stops attempted arson on subway train](#) (2026-04-29 04:43)

A public official stopped a man from setting fire to a subway train in Daegu during the morning rush hour last week, police said Wednesday. The Daegu Dalseo Police Station said the suspect, a man in his 40s, was referred to the prosecution on charges of violating the Railroad Safety Act. The suspect allegedly walked through a Line 1 train operated by Daegu Transportation Corp. at around 8:30 a.m. on April 23 while carrying a lighter and flammable bug spray, and attempted to start a fire inside t

- [Top court overturns urine swap conviction over illegal police conduct](#) (2026-04-29 04:37)

South Korea’ s top court has overturned the conviction of a drug suspect who submitted another person’ s urine to dodge a narcotics test, ruling the police acted unlawfully and the suspect cannot be punished. The Supreme Court sent the case back to the Seoul Eastern District Court, overturning a lower court decision that had sentenced the defendant to 10 months in prison on charges of obstruction of official duties by deception, according to legal sources on Wednesday. The suspect was accused of i

- [Stranded whale en route to open sea on barge](#) (2026-04-29 04:29)

INSEL POEL, Germany (AFP) -- A special boat carrying a stranded humpback whale whose weeks-long struggle to survive has captured hearts in Germany set off for the open seas on Tuesday evening in a last-ditch rescue attempt. Rescuers had earlier succeeded in coaxing the animal into the barge, which has a water-filled hold and is usually used to carry other boats, in an attempt to return it to its natural habitat. The whale, dubbed "Timmy" by German media, and its ordeal have gripped the country s

- [Goals galore as PSG beats Bayern Munich 5-4 in record-setting Champions League semifinal 1st leg](#) (2026-04-29 04:29)

PARIS (AP) -- Titleholder Paris Saint-Germain trailed early, led by three goals and ultimately held on for a pulsating 5-4 win over Bayern Munich in the highest-scoring semifinal match in Champions League history on Tuesday. And there's still next week's second leg to come. PSG built a 5-2 lead early in the second half thanks to two goals each from flying winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Ousmane Dembele at Parc des Princes. "We deserved to win, we deserved to lose, we deserved to draw," PSG coac

- [Criminal records, old controversies dog local election candidates](#) (2026-04-29 04:15)

With about a month left until South Korea's June 3 local elections, candidates from rival parties are facing scrutiny over past criminal records, controversial remarks and old cases that have resurfaced during the nomination process. A total of 8,377 people have registered as preliminary candidates for local posts across the country, with official candidate registration scheduled for May 14 and 15. The controversies span both the ruling Democratic Party of Korea and the main opposition People Power Party.

- [Driver in fatal Incheon crash took extra sleeping pills: police](#) (2026-04-29 04:15)

A security guard at an apartment complex in Incheon died after being hit by a van while helping students cross the road on their way to school, with police later finding that the driver had taken more sleeping pills than usual before the crash. The driver, a woman in her 40s, was leaving the apartment complex in a van when she drove the vehicle onto a crosswalk and hit the security guard, who was in his 60s. The van stopped only after traveling about 10 meters farther. The guard went into cardiac arrest.

- [Nvidia official to meet with Samsung, SK hynix executives for physical AI partnership](#) (2026-04-29 03:50)

A key executive of US tech giant Nvidia will hold meetings with counterparts from Samsung Electronics Co. and SK hynix Inc. on Wednesday to discuss cooperation in physical artificial intelligence, industry sources said. The back-to-back meetings come as Madison Huang, senior director of product and technical marketing for physical AI platforms at Nvidia, is visiting South Korea to expand partnerships in the sector. Her team oversees Nvidia Omniverse, a development platform for physical and industrial AI.

- [Daejeon honors 15 citizens, officials for helping recapture escaped wolf](#) (2026-04-29 03:43)

The Daejeon Metropolitan Government on Tuesday awarded commendations to 15 people for their roles in safely capturing Neukgu, a young wolf that escaped from Daejeon O World earlier this month, including a citizen whose voluntary tracking efforts proved crucial in locating the animal. The citizen, 27-year-old Kang Jun-su, encountered the wolf on the night of April 14 while driving near wooded areas near the zoo in search of it. Footage he recorded helped authorities track down the animal during the hunt.

- [Belarus frees prominent journalist Andrzej Poczobut in a 10-person prisoner swap](#) (2026-04-29 03:40)

Prominent journalist Andrzej Poczobut has been released from jail in Belarus in a swap with Poland that saw a total of 10 people freed as the authoritarian leader of Belarus seeks improved relations with the West, officials in both countries said Tuesday. Poczobut, a correspondent for the influential Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza and a leading figure among Belarus' Polish minority, was serving eight years in prison in a case condemned as politically motivated. His arrest was widely seen as retaliation for his reporting on human rights abuses.

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- [King Charles promotes US-UK unity in speech to Congress](#) (2026-04-29 03:30)

Britain's King Charles told the US Congress Tuesday that despite an age of uncertainty and conflict in Europe and the Middle East, the UK and the US will always be staunch allies united in defending democracy, at a time of deep divisions between the two long-time allies over the war with Iran. "Whatever our differences, whatever disagreements we may have, we stand united in our commitment to uphold democracy, to protect all our people from harm, and to salute the courage of those who daily risk

- [Gulf leaders meet in Saudi Arabia to discuss war's fallout](#) (2026-04-29 03:22)

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AFP) -- Saudi Arabia welcomed leaders and officials from across the Gulf Tuesday to discuss the ongoing crisis in the region triggered by the US-Israeli war against Iran. The talks in the coastal city of Jeddah come as the White House considers Iran's latest proposal to end the two-month-old conflict and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The crucial waterway saw roughly 20 percent of global crude and liquefied natural gas pass through its waters before the war largely choked off

- [Ex-FBI chief Comey charged with threatening Trump's life in Instagram post](#) (2026-04-29 03:19)

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Former FBI director James Comey has been indicted for threatening the life of Donald Trump, officials said Tuesday, five months after a previous case against the outspoken critic of the US president was thrown out. The indictment by a grand jury in North Carolina stems from an Instagram post the 65-year-old Comey made in May last year that showed the numbers "86 47" spelled out in seashells. Trump alleged in an interview with Fox News at the time that "86" was slang for kill

- [Hyundai Glovis deploys world's largest car carrier](#) (2026-04-29 02:58)

Hyundai Glovis said Wednesday it has put the world's largest car carrier into service, aiming to support exports by South Korean automakers and further bolster its competitiveness in the global shipping market. The logistics unit of Hyundai Motor Group said the vessel, named Glovis Leader, measures 230 meters in length and 40 meters in width, with a gross tonnage of 102,590. It can transport up to 10,800 vehicles in a single voyage, making it the first pure car and truck carrier capable of carryi

- [What happens to a neighborhood when BTS comes to town?](#) (2026-04-29 02:44)

When BTS staged performances in central Seoul and Goyang in March and April, the events triggered a measurable tourism surge. International fans stayed longer and spent significantly more than other visitors from abroad, while foreign foot traffic and card spending in surrounding districts multiplied more than 30-fold within days, according to data released Wednesday by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism; the Korea Culture and Tourism

Institute; and the Korea Tourism Organization. The a

- [S. Korea's seaport cargo up 1.5% in Q1 despite trade uncertainties](#) (2026-04-29 02:42)

Cargo processed at South Korean seaports grew 1.5 percent from a year earlier in the first quarter, showing limited impact from the Middle Eastern conflict, the oceans ministry said Wednesday. Cargo handled at the country's seaports nationwide came to 388.45 million tons during the January-March period, up from 382.89 million tons tallied the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries. Of them, export-import cargo totaled 327.48 million tons, also up 1.5 percent on-

- [English at age 7: tutoring cost fix or pressure on children?](#) (2026-04-29 02:38)

A pledge to introduce English classes from first grade has revived a decades-old debate in South Korea over whether earlier public instruction can ease private tutoring costs or fuel even more competition among young children. Yoon Ho-sang, the conservative candidate in the 2026 Seoul education superintendent race, told Newsis on Monday that public elementary schools should begin English education earlier to meet demand now being absorbed by private academies.

“Many families spend heavily on pri

- [Retail sales rise 5.6% in March on tourism boost, back-to-school season demand](#) (2026-04-29 02:37)

Revenue of major retail companies here went up 5.6 percent from a year earlier in March thanks to the robust consumption demand fueled by a sharp increase in inbound travelers to South Korea and the back-to-school season, government data showed Wednesday. Offline retailers reported 1.9 percent on-year growth in sales, with department stores posting a sharp growth of 14.7 percent and convenience stores enjoying a 2.7 percent gain in revenue, according to data compiled by the Ministry of Trade, In

- [Major comics piracy hubs are shutting down. Here's how it happened.](#) (2026-04-29 02:36)

It has been a brutal few months for readers of pirated comics and manga. On Monday, Newtokki, a major illegal webtoon site in Korea, abruptly shut down. In a notice posted on its website, the operators said the platform would go dark by midnight and that all user data would be deleted. They added that they had no plans to revive the service and warned that any future site using a similar name would not be affiliated with them. Newtokki ran alongside two affiliated sites operated by the same owne

- [S. Korea, Qatar to push for deeper cooperation in manufacturing AI, semiconductor, biohealth](#) (2026-04-29 02:35)

Trade ministers of South Korea and Qatar agreed Wednesday to expand the two countries' cooperation in advanced industries, including artificial intelligence (AI) transformation of the manufacturing sector, semiconductor and biohealth, a Seoul ministry said. Trade Minister Yeo Han-koo met with his Qatar counterpart, Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed, in Seoul to discuss

ways to expand economic and investment cooperation between the two nations, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources

- [Philip Morris Korea names new chief](#) (2026-04-29 02:34)

Philip Morris Korea said Wednesday it has appointed Lee Hong-suk as its new managing director, effective May 1. Lee, currently head of smoke-free products, brings more than two decades of experience across global markets within Philip Morris International. Since joining the company in 1999, he has held key commercial and strategic roles. He has built extensive international experience in markets including Singapore and Hong Kong, and served as general manager of Philip Morris Taiwan in 2018, when

- ['Culinary Class Wars' eyes May shoot amid judge controversies](#) (2026-04-29 02:31)

Riding the wave of the explosive success of its first two seasons, "Culinary Class Wars" is gearing up for Season 3, with filming reportedly set to begin in May. Netflix has not confirmed whether its judges, chef Anh Sung-jae and Paik Jong-won, will return, as both remain embroiled in ongoing controversies. The new season is reportedly set to begin filming roughly four months after Season 2 wrapped on Jan. 13. Netflix previously revealed that Season 3 would adopt a team-based format, pitting res

- [New York City's first full casino with live table games opens](#) (2026-04-29 02:16)

NEW YORK (AP) -- New York City's first full casino with live table games opened to fanfare Tuesday. Resorts World, a slots parlor in Queens, officially cut the ribbon on an expanded gambling area featuring more than 200 games with live dealers, including blackjack, craps, baccarat and roulette, as well as more than 2,500 slot machines. The company says it will bring more tables and slot machines online later in the year. It has also promised to build a new hotel, restaurants, a 7,000-seat entert

- [After film success, Park Jihoon returns with single album 'Re:flect'](#) (2026-04-29 01:54)

Park Jihoon is making his return to the music scene with the single album "Re:flect," to be released at 6 p.m. Wednesday across major streaming platforms. The release marks his first musical project in three years, following his seventh EP "Blank or Black," released in April 2023. During his musical hiatus, Park continued to work as an actor, appearing in Netflix's "Weak Hero" and the film "The King's Warden," which surpassed 16 million ticket sales as of April 19. "Re:flect" explores themes of

- [United Arab Emirates will leave OPEC in a blow to oil cartel](#) (2026-04-29 01:51)

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The United Arab Emirates said Tuesday it will leave OPEC effective May 1, stripping the oil cartel of its third-largest producer and further weakening its leverage over global oil supplies and prices. The UAE's decision had been rumored as a possibility for some time, as it pushed back in recent years against OPEC production quotas it felt had been too low — meaning it wasn't able to sell as much oil to the world as it had

wanted. “Having invested heavily in ex

- [LG Display wins ‘Display of the Year’ for ultra-fast OLED](#) (2026-04-29 01:45)

LG Display said Wednesday its 27-inch 540/720Hz OLED gaming monitor panel has won display of the year at the Society for Information Display’s Display Industry Awards. SID, the world’s largest display organization, brings together around 7,000 industry professionals, researchers and academics each year. The awards recognize the most innovative display technologies introduced over the past year. Display of the year, the top honor, is awarded to a single product deemed to have the greatest potenti

- [Korean Air named chair of SkyTeam safety group](#) (2026-04-29 01:43)

Korean Air said Wednesday it has been elected chair of the safety, security and quality advisory group under SkyTeam, strengthening its role in shaping industry standards. Following the appointment, Bennet Allen Walsh, head of Korean Air’s aviation safety and security division, will serve a two-year term as chair of the SSQ Functional Executives. As chair airline, Korean Air will advise on safety, security and quality policies across SkyTeam’s member carriers, drawing on its operational expertis

- [‘Sold Out on You’ tops Netflix chart for non-English shows](#) (2026-04-29 01:28)

The romantic comedy "Sold Out on You" led Netflix's weekly non-English series chart a week after its debut, the streaming giant said Wednesday. The 12-part series garnered 4.7 million views for the week ended Sunday, the most among non-English TV series available on Netflix. It was in the top 10 in 42 countries and regions, including No. 1 in Taiwan, Guatemala and Peru. Starring Ahn Hyo-seop and Chae Won-bin, the SBS series centers on the romance between Matthew Lee, a young perfectionist farmer

- [S. Korea to launch new frigate with enhanced anti-air, anti-sub capabilities](#) (2026-04-29 01:07)

South Korea was set to hold a launch ceremony Wednesday for a new homegrown 3,600-ton frigate with enhanced anti-air and anti-submarine capabilities, the Navy and the state arms procurement agency said. The ceremony for the ROKS Jeju, named after the country's southern resort island, will take place at a shipyard run by SK Oceanplant Co., in Goseong County, about 350 kilometers south of Seoul, the Navy and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration said in a joint release. The 129-meter-long

- [Amorepacific Q1 net falls 5% on base effect](#) (2026-04-29 01:00)

Amorepacific Corp., South Korea's leading cosmetics company, said Wednesday its first-quarter net profit fell 5 percent from a year earlier due to a base effect. Net profit for the three months that ended in March fell to 113 billion won (\$76.6 million) from 119 billion won in the same period last year, the company said in a regulatory filing. The decline was largely attributable to the absence of one-off gains recorded in the previous year. "In the first quarter of 2025, one-off

gains from the

- [N. Korea's Kim attends concert marking 80th founding anniv. of key military band](#) (2026-04-29 00:34)

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has attended a concert marking the 80th founding anniversary of a key military band, calling it a symbol of the country's armed forces, state media reported Wednesday. The concert was held the previous day to commemorate the founding anniversary of the Central Military Band of the Ministry of National Defense, according to the Korean Central News Agency. The event was also attended by key military and party officials, including Defense Minister No Kwang-chol and K

- [Appeals court set to rule on ex-President Yoon's obstruction of justice case](#) (2026-04-29 00:32)

An appeals court was set to rule Wednesday on former President Yoon Suk Yeol's trial on obstruction of justice and other charges stemming from his failed martial law bid, after a lower court sentenced him to five years in prison. The Seoul High Court was scheduled to hand down its verdict in a live-televised hearing at 3 p.m., following the ousted former president's January conviction for obstructing investigators from detaining him last year over his martial law declaration in late 2024. The lo

- [Seoul stocks open lower on renewed AI woes, rising oil prices](#) (2026-04-29 00:30)

Seoul stocks opened lower Wednesday as a report on OpenAI's poorer-than-expected performance renewed concerns over the artificial intelligence sector and rising oil prices. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index opened down 22.02 points, or 0.33 percent lower at 6,619.00. Overnight, major stock indexes on Wall Street lost ground as concerns over the AI sector reemerged following a report warning that ChatGPT maker OpenAI was falling short of revenue and user targets. The Wall Street Jou

- [Truckers' union, logistics firm reach tentative deal after strike](#) (2026-04-29 00:10)

A truckers' union and a logistics firm behind CU convenience stores reached a tentative deal early Wednesday, the union said. The Cargo Truckers Solidarity, under the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, said it reached a provisional agreement with BGF Logistics at around 5 a.m. during a fifth round of talks in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province. Details of the agreement were not disclosed. The union released a photo of the meeting attended by Labor Minister Kim Young-hoon. Union members are voti

- [\[Graphic News\] Seoul ranks 8th in global financial index](#) (2026-04-28 23:00)

Seoul ranked eighth globally in financial competitiveness, according to a recent report by UK-based consulting firm Z/Yen. In its 39th edition of the Global Financial Centers Index, Z/Yen evaluated 137 cities worldwide. The South Korean capital placed eighth in human capital, sixth in business environment, eighth in financial sector development and ninth in reputation. Seoul

has remained in the top 10 for four consecutive years, climbing two spots from 10th place last year. The city ranked 53rd

- [Secret snaps fuel fresh tensions in decades-old pink seat dispute](#) (2026-04-28 23:00)

The yearslong debate over "pink seats" on buses and subways in Korea has taken a new turn amid a surge in social media posts shaming passengers who are apparently not pregnant. A search for priority seating for pregnant women on local social media platforms turns up numerous photos and short videos of passengers occupying these seats, often with their faces blurred. "I mean, sure, people can sit there for a bit if they're tired. But if you see a pregnant woman, shouldn't you at least try to move

- [Cravity redefines itself with new EP 'Redefine'](#) (2026-04-28 22:00)

Boy group Cravity is returning with its eighth EP, "Redefine," using its latest release to revisit who they are six years into their career — not by rejecting the past, but by carrying it forward. Ahead of the album's release, the nine-member group sat down for a round interview at Starship Entertainment's headquarters in Gangnam-gu, southern Seoul on April 23, where the bandmates shared their excitement ahead of the new album, which arrives in the same month as the anniversary of the group's de

- [\[Kim Seong-kon\] Living across boundaries: 'Now we are shining'](#) (2026-04-28 20:30)

These days, Koreans overseas take pride in their home country, as Korea is "glittering" in the international spotlight. In America, for example, many Korean Americans are proud of the country of their heritage thanks to the huge success of "KPop Demon Hunters." People in Korea, too, are pleased with their country, as K-pop, Korean film and K-drama enjoy immense popularity in the global village. The recent worldwide applause for "KPop Demon Hunters" has greatly elated people of Korean origin. In

- [\[Jessica Melugin\] Social media bans bring problems](#) (2026-04-28 20:30)

Bans on social media for minors are having a political moment. Parents' sincere concerns and politicians' instincts to capitalize on those fears are driving federal and state legislation like the kind already in effect elsewhere in the world. But no amount of good intentions makes these efforts good policy. At the federal level, bipartisan legislation seeks to ban some age groups from creating or maintaining a social media account and restrict older youths from receiving algorithmic recommendati

- [Lee approves resignation of 2 presidential officials expected to run in by-elections](#) (2026-04-28 13:01)

President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday approved the resignation of two senior presidential officials widely expected to run in upcoming parliamentary by-elections. Lee accepted letters of resignation from Ha Jung-woo, presidential secretary for artificial intelligence policy and future planning, and presidential spokesperson Jeon Eun-soo, asking Ha to "work for the people and

national interest," his office said. Ha is expected to run for a parliamentary seat in the southeastern city of Busan, while

- [Enhypen adds third Mexico City show as demand surges](#) (2026-04-28 12:34)

Enhypen has added another Mexico City stop to its ongoing “Blood Saga” world tour, bringing its total to three shows at Arena CDMX as demand continues to surge. The group announced Tuesday via Weverse, Hybe's global fandom platform, that an additional performance will be held on July 14, following previously scheduled shows on July 11 and 12 at the roughly 20,000-seat Arena CDMX. Originally planned as a one-night event, the July 11 concert sold out quickly during presales, prompting organizers t

- [S. Korean sports agency signs teen rhythmic gymnast from Cyprus](#) (2026-04-28 12:08)

Seoul-based sports agency Next Creative said Tuesday it has signed a teenage rhythmic gymnast from Cyprus as its first international client. The company said it reached a global management agreement with 17-year-old Vera Tugolukova. She is the first international athlete to be represented by Next Creative, whose clientele includes Olympic speed skater Kim Min-sun, short track world champion Park Ji-won and KPGA Tour star Park Hyun-kyung. Tugolukova was the youngest rhythmic gymnast to compete a

- [Calling N. Korea by its official name subject of public debate: ministry](#) (2026-04-28 11:51)

The unification ministry said Tuesday the question of whether South Korea should use North Korea's official name is a matter that warrants broad public debate amid criticism that such a reference constitutes a violation of the Constitution. The debate was ignited last month when Unification Minister Chung Dong-young used North Korea's official name at an academic forum for the first time. South Korea currently refers to the North as "North Korea" rather than its official name, the Democratic Peo

- [Trump Jr. returns to South Korea for personal visit: Local report](#) (2026-04-28 11:47)

Donald Trump Jr., the eldest son of US President Donald Trump, arrived in South Korea on Tuesday for a four-day visit, marking his second trip to the country in a year, according to local reports. While the visit has been described only as for “business purposes,” local media reported that his itinerary includes attending a classical concert hosted by the wife of Shinsegae Group Chairman Chung Yong-jin, with whom Trump Jr. has a close personal relationship. The two have maintained ties since aro

- [BTS earns El Paso honor as concerts drive tourism boom](#) (2026-04-28 10:55)

El Paso County, Texas, honored BTS with a special award on Monday in recognition of the group’ s impact on local tourism and community engagement. According to Big Hit Music on Tuesday, the Commissioners Court of El Paso County approved a resolution awarding all seven members the “Estimado Amigo” honor and proclaiming May 2–3 as “El Paso BTS Weekend,” coinciding with the group’ s upcoming concerts in the city. The county credited

BTS with helping boost tourism, elevate community pride and spotlight

- [Seoul weighs response to US lawmakers over Coupang case](#) (2026-04-28 09:06)

South Korea is considering a formal response to US lawmakers who have accused Seoul of targeting American firms, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday, as tensions simmer over a probe into Coupang Inc. and broader alliance issues. The Foreign Ministry said Tuesday it is reviewing whether to send a reply to a letter from 54 Republican lawmakers affiliated with the Republican Study Committee, who urged Seoul to halt what they described as discriminatory regulations against US companies operating in Ko

- [SK Inc. boosts stake in SK Ecoplant to back chip, AI push](#) (2026-04-28 08:59)

SK Inc., SK Group's holding company, said Tuesday it will spend about 400 billion won (\$271 million) to raise its stake in SK Ecoplant, betting on the construction arm's growing role in the group's semiconductor value chain. In a regulatory filing, the company said its board approved the purchase of common shares and a portion of convertible preferred shares in SK Ecoplant currently held by financial investors. The deal will lift SK Inc.'s stake in the affiliate to 71.2 percent from 66.7 percent

- [Kospi hits record high, races toward 7,000](#) (2026-04-28 08:56)

The South Korean benchmark Kospi surged to another high as of closing Tuesday as it continued its strong upward momentum. The index is now swiftly approaching the 7,000-point threshold. The Kospi closed at 6,641.02, gaining 0.39 percent from the previous session. It notched an all-time high as of closing, surpassing Monday's record 6,615.03 close. During trading, it surged to a record high of 6,712.73, surpassing the 6,700 mark for the first time. It first closed above the 5,000 mark, a historic

- [82Major leans into maturity, self-produced identity with 'FeelM'](#) (2026-04-28 08:51)

Boy group 82Major returned with a more refined and self-defined sound, unveiling its fifth EP "FeelM" at a media showcase Tuesday in Seoul. The six-member group — Seongil, Yechan, Seongmo, Seongbin, Seokjoon and Dogyun — introduced the album at Yes24 Wanderloch Hall, marking its first comeback since its 2025 EP "Trophy." "FeelM," a combination of the words "feel" and "film," captures a range of emotional moments as if they were scenes from a movie. Member Dogyun said the album was designed to pr

- [Ex-first lady gets 4 years over graft, stock manipulation](#) (2026-04-28 08:49)

The Seoul High Court on Tuesday sentenced former first lady Kim Keon Hee to four years in prison, overturning her acquittal in the Deutsch Motors stock manipulation case and finding her guilty of receiving bribes from the Unification Church. The appellate court also imposed a 50 million won (\$33,900) fine, handing down a heavier sentence than the one year and eight months Kim received in the first trial. However, the court upheld the lower court's acquittal on a separate charge that Kim illegall

- [In photos: Annual career fair opens for soldiers](#) (2026-04-28 08:27)

An annual job fair for soon-to-be-discharged military personnel opened in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province, Tuesday. The ROK Armed Forces Career Fair, launched in 1998, is hosted by the Ministry of National Defense and is designed to help service members transition back into civilian life. In South Korea, able-bodied men are required to serve in the military for 18 to 21 months. The two-day event is expected to attract approximately 15,000 soldiers, along with representatives from 160 companies and ins

- [At 20, Daegu Int'l Musical Festival presses case for national theater complex](#) (2026-04-28 08:27)

When the Daegu International Musical Festival opens its 20th edition this June, organizers will be celebrating more than a milestone. They are using the occasion to press the longer-running case: Korea's musical theater industry, now riding the high of the six Tony Awards pulled by "Maybe Happy Ending" last year, needs national infrastructure to match — and that infrastructure should be built in Daegu, not Seoul. At a Seoul press conference on Tuesday, the festival's leadership laid out the line

- [Kim Jong-un praises both fallen and surviving troops in message seen aimed at POWs](#) (2026-04-28 08:25)

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has publicly praised both soldiers who took their own lives in combat and those who survived, in remarks believed to be an attempt at managing psychological fallout from North Korean troops captured in the Russia-Ukraine war. Speaking at a ceremony on Sunday marking what Pyongyang described as operations in Russia's Kursk region, Kim said, "Those who, in order to defend great honor, unhesitatingly chose the path of self-destruction and self-sacrifice are heroes."

- [PGA Tour returns to Trump's golf course after 10 years](#) (2026-04-28 08:21)

The PGA Tour's Cadillac Championship (\$20 million purse) will be held from Thursday through Sunday at the Trump National Doral Miami's Blue Monster Course near Miami, Florida. The tournament kicks off a series of marquee events on the PGA Tour schedule. The Trust Championship is scheduled to begin on May 7, followed by the PGA Championship on May 14. The Cadillac Championship has drawn attention because it is being staged at a golf club owned by the US President Donald Trump. Trump National Dor

- [FIFA plans new yellow card reset rule for 2026 World Cup](#) (2026-04-28 08:21)

FIFA is set to revise its suspension rules for accumulated yellow cards at the 2026 World Cup in North America. According to the BBC on Tuesday, FIFA is preparing a plan to wipe all yellow card records at two points during the tournament: after the final group-stage match and after the quarterfinals. Under the rules used through the 2022 World Cup, any player who received two yellow cards during the group stage and knockout rounds (round of 16 and quarterfinals)

was suspended for one match. All

- [Migrant groups file complaint over relief payments excluding foreign residents](#) (2026-04-28 08:03)

Migrant rights groups in South Korea have filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, arguing that most foreign residents have been excluded from government relief payments intended to offset high fuel costs. The groups, including the Gyeonggi Migrants' Equality Coalition, said that of roughly 2.167 million foreign residents who have stayed in South Korea for more than three months as of March, about 1.785 million — excluding marriage migrants, permanent residents and r

- [\[단독\] QS 창립자 “한국 대학 생태계, 상위 20개국 중 가장 폐쇄적”](#) (2026-04-28 08:00)

세계 대학평가기관 QS의 창립자인 맷 시몬스(Matt Symonds)는 한국 대학들이 수년간 글로벌 위상을 높이기 위해 노력해왔지만, 다른 아시아 국가들에 비해 여전히 낮은 국제화 수준을 보인다고 평가했다. 시몬스는 새 국가별 고등교육 순위인 ‘measuresHE Country 100’ 발표를 앞두고 코리아 헤럴드와 22일 진행한 단독 인터뷰에서 이같이 밝혔다. 시몬스는 한국 고등교육 시스템이 연구와 제도적 역량 면에서는 아시아에서 가장 강한 축에 속하지만, 글로벌 인재 유치와 해외 학술 네트워크 구축에서는 역내 경쟁국들에 크게 뒤처져 있다고 진단했다. 이 같은 평가는 국가 고등교육 시스템의 전반적인 역량과 국제적 연계 수준을 평가하기 위해 새로 설계된 순위 및 보고서인 ‘measuresHE Country 100’에 담겼다. 이 프로젝트는 QS 창립자이자 블루스카이 에듀케이션 CEO인 시몬스와 데이비드 왓킨스(David Watkins) 전 타임스고등교육(THE) 전무이사, 빌리 웡(B

- [\[Exclusive\] Korea’ s universities rank high, but remain globally inward-looking: QS founder](#) (2026-04-28 08:00)

South Korea’ s universities have spent years trying to raise their global profile, but a new country-level ranking suggests the more important question is not where they place, but how weak their connection to the international academic system is. That assessment comes from the Country 100 by measuresHE. The new ranking and report evaluate the overall strength and global connectedness of national higher education systems. The project was co-developed by former Times Higher Education managing dire

- [Korail adds extra trains for Buddha’ s Birthday holiday travel rush](#) (2026-04-28 07:51)

Travelers planning trips over the upcoming holiday for Buddha’ s Birthday will have more options this year, as Korea Railroad Corporation expands train services to meet rising demand. Korail said Monday it will run additional trains from May 23-25, covering the long weekend that includes the national holiday and its substitute day. The move is aimed at easing congestion on major routes as domestic travel picks up. A total of 38 extra services, including high-speed KTX trains and conventional line

- [LTI Korea to launch graduate school for literary translation in 2027](#) (2026-04-28 07:51)

The Literature Translation Institute of Korea said Tuesday it is moving ahead with plans to establish a graduate school dedicated to training professional translators of Korean literature and cultural content. The LTI Korea Graduate School of Translation is set to open in 2027. The government-funded institution specializing in literary translation training held a ceremony for its graduate school establishment committee on Tuesday in central Seoul, where it outlined its plans and vision for the n

- [US calls Korea' s network fee policy 'outlier,' raises trade concerns](#) (2026-04-28 07:36)

The Office of the US Trade Representative has renewed criticism of South Korea' s network usage fee policy, calling it an outlier and one of the “craziest” foreign trade barriers facing American exporters. In a series of posts on X on Tuesday, the agency said, “You wouldn’ t believe the lengths some countries go to stop American exports,” listing 10 examples. Korea’ s so-called “sending party network pays” policy ranked fourth. “No country in the world imposes a network usage fees on the transmissi

- [Seoul stocks again at fresh peak ahead of US big tech earnings](#) (2026-04-28 07:08)

Seoul stocks closed at a new record high Tuesday, boosted by anticipation over the earnings releases of major US tech companies. The Korean won fell against the greenback. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index closed up 25.99 points, or 0.39 percent, to 6,641.02. Trade volume was heavy at 1.1 billion shares worth 37.3 trillion won (\$25.3 billion). Winners slightly outnumbered losers 431 to 417. Foreign and retail investors were net sellers, offloading a combined 315.2 billion won worth

- [N. Korea 'most pressing challenge to the nonproliferation regime'](#) (2026-04-28 06:38)

South Korea’ s top nuclear envoy underscored the urgency of resolving North Korea’ s nuclear issue while calling for a more flexible, phased approach to denuclearization, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Jeong Yeon-doo, vice foreign minister for diplomatic strategy and intelligence, made the remarks in a keynote speech at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference held in New York on Monday. In his address, Jeong stressed that North Korea is “the only case that has benefited fr

- [Woori falls behind NongHyup as brokerage gap widens](#) (2026-04-28 06:25)

Woori Financial Group was overtaken by NongHyup Financial Group in first-quarter earnings, a rare shift that highlights the growing importance of nonbanking income, as a stock market rally boosts brokerage profits. Industry data released Tuesday showed NongHyup Financial posted 868.8 billion won (\$589 million) in net profit for the January-March period, up 21.7 percent from a year earlier, surpassing Woori Financial’ s 603.8 billion won. Woori, which has typically ranked fourth among Korea’ s majo

- [From price to strategy: Korea unveils procurement reform](#) (2026-04-28 06:24)

The Public Procurement Service has unveiled a reform package aimed at shifting procurement toward a more “citizen- and market-centered” model, while strengthening its role in supporting emerging industries. The plan outlines around 70 detailed measures across four pillars: expanding procurement autonomy for local governments, enhancing competition and transparency, fostering new industries, and advancing socially responsible procurement. The reform is part of efforts to reposition South Korea's

- [Korea targets \\$2tr global procurement market with new support](#) (2026-04-28 06:24)

South Korea is looking to use public procurement as a launchpad for global expansion by increasing support for exporters looking to break into international markets. The Public Procurement Service has expanded funding for overseas pilot projects to help companies build up an overseas track record. It has also increased availability of "export vouchers," which companies can use to pay for a range of support services. The move aligns with the agency's broader strategy to use public purchasing power

- [Government buying power key to AI race, says Korea's procurement chief](#) (2026-04-28 06:24)

South Korea's public procurement system is undergoing a quiet but consequential shift — from a back-office function focused on price and efficiency to a frontline policy tool shaping industrial strategy, supply chains and emerging technologies. At the center of that transition is the Public Procurement Service, which oversees roughly 225 trillion won (\$160 billion) in annual public spending — equivalent to about 9 percent of the country's gross domestic product. In a recent interview with The Ko

- [Korea overtakes UK to rank No. 8 in stock market cap](#) (2026-04-28 06:24)

South Korea's stock market has climbed to eighth place globally by market capitalization, overtaking the UK, on the back of a strong rally fueled by semiconductor gains and policy support. According to the Korea Exchange on Tuesday, the combined market capitalization of the KOSPI and KOSDAQ reached 6,101 trillion won (\$4.1 trillion) as of Monday's close. The KOSPI accounted for 5,421 trillion won, while the KOSDAQ stood at 679 trillion won. Global comparisons show Korea has surpassed the UK — wi

- [\[Photo News\] Seoul's financial hub push](#) (2026-04-28 06:24)

Deputy Prime Minister Koo Yun-cheol (left) and American Chamber of Commerce in Korea Chairman James Kim shake hands after their meeting in Seoul on Tuesday. Kim stressed the need to strengthen competitiveness amid rising pressure from Singapore and Hong Kong, calling Korea's potential MSCI upgrade a “critical opportunity.” Koo said the government is committed to advancing the capital market in line with global standards and implementing the MSCI road map to secure a “fair Korea premium,” with bo

- [Kim Hye-seong belatedly receives Dodgers World Series ring](#) (2026-04-28 06:23)

Kim Hye-seong, who made his MLB debut last year and was part of the Los Angeles Dodgers's World Series championship run, has now officially received his championship ring. The Dodgers revealed the clubhouse ring presentation on Tuesday through the club's official social media account. Manager Dave Roberts handed Kim the ring and praised his decision to join the club. "Two years ago, he could have signed with any MLB team," Roberts said. "But he said, 'I want to play for the Dodgers. I want to pl

- [Is NewJeans returning as a trio?](#) (2026-04-28 06:21)

NewJeans has begun preparations for a comeback, but without member Minji, raising questions about the group's future lineup. Ador confirmed Tuesday that members Hyein, Haerin and Hanni recently traveled to Copenhagen for music production. Minji, however, was not part of the trip, fueling speculation that the group could return as a trio. The five-member group has been largely inactive following a prolonged legal dispute with its agency. In November 2024, the members notified Ador of contract ter

- [Former Lee aide to 'serve in the ranks' for ruling party after failed by-election bid](#) (2026-04-28 06:14)

Kim Yong, a confidant of President Lee Jae Myung, on Tuesday said that he would "serve in the ranks" for the ruling Democratic Party of Korea, following the party's decision to drop him in its selection of parliamentary by-election candidates. "Today, I take the decision by the (Democratic Party's candidate selection committee on Monday) seriously," Kim told reporters at the National Assembly on Tuesday. "I respect the committee's deep consideration and strategic decision, and I will serve in th

- [Court jails Uzbek, Kazakh men over Hwaseong car theft](#) (2026-04-28 06:04)

Two foreign nationals were sentenced to prison for stealing five vehicles from a used-car lot in Hwaseong, Gyeonggi Province, and moving them to an export packing site in Incheon, legal sources said Monday. The Suwon District Court sentenced a Uzbek man in his 40s to 10 months in prison and a Kazakh man in his 20s to one year in prison on charges including aggravated theft. The Kazakh man was also convicted of driving without a license. The two were accused of stealing five vehicles, including H

- [Kospi extends rally with fresh high](#) (2026-04-28 06:01)

The South Korean benchmark Kospi surged to another high Tuesday, topping 6,700 points in during intraday trading as it continued its strong upward momentum. The index is now swiftly approaching the 7,000-point threshold. The Kospi opened at 6,646.8 points, 0.48 percent higher from the previous session, and soon surpassed the 6,700 mark in early trading. After extending its gain to as high as 6,712.73, it partly pared the gains to stand at 6,657.45 at 2:30 p.m., climbing 0.64 percent on-session.

- [Mirae Asset eyes No. 1 spot over Korea Investment on SpaceX gains](#) (2026-04-28 05:57)

Mirae Asset Securities is poised to post a record quarterly profit, fueled by valuation gains from its early investment in SpaceX, in a result that could reshape the pecking order among South Korea's brokerages. The firm is forecast to report first-quarter operating profit of about 1.2 trillion won (\$815 million), according to market consensus compiled by FnGuide. Some estimates suggest earnings could exceed that level by more than 20 percent. If confirmed, it would mark the first time a domesti

- [Yoon Ina jumps 14 spots to No. 39](#) (2026-04-28 05:50)

Yoon Ina surged to No. 39 in the women's world golf rankings after posting the best major finish of her career at the season's first LPGA major, the Chevron Championship. In the latest rankings released Tuesday, Yoon earned 2.13 points to climb 14 places from No. 53 last week. She finished tied for fourth at the Chevron Championship, which concluded on Monday. Tournament winner Nelly Korda moved from No. 2 to reclaim the world No. 1 ranking. Korda had lost the top spot to Jeeno Thitikul in August

- [Art Busan keeps door open to overseas M&A; as it marks 15th year](#) (2026-04-28 05:49)

Art Busan returns this May for its 15th anniversary, reinforcing its ties with the global art scene amid a cautious art market. The fair has long been regarded as one of Korea's leading art fairs, attracting international galleries, VIP collectors and art lovers alike. Its momentum, however, has slowed in recent years, reflecting a broader downturn in the art market. "We are always keeping the possibility of overseas M&A open and remain attentive to opportunities as they arise, although it is no

- [S. Korea nears completion of five-satellite network to monitor North Korea](#) (2026-04-28 05:48)

South Korea is set to complete the deployment of its five-satellite military reconnaissance constellation this month, marking a major step toward strengthening its independent capabilities in the surveillance of North Korea. According to a military official on Monday, the country's fifth reconnaissance satellite — launched in November last year from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida — has met all required criteria in its operational testing and evaluation phase. The satellite is now

- [\[Photo News\] Samsung targets retail shelves with 32-inch 3D display](#) (2026-04-28 05:44)

SAMSUNG'S GLASSES-FREE 3D DISPLAY Samsung Electronics' new 32-inch Spatial Signage is on display, Tuesday. The glasses-free 3D screen extends the lineup beyond large-format models, including an 85-inch version, targeting close-range retail settings such as shelves and counters. Using Samsung's proprietary 3D Plate technology, it creates depth through binocular parallax, enabling realistic 360-degree product views without glasses, the company said. (Samsung Electronics)

- [At least 358 executed under Kim Jong-un over 13 years: report](#) (2026-04-28 05:43)

At least 358 people have been executed in North Korea since Kim Jong-un came to power in late 2011, with executions surging sharply following the country's Covid-19 border shutdown, according to a report released Tuesday by a Seoul-based nongovernmental organization. The Transitional Justice Working Group said in its latest study, "Mapping North Korea's Executions Before and After the Covid-19 Pandemic," that it documented 136 executions between Dec. 17, 2011, and Dec. 16, 2024, resulting in at

- [K-culture turns viewers into visitors: Airbnb report](#) (2026-04-28 05:42)

K-culture has evolved from a global content phenomenon into a powerful driver of inbound tourism to South Korea, according to a report unveiled Tuesday. At a media briefing in Seoul, Airbnb presented findings from its latest global study, "Korea Calling: How K-Culture Is Driving a New Generation of Travelers into Korea," based on a survey of 4,500 travelers across Asia-Pacific and the US. Presenting the report, Sharon Chan, Head of APAC Communications at Airbnb, said the influence of Korean pop

- [Lee calls for sovereign diplomacy, readiness for self-reliant defense](#) (2026-04-28 05:39)

President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday underscored the need for diplomacy conducted with the confidence of a sovereign nation and called for self-reliant defense backed by full military readiness at home. Lee's message of greater autonomy in diplomacy and defense came at a sensitive moment when disagreements between South Korea and the US have come to the fore. "The structural reorganization of the global economy and security order is underway as geopolitical risks triggered by the Middle East war h

- [Intel-Tesla tie-up raises stakes for Samsung in foundry race](#) (2026-04-28 05:37)

Samsung Electronics' effort to defend its position as the world's second-largest contract chipmaker is drawing renewed scrutiny after Tesla CEO Elon Musk confirmed Intel's most advanced 14A process will anchor production at his Terafab project in Texas. Speaking on Tesla's first-quarter earnings call on April 22, Musk said Intel is "a key partner for the Terafab buildout" and that the 1.4-nanometer-class 14A node will be its workhorse process once volume production begins. Intel shares jumped ro

- [Literature translation institute moves to open specialized grad school](#) (2026-04-28 05:35)

The Literature Translation Institute of Korea on Tuesday announced a plan to establish a graduate school next year in efforts to nurture more translators specializing in Korean literature, officials said. The LTI has launched a nine-member committee to push for the project, with members including poet and former Culture Minister Do Jong-hwan, and renowned novelists Hwang Sok-yong and Eun Hee-kyung, according to officials from the state-run agency. Darcy Paquet, a US film critic who translated th

- [Korea's OLED market share rises for first time in years](#) (2026-04-28 05:34)

South Korea's share of the global OLED market rose for the first time in nearly a decade in 2025, as domestic display makers strengthened their lead in high-end technologies despite intensifying competition from China. According to the Korea Display Industry Association on Tuesday, citing data from Omdia, Korea's OLED market share reached 68.7 percent in 2025, up 1.5 percentage points from a year earlier. The gain marks the first increase since China entered the OLED market in 2015. Korea has le

- [Hyundai rolls out EV battery subscription test](#) (2026-04-28 05:34)

Hyundai Motor Group said Tuesday it had launched a pilot electric vehicle battery subscription service with Hyundai Motor and Hyundai Capital, targeting corporate taxis whose battery warranties expire in the first half of this year. The initiative follows regulatory changes approved in November that allow separate ownership registration of EV batteries and vehicle bodies — a shift aimed at lowering barriers to EV adoption. Under current rules, batteries are typically tied to the vehicle, limitin

- [Fly for miles, meet your idols: Korean Air taps Weverse](#) (2026-04-28 05:31)

Korean Air has partnered with Weverse to broaden mileage redemption options, allowing customers to use points for digital and fan-based services, the company announced Tuesday. Weverse is a global platform where users interact with artists, access exclusive content and watch live broadcasts. It hosts around 180 artists — including BTS, Blackpink, Dua Lipa and Yoasobi — and has about 12 million monthly active users worldwide. Under the partnership, members of Korean Air's Skypass loyalty program

- [Posco ramps up industrial gas push beyond steel](#) (2026-04-28 05:31)

Posco said Tuesday it is accelerating expansion of its industrial gas business as a future growth engine, aiming to capture rising demand from advanced industries such as semiconductors, aerospace and secondary batteries. As these sectors expand, the strategic importance of industrial gases is growing. In particular, securing stable supplies of rare gases has emerged as a key factor in national competitiveness, amid persistent global supply chain disruptions and geopolitical risks. The vulnerabi

- [S. Korea expected to secure up to 90% of pre-war-level naphtha supply for May: ministry](#) (2026-04-28 05:29)

South Korea is expected to secure up to 90 percent of pre-Iran war naphtha supplies for May, the industry ministry said Tuesday, adding that major petrochemical companies are expanding their plant operations in line with inbound supplies. The plant operation rate of Yeochun NCC, which had declared force majeure for some of its products due to naphtha shortages, has increased to 65 percent as of Friday from 55 percent on April 1, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources. The ope

- [Hyundai Motor Group eyes W8tr future R&D; complex in Seoul](#) (2026-04-28 05:28)

Hyundai Motor Group plans to invest about 8 trillion won (\$5.43 billion) to build a massive research and business complex in southern Seoul, as the company moves to consolidate scattered research capabilities and accelerate its push into future mobility. The new entity, named “HMG Future Complex,” will be tasked with developing a facility near Bokjeong Station on Subway Line No. 8 in Songpa-gu, southern Seoul, which will spearhead research and development in future businesses such as artificial

- [Lee says will resolve 'pending issues' with allies thru mutual respect](#) (2026-04-28 05:27)

Issues between close allies should be resolved based on mutual respect and fundamental principles, President Lee Jae Myung said Tuesday. Lee made the remarks during a Cabinet meeting at Cheong Wa Dae, stressing that "cooperation with traditional allies should also be developed." "(We) need the wisdom to build healthy, future-oriented relations with traditional allies, while resolving pending issues based on mutual respect, common sense and principles," he told the meeting. "(I) will also devote

- [Charles meets Trump to salvage ties](#) (2026-04-28 05:26)

Britain's King Charles III met Donald Trump at the White House Monday, kicking off a high-stakes state visit shadowed by transatlantic tensions and a new alleged attempt to assassinate the US president. Behind the warm welcome for Charles and Queen Camilla in front of the cameras lay a deepening rift in the so-called "special relationship" between Washington and London over Trump's war in Iran. With such tensions simmering, Charles was to address a joint meeting of Congress, when he will tell US

- [Trump not happy with latest Iran proposal to end war, US official says](#) (2026-04-28 05:25)

US President Donald Trump is unhappy with the latest Iranian proposal on resolving the two-month war, a US official said, dampening hopes for a resolution to the conflict that has disrupted energy supplies, fueled inflation, and killed thousands. Iran's latest proposal would set aside discussion of Iran's nuclear program until the war is ended and disputes over shipping from the Gulf are resolved. That is unlikely to satisfy the US, which says nuclear issues must be dealt with from the outset,

- [Police probe Moon, health minister over COVID-19 vaccine complaint](#) (2026-04-28 05:24)

South Korean police have launched an investigation into allegations that vaccines from batches linked to foreign-substance reports were improperly distributed during the COVID-19 pandemic, authorities said Tuesday. The investigation comes after a civic group filed a complaint against former President Moon Jae-in, who was in office during the pandemic, and Health Minister Jeong Eun-kyeong, who served as commissioner of the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency at the time. According to the

- [Indonesia train crash toll rises](#) (2026-04-28 05:24)

The death toll from a train collision near the Indonesian capital Jakarta has risen to 14 with another 84 injured, the train operator said on Tuesday, as rescuers worked to extract survivors still trapped in the wreckage. The collision between a commuter train and a long-distance train happened late Monday in Bekasi, just outside Jakarta. Bobby Rasyidi, chief executive of Indonesia's state railway firm PT KAI, said the death toll had risen to 14 and that evacuation work was still ongoing. Moha

- [How Samsung, Apple are overcoming China's smartphone chip crunch](#) (2026-04-28 05:22)

A tightening memory chip supply is reshaping the global smartphone market, squeezing Chinese vendors while lifting shipments at Samsung Electronics and Apple. According to market tracker International Data Corp. on Tuesday, global smartphone shipments fell 4.1 percent on-year to 289.7 million units in the first quarter, marking the first decline for the January-March period since 2023. Samsung ranked first with shipments of 62.8 million smartphones and a 21.7 percent market share. Apple followed

- [Samsung SDI narrows loss on AI-driven ESS demand](#) (2026-04-28 05:22)

Samsung SDI significantly reduced its operating loss in the first quarter this year, supported by surging demand for energy storage systems driven by the artificial intelligence data center boom. According to the company's earnings call Tuesday, its operating loss narrowed 64.2 percent year-on-year to 155.6 billion won (\$105.6 million), while revenue rose 12.6 percent to 3.58 trillion won. Battery sales revenue fell 7 percent from the previous quarter, but increased 13 percent on-year to 3.35 tr

- [Daejeon Technopark opens global biotech gateway](#) (2026-04-28 05:13)

By Lee Kwon-hyung and Yoon Min-sik Daejeon, long recognized as South Korea's science capital, is moving to turn its research strength into a broader platform for global investment, commercialization and technology collaboration. At the center of that push is Daejeon Technopark, which is working with the Daejeon Metropolitan Government to connect local companies with overseas investors, pharmaceutical firms and research partners. The effort reflects the city's ambition to evolve from a research-f

- [BTS 'Arirang' earns platinum certification in France](#) (2026-04-28 05:06)

BTS has earned a platinum certification in France with its latest album "Arirang," extending its record-breaking global run. According to France's music certification body SNEP, the group's fifth LP "Arirang" surpassed 100,000 equivalent sales — including physical sales, downloads and streams — to receive platinum status. The certification marks BTS' fourth group album to achieve platinum status in France, following "Map of the Soul: 7," "Proof" and "Love Yourself: Answer." "Arirang" reached the

- [Where was S. Korea at Central Asia's key ecological expo?](#) (2026-04-28 05:00)

Korea Herald correspondent ASTANA, Kazakhstan — A floor map at the entrance to the Regional Ecological Summit Expo 2026 offered a quick look at major players in Kazakhstan's fast-growing environmental technology market. Chinese firms were listed. European countries had joint pavilions. Kazakh government entities filled the hall. South Korean companies were nowhere to be found. The absence stood out because, despite appearances, Korea has been trying to expand cooperation with Kazakhstan in green

- [Heading to national cemetery for a picnic? Maybe leave the mat at home](#) (2026-04-28 05:00)

Every April, beneath the peak bloom of cherry blossoms, Seoul National Cemetery, the resting place of the country's fallen heroes and martyrs, takes on an unexpected festive air. Families and couples stroll along tree-lined paths around the cemetery's pond to take in the blossoms, stopping for photos beneath the trees, while others lay out picnic mats on open grassy areas to relax in the spring breeze or enjoy snacks. But the sight of picnic mats in the national memorial space has become a growi

- [Building an 'Ulsan sound': Sascha Goetzl's bet on a Korean industrial city](#) (2026-04-28 04:58)

When Austrian conductor Sascha Goetzl was named recipient of the 2026 BBC Music Magazine Award for Orchestral Recording on Wednesday London time, he wasn't in Europe to collect it. The 55-year-old maestro heard the news in Seoul, where he was preparing a performance with the Ulsan Philharmonic Orchestra — the finale of this year's Orchestra Festival organized by the Seoul Arts Center. The winning album, recorded with the Orchestre National des Pays de la Loire on the BIS label, brings together

- [Daewoo E&C; Q1 profit surges nearly 70%](#) (2026-04-28 04:46)

Daewoo Engineering & Construction said Tuesday its first-quarter operating profit rose nearly 70 percent from a year earlier, as margins improved in its core building business despite a challenging external environment. The builder reported operating profit of 255.6 billion won (\$173 million) in the January-March period, up 68.9 percent on-year, while net profit more than tripled to 195.8 billion won. Revenue fell 6.0 percent to 1.95 trillion won from 2.08 trillion won. By segment, housing and b

- [Hyundai Rotem signs deal to build K2 tanks in Poland](#) (2026-04-28 04:44)

Hyundai Rotem said Tuesday it has signed an agreement with Poland's state-run defense company Bumar-Labedy for local production of its K2 battle tanks and armored recovery vehicles in the European country. The deal with Bumar-Labedy, a unit of the state-run Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa, covers the production of a Poland-specific variant of the K2 tank tailored to local operational requirements, called the K2PL, along with ARVs. The two sides are also expected to discuss potential local production of

- [8 in 10 working mothers with preschoolers face ‘time poverty’ : report](#) (2026-04-28 04:42)

A recent report has found that over 80 percent of employed women with preschool-aged children experience significant shortages of sleep, leisure, and personal time, a condition identified as "time poverty." A report published by the Korea Labor Institute released Tuesday indicates that 81.2 percent of dual-income women with children aged under 7 experience time poverty, significantly higher than the 60.3 percent reported for their male counterparts. Time poverty is defined as a condition in which

- [Seoul court wipes out 90% of Netflix Korea's W76.2b tax bill](#) (2026-04-28 04:41)

The Seoul Administrative Court on Tuesday ordered the cancellation of 68.7 billion won (\$46.7 million) in taxes imposed on Netflix Services Korea, ruling mostly in favor of the global streaming giant's local unit in a lawsuit against tax authorities. Netflix Services Korea filed the lawsuit in 2023 against the head of the Jongno Tax Office and other authorities, seeking to cancel about 76.2 billion won in taxes. The court accepted 68.7 billion won of that claim Tuesday. The court found that Netf

- [Why nationality is more than a personal choice in South Korea](#) (2026-04-28 04:41)

Should a man whose wife is American and whose two children hold British citizenship lead South Korea's monetary policy? This question has left many South Koreans without an easy answer, caught between rational acceptance and a quiet sense of unease. In many countries, nationality is seen largely as a personal legal status shaped by family ties, mobility and individual choice. In South Korea, still a relatively homogeneous society, decisions to renounce citizenship — particularly within the famil

- [90 lawmakers urge US Congress to stop intervening in Coupang case](#) (2026-04-28 04:40)

Ninety liberal lawmakers on Tuesday urged the US Congress to respect South Korea's judicial sovereignty in a letter to the US ambassador to South Korea, countering allegations of discriminatory actions against e-commerce firm Coupang and other US companies. In the letter, the lawmakers stressed that the probe into Coupang over a range of allegations such as a massive consumer data leak involving over 33 million users and unfair business practices " must, in all circumstances, be conducted indepen

- [TWS embraces bolder romance with 5th EP ‘No Tragedy’](#) (2026-04-28 04:29)

Boy group TWS returned Monday with a more direct take on youth and romance for its fifth EP, "No Tragedy" — a release that pushes its bright "boyhood pop" identity into a bolder emotional space. The six-member group — Shinyu, Dohoon, Youngjae, Hanjin, Jihoon and Kyungmin — introduced the album at a press showcase held at Yes24 Live Hall in Gwangjin-gu, eastern Seoul. According to Pledis Entertainment, "No Tragedy" marks a shift from the group's earlier fresh, boyish energy to a more assertive lo

- [Google Translate sparks backlash over Dokdo, kimchi translations](#) (2026-04-28 04:27)

A local professor, known for his yearslong promotion of Dokdo, criticized Google Translate on Tuesday for converting culturally and politically sensitive terms in ways that misrepresent them. Seo Kyung-duk, a professor of liberal arts at Sungshin Women's University, shared a Google Translate screenshot in which the Hangeul for Dokdo is translated into Japanese as Takeshima. Japan also claims sovereignty over Korea's easternmost islets, referring to them as Takeshima in Japan. The criticism comes

- [At 90, father resumes fight to find missing daughter](#) (2026-04-28 04:26)

The father of Lee Yun-hee, a woman who went missing in 2006 at the age of 28, has resumed a one-man protest calling on authorities to reinvestigate his daughter's disappearance. Local media reported Friday that Lee Dong-se, 90, has been protesting on the streets of Jeonju, North Jeolla Province, urging President Lee Jae Myung to order a new investigation into what he claims was a flawed police search in 2006. He placed a life-size cutout of his daughter at the protest site, along with a message

- [Babymonster floats teasers for 3rd EP](#) (2026-04-28 04:16)

Babymonster uploaded animated posters of all six members, further stirring up excitement for its third EP, "Choom," via label YG Entertainment on Tuesday. Each of the six demonstrated their different sides while a snippet of the title track played. The mini album will be released on May 4, with four tracks that span hip-hop, dance and R&B. After promoting the forthcoming set, the group will embark on its second international tour. On June 26-28, it will go live in Seoul, kicking off the concert

- [XngHan&Xoul; returns with first EP 'Glow'](#) (2026-04-28 04:01)

XngHan&Xoul, the artist brand led by singer XngHan under SM Entertainment, returned Monday with its first EP, "Glow," marking his first release in nine months since debut single "Waste No Time." The five-track project blends house, disco and Afrobeats influences, offering a snapshot of the former Riize member's evolving musical identity. The EP includes title track "Glow," alongside "Dancing Anyway," "Light The Fire," "Wishlist" and "Lovin' On Me." "I'm really happy to share a wide range of musi

- [Court upholds former PPP leader's 2-year prison term in church bribery case](#) (2026-04-28 03:42)

The Seoul High Court on Tuesday upheld a lower court ruling that sentenced former People Power Party floor leader Kweon Seong-dong to two years in prison for receiving illicit political funds from a senior Unification Church official ahead of the 2022 presidential election. In explaining the sentence, the court said the case was "far more serious than an ordinary violation of the Political Funds Act" and warranted stern punishment. The court also rebuked Kweon for denying the charges from the in

- [Pope prays with Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally in historic encounter, vows dialogue](#) (2026-04-28 03:05)

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- Pope Leo XIV prayed Monday in the Vatican with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, and vowed to keep working to overcome differences "no matter how intractable they may appear," in a historic meeting with the first female leader of the Church of England and spiritual leader of the global Anglican Communion. The encounter between Christianity's two most famous religious figures would have been unthinkable just a few years ago, given the divisions between their two c

- [Samsung SDI swings to Q1 profit on ESS battery growth](#) (2026-04-28 02:41)

Samsung SDI Co., a major South Korean battery manufacturer, said Tuesday it swung to a profit in the first quarter from a year earlier, driven by expanded energy storage system sales. In the three months that ended in March, the company shifted to a net profit of 56.1 billion won (\$38.1 million) from a net loss of 216 billion won in the same period last year, it said in a regulatory filing. The company attributed the turnaround to increased US-based production and sales of ESS batteries, along w

- [Iraqi president nominates Ali al-Zaidi as PM-designate](#) (2026-04-28 02:33)

Iraq's newly elected president nominated businessman Ali al-Zaidi as the country's prime minister-designate Monday, after the country's leaders yielded to US pressure not to support the bid of a former premier close to Iran. The Coordination Framework, an alliance of Shia factions with varying links to Iran, had initially backed powerbroker Nouri al-Maliki to become the country's next premier, but an ultimatum by US President Donald Trump left Iraqi leaders looking elsewhere. For weeks, they wer

- [Appeals court sentences Rep. Kweon to 2-yr prison term over funds from Unification Church](#) (2026-04-28 02:25)

An appeals court on Tuesday sentenced Rep. Kweon Seong-dong of the main opposition People Power Party to a two-year prison term on charges of accepting illegal political funds from the Unification Church. The Seoul High Court handed down the sentence after finding him guilty of accepting 100 million won (\$68,000) from a church official seeking favors from the former administration of President Yoon Suk Yeol. The sentence matched the ruling of a lower court in January. (Yonhap)

- [TWS renews career sales record in 1 day](#) (2026-04-28 02:18)

The fifth EP from TWS sold more than 830,000 copies on the day of its release, hitting a career best in terms of albums sold in a single day, agency Pledis Entertainment announced Tuesday. "No Tragedy," released Monday, surpassed the accumulated sales of the group's previous EP "Play Hard," upon release, landing atop the daily album sales chart in Korea. The latest effort received over 1.16 million in pre-orders, elevating hopes for the group's first million-seller. Focus track "You, You" entere

- ['Running Man' creator talks 16 years on-air, hopes to invite BTS' V](#) (2026-04-28 02:17)

SBS' s “Running Man,” featuring Korean entertainment staples Yoo Jae-suk, Kim Jong-kook and Jee Seok-jin, aired its 800th episode on Sunday, extending its run as South Korea' s longest-running variety show. Below is an interview distributed by SBS with producer Kang Hyeong-seon, the show' s lead creator, speaking about how the series reached the milestone and the key factors behind its longevity. Kang: I first joined “Running Man” as an assistant director about 10 years ago, in 2016, and worked on

- [S. Korea identifies remains of another soldier killed during Korean War](#) (2026-04-28 02:10)

South Korea's military has identified the remains of another soldier killed during the 1950-53 Korean War, raising the number of such service members to 273, the defense ministry said Tuesday. The ministry's Agency for KIA Recovery and Identification and the 21st Infantry Division recovered the remains of late Cpl. Kim Pan-seong near Yanggu, 175 kilometers northeast of the capital, in 2024, according to the ministry. KIA stands for killed in action. Kim, who joined the military service in May 19

- [Trumps call for ABC to fire Jimmy Kimmel -- again -- after morbid joke about first lady](#) (2026-04-28 02:08)

Donald and Melania Trump both called for ABC to fire Jimmy Kimmel on Monday after a joke last week in which the late-night comic described the first lady as having “the glow of an expectant widow.” The remark about the president's wife was part of a routine on Thursday's “Jimmy Kimmel Live” where the host pretended to deliver a comedy routine at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner. That event two nights later was cut short when a man armed with guns and knives tried to enter the W

- [Le Sserafim teams up with Roblox, logs 700m on Spotify](#) (2026-04-28 02:04)

Le Sserafim has taken over the Roblox Seoul map in partnership with the global game platform, according to its agency Source Music on Tuesday. Fans will be able to practice the choreography to “Celebration,” a prerelease track from the group's second full-length album, “Pureflow pt. 1.” Fans can also join the avatars of the five members on stage in one of the platform' s most popular games, Berry Ave. “Celebration” was unveiled Friday, well ahead of the album due out on May 22. Four remix version

- ['Salmokji' crosses 2m admissions, first for Korean horror in 8 years](#) (2026-04-28 02:01)

Water-ghost horror film “Salmokji: Whispering Water” has crossed 2 million admissions, the first homegrown fright flick to clear the bar in eight years. The film's cumulative tally reached 2.02 million as of Tuesday morning, according to the Korean Film Council's box office tracker. The last Korean horror to pull it off was “Gonjiam: Haunted Asylum” in 2018. Director Lee Sang-min's feature debut has topped the local box office every day since its April 8 opening. It is also the second Korean rel

- [Appeals court set to rule on ex-first lady's corruption charges](#) (2026-04-27 23:55)

An appeals court was set to rule Tuesday on corruption charges against former first lady Kim Keon Hee, following a lower court sentence of one year and eight months in prison. Kim, who faces charges of accepting luxury goods from the Unification Church and involvement in a stock price manipulation scheme, was set to be sentenced during a 3 p.m. hearing at the Seoul High Court. The session will be broadcast live. Special counsel Min Joong-ki's team has sought a 15-year prison term for the wife of

- [USTR criticizes Korea's network usage fee policy in X post](#) (2026-04-27 23:53)

The US government has renewed its criticism of South Korea's network usage fee policy, underscoring a persistent friction point in bilateral trade relations. The Office of the United States Trade Representative said Monday (local time) in a post on X that “no country in the world imposes network usage fees on the transmission of internet traffic by its internet Service providers. Except Korea.” Washington has long regarded this particular Korean policy as a representative non-tariff barrier. The

- [\[Graphic News\] 8 in 10 Koreans satisfied with life, highest since 2013](#) (2026-04-27 23:00)

Eight in 10 South Koreans reported being satisfied with their lives, according to Statistics Korea. In its “2025 Social Indicators of Korea” report, the agency said 80.8 percent expressed overall life satisfaction, up 5.2 percentage points from a year earlier and the highest level since 2013. By age group, those in their 30s and 40s reported the highest satisfaction at 85.2 percent and 85 percent, respectively, while people aged 60 and older recorded the lowest at 75.1 percent. By income, respon

- [Three cups of coffee a day linked to more muscle: study](#) (2026-04-27 22:00)

People who drink coffee three times a day had more muscle mass than those who drank it less than once a day, a Korean research team said Monday, though the researchers cautioned that the study does not prove coffee directly changes body composition. The team, led by Park Sang-min at Seoul National University College of Medicine, analyzed data from the Korea National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey collected between 2008 and 2011, the university said. The study examined 15,447 adults aged

- [\[Lim Woong\]The dangers of Korean lobbying in Washington](#) (2026-04-27 20:30)

As a scholar observing the shifting dynamics of the US-South Korea alliance, I have become increasingly concerned by what appears to be a notable new pattern: The utilization of Washington's lobbying machinery by corporate leaders seeking to avoid legal accountability in Seoul. Recent interventions by the US government and members of Congress on behalf of Coupang and Hybe (the entertainment company behind the K-pop phenom BTS) point to not only the potential power of lobbying, but also, I would

- [\[Shigeru Omi\] Stay alert after Korea's vaccine win](#) (2026-04-27 20:30)

This year's World Immunization Week (April 24-30) carries a simple but powerful message: "For every generation, vaccines work." It is a timely reminder for Korea, a country whose public health success was shaped by vaccination. Although Korea is now seen as an advanced economy with strong health institutions, this confidence was built over decades of sustained investment in prevention, public trust and collective action. Vaccination has been a foundation of that progress. I have seen that transf

- [\[Andrew Sheng\] Moving to stable, inclusive order](#) (2026-04-27 20:30)

The old order is being destroyed before our eyes. With volatility players making billions from Trump's "war-on, war-off" announcements on the Iranian war, the rest of us are finally convinced that geopolitical rivalry is all about who controls energy, water, food and technology. Geography and ego determine destiny. War aside, adults who care about peaceful long-term stability have to address the perennial tough transitions to a more just, inclusive and ecologically sustainable global order. Idea

- [Court begins ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-27 11:59)

An appeals court held the first preliminary hearing of former President Yoon Suk Yeol's insurrection trial Monday over his failed 2024 martial law bid after a lower court sentenced him to life imprisonment. The session at the Seoul High Court followed appeals from both Yoon and a special counsel team over the February ruling that convicted the ousted president on charges of leading an insurrection through his martial law declaration on Dec. 3, 2024. Special counsel Cho Eun-suk's team had demande

- [Police launch probe into medical syringe hoarding amid war-related shortage](#) (2026-04-27 10:52)

Police said Monday they have launched an investigation into four companies suspected of hoarding medical syringes in violation of a government ban amid a shortage caused by the Middle East conflict. The four were among 32 companies caught during a special crackdown by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety to ensure compliance with the government measure, which was recently adopted amid shortage concerns prompted by the Middle East war. The prolonged war is disrupting naphtha supplies, limiting th

- [Struggling Eagles reliever Kim Seo-hyeon demoted to minors](#) (2026-04-27 10:18)

The Hanwha Eagles on Monday demoted their slumping reliever Kim Seo-hyeon to the minor leagues. Kim was removed from the active roster for the Korea Baseball Organization (KBO) club after pitching to a 9.00 ERA in eight innings across nine outings, while going 1-2 with just one save. Kim has walked a whopping 14 batters and hit two others, but has struck out just five. A player sent to the minors must spend at least 10 days there. The lowlight of Kim's fourth season came against the Samsung Lion

- [20-yr prison term sought for ex-justice minister in martial law case](#) (2026-04-27 10:12)

A special counsel team on Monday sought a 20-year prison term for former Justice Minister Park Sung-jae on charges of playing a key role in former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid and granting undue favors to Yoon's wife. The team led by special counsel Cho Eun-suk made the sentence request during the final hearing of Park's trial at the Seoul Central District Court, saying it calls for strict judgment in order to sound the alarm on "a jurist who destroys the law." Park is accuse

- [Twins lose closer You Young-chan to elbow fracture](#) (2026-04-27 10:09)

The LG Twins announced Monday their All-Star closer You Young-chan has been diagnosed with a stress fracture in his right elbow that will require surgery. The Twins, the 2025 Korean Series champions, didn't give an exact timeline for You's return, only saying the pitcher will undergo further tests at a hospital in Yokohama, Japan, before deciding where he will go under the knife. You suffered the injury after making a pitch during Friday's Korea Baseball Organization (KBO) regular-season game ag

- [Lee, DeepMind CEO discuss AI future, guardrails after AlphaGo decade](#) (2026-04-27 09:36)

President Lee Jae Myung and Google DeepMind CEO Demis Hassabis met to discuss the promise and peril of artificial intelligence, including global guardrails and basic income for a society increasingly being reshaped by AI. The meeting at Cheong Wa Dae in Seoul on Monday came about 10 years after AlphaGo's landmark Go match in the city helped usher in the modern era of AI in 2016. "The two sides held in-depth discussions on the rapid recent advances in AI technology, the direction of future develo

- [Rom-com star Park Bo-young switches gears for gold heist thriller](#) (2026-04-27 09:34)

Disney+ is betting big on transformation with its latest tentpole Korean original, "Gold Land." The crime thriller sees the nation's sweetheart Park Bo-young shed her familiar image for a woman with nothing left to hold on to — except a gold chest worth over a million dollars. Airport security officer Hee-joo, played by Park, becomes ensnared in a slew of escalating events after she finds a chest containing one ton of gold. What follows is a ruthless chase as Hee-joo competes against a host of f

- [NexZ asserts its own rhythm with 2nd EP 'Mmchk'](#) (2026-04-27 09:12)

Boy band NexZ returned Monday with a playful but confident declaration of identity, unveiling its second EP, "Mmchk," built around the group's own rhythm and attitude. At a press showcase in Yongsan-gu, central Seoul, the seven-member act — Tomoya, Yu, Haru, Sogeon, Seita, Hyui and Yuki — introduced the album as its first release in six months, since "Beat-Boxer" in October 2025. " 'Mmchk' reflects how we define ourselves — choosing our own standards and enjoying things in our own way rather than

- [South Korean golfers climbing in rankings](#) (2026-04-27 09:00)

Kim Si-woo continued his upward movement in the world rankings, setting a new career-high. In the men's golf world rankings released on Monday, Kim moved up one spot from 26th last week to 25th. He did so without competing in a tournament last week, as he was resting, surpassing his previous career-best ranking. Kim has been on a steady upward trend recently. At the RBC Heritage, he finished tied for third, which lifted him from 30th to 26th in the world rankings and matched his previous career-

- [Was Byun Woo-seok's 'Perfect Crown' costume not hanbok? KHS rules spark debate](#) (2026-04-27 08:46)

A "cheollik" outfit worn by actor Byun Woo-seok in the hit drama "Perfect Crown" has put Korea's palace admission rules back in the spotlight, after a tourist wearing a similar traditional garment was allegedly denied free entry to Gyeongbokgung. Under guidelines from the Korea Heritage Service's Royal Palaces and Tombs Center, visitors wearing traditional or modernized hanbok can enter four of Seoul's five major royal palaces and Jongmyo Shrine for free, as long as the outfit consists of a top,

- [Ex-Unification Church official gets 18 months in prison in appeal over bribery scandal](#) (2026-04-27 08:12)

The Seoul High Court sentenced former Unification Church official Yun Young-ho to one year and six months in prison on Monday for embezzling church funds intended as bribes for key political figures, including former first lady Kim Keon Hee. The sentence was heavier than the one-year, two-month imprisonment he received from a lower court in January. The appellate court upheld the lower court's finding that Yun provided Kim with a luxury necklace and a Chanel handbag worth 12.7 million won (\$8,600)

- [More Koreans are splitting their food and groceries with strangers](#) (2026-04-27 08:03)

Many Koreans are engaging in the rising trend of shared shopping and food delivery as single-person households and the cost of living continue to rise. "Sobun (subdividing) meeting" refers to a gathering of strangers who meet to share groceries or delivered food that a single person may not be able to finish alone. Such meetings are usually convened through mobile-based communities, such as the second-hand market platform Karrot. In one Karrot group, Seoul residents find others to split Costco's

- [Forensic investigator fined for stealing gold necklace from corpse](#) (2026-04-27 07:57)

An Incheon forensic investigator was fined 10 million won (\$6,800) for stealing a gold necklace from the body of a man found dead at a villa, a local court said Monday. The Incheon District Court convicted the investigator, a civil servant in his 30s assigned to the Incheon Metropolitan Police Agency's forensic investigation unit, of theft. He was indicted on charges of taking a 30-don, or 112.5-gram, gold necklace worth about 20 million won from the neck of a man in his 50s who was found dead a

- [Can garlic help Korean cattle burp less methane?](#) (2026-04-27 07:57)

A natural feed additive developed in South Korea has been found to cut methane emissions from hanwoo, Korea's native beef cattle, by more than 14 percent, clearing the national threshold for low-methane feed certification and raising the prospect of commercialization. The additive, called MGOsyn, was developed by the city of Jeongeup, North Jeolla Province, and the Microbial Institute for Fermentation Industry as part of efforts to turn livestock carbon reduction technology into a local growth i

- [Google DeepMind CEO seeks deeper AI ties with Samsung, SK hynix, Hyundai, LG](#) (2026-04-27 07:51)

Demis Hassabis, the Google DeepMind co-founder and CEO known as the architect behind AlphaGo, will meet senior executives from Korean companies including Samsung Electronics, SK hynix, Hyundai Motor during his visit to Seoul. "We hope to be a big area of collaboration for us going forward on the industrial side and commercial side. We already have very deep partnerships with many of the world-class companies here from Samsung Electronics, SK hynix, Hyundai Motor through Boston Dynamics and LG Ele

- [HD Hyundai Heavy lands \\$349m icebreaker deal in Sweden](#) (2026-04-27 07:05)

HD Hyundai Heavy Industries has become the first Korean shipyard to secure an overseas order for a dedicated icebreaking vessel, marking a milestone in its expansion into high-value specialized ships. The company said Monday it held a signing ceremony Friday in Stockholm with the Swedish Maritime Administration for the construction and delivery of the vessel. The event, held at the National Maritime Museum, was attended by Joo Won-ho, head of HD HHI's naval and special ship business unit, and Er

- [Seoul stocks close at a new record high amid AI-led tech rally](#) (2026-04-27 06:59)

Seoul stocks shattered a new record Monday, to close at a fresh high, boosted by an artificial intelligence-led chip and power equipment rally, ahead of upcoming earnings releases from global big tech companies. The Korean won rose against the US dollar. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index closed up 139.4 points, or 2.15 percent, to 6,615.03. The record high closing comes amid growing anticipation over corporate earnings, amid strong earnings from major tech companies in the AI suppl

- [China's EVs level up, as global rivals scramble to adapt](#) (2026-04-27 06:55)

BEIJING — Chinese automakers are rapidly shedding their reputation as budget electric vehicle producers, unveiling high-performance, software-driven models at the country's premiere auto show, while foreign rivals rush to localize their strategies to remain relevant in the world's largest automotive market. At the Auto China 2026 trade show, Chinese manufacturers are showcasing breakthroughs in battery technology, autonomous driving, artificial intelligence and in-car digital systems, reflecting

- [Mirae Asset's Tiger 200 IT ETF tops W1tr on AI demand](#) (2026-04-27 06:48)

Mirae Asset Global Investments said Monday its Tiger 200 IT ETF has surpassed 1 trillion won (\$679 million) in net assets, highlighting strong investor appetite for artificial intelligence infrastructure plays. According to the Korea Exchange, the exchange-traded fund's assets marked 1.13 trillion won as of April 24, with a year-to-date return of 89.86 percent. The strong performance reflects a strategy that goes beyond semiconductors to capture broader beneficiaries of AI infrastructure expansion

- [K-pop's most powerful man Bang Si-hyuk may be its biggest risk](#) (2026-04-27 06:18)

The possible indictment of Hybe Chairman Bang Si-hyuk for violating capital markets law could send ripples far beyond the company, dealing a significant blow to the broader K-pop industry, according to industry insiders. Bang is alleged to have misled Hybe's existing investors in 2019 — a year before the company's initial public offering — by falsely claiming there were no IPO plans, while arranging for the company executives to offload their shares through a special-purpose company established

- [Kospi rally pushes Korea market cap above W6,000tr](#) (2026-04-27 06:16)

South Korea's stock market capitalization surpassed 6,000 trillion won (\$4.1 trillion) for the first time Monday, backed by a blistering Kospi rally that pushed the index past the 6,600 point mark for the first time. The combined market cap stood at 6,104.69 trillion won as of closing, according to the Korea Exchange. By market, the main board Kospi accounted for 5,439.87 trillion won, taking up roughly 90 percent of the total market. The secondary Kosdaq and entry-level Konex stood at 678.68 tr

- [N. Korea, Russia signal next step in military ties with 5-year plan](#) (2026-04-27 06:15)

North Korea and Russia could be moving to formalize a five-year military cooperation plan, a step analysts view as a potential sign of a shift toward a more institutionalized alliance involving arms, technology transfers, joint training and personnel exchanges. Russian Defense Minister Andrei Belousov told North Korean leader Kim Jong-un during talks in Pyongyang that Moscow is prepared to sign a “Russian-Korean military cooperation plan for the 2027-2031 period” this year, according to Russia's

- [Hanwha Ocean beats Q1 forecasts on LNG-led profits](#) (2026-04-27 06:12)

Hanwha Ocean posted a first-quarter earnings surprise, driven by a high-margin shipbuilding portfolio centered on liquefied natural gas carriers, as demand for alternative fuels strengthened amid Middle East-driven energy volatility. According to the company's earnings call Monday, operating profit for the January-March period rose 70.6 percent on-year to 441.1 billion won (\$300 million), while revenue edged up 2.1 percent to 3.21 trillion won. The results exceeded market expectations of 3.29 tr

- [Samsung Biologics sweats over strike threat](#) (2026-04-27 06:06)

Samsung Biologics' growth outlook faces uncertainty as a first-ever strike for the firm raises risks to production and client trust. Samsung Biologics' labor union has asked for a 14 percent average wage increase, a 30 million won (\$20,400) cash payout per worker, and a bonus equivalent to 20 percent of operating profit. The company has reportedly offered a 6.2 percent wage increase. While the two sides have yet to find solid middle ground, the Incheon District Court on Thursday ruled that a str

- [Shinhan Bank deepens Vietnam ties with series of deals](#) (2026-04-27 06:04)

Shinhan Bank said Monday it joined a South Korean government-led economic delegation to Vietnam, signing a series of agreements with key local partners to expand its presence in the market. The move aims to strengthen its financial cooperation base and support Korean and Vietnamese companies operating across both markets. CEO Jung Sang-hyuk met with Nguyen Ngoc Canh, deputy gov. of the State Bank of Vietnam, to discuss financing support for Korean firms entering Vietnam, as well as cooperation i

- [LG CNS brings ChatGPT Edu to Korea](#) (2026-04-27 06:04)

LG CNS said Monday it has signed a reseller partnership with OpenAI to supply its ChatGPT Edu service to educational institutions, expanding into the AI transformation market for education. ChatGPT Edu is a version of ChatGPT tailored for schools and universities, supporting tasks such as generating lecture materials, organizing research and reports, and providing personalized tutoring. It offers enterprise-grade security, allowing students, faculty and researchers to use the service without con

- [Hyundai Ioniq gains on Tesla as oil prices drive EV demand](#) (2026-04-27 06:03)

Hyundai Motor' s electric vehicle sales in the US jumped in March as surging oil prices fueled demand, sharpening its challenge to Tesla' s dominance. According to industry sources Monday, Hyundai' s EV sales in the US rose by approximately 40 percent in March from the previous month. The Ioniq 5 crossover SUV led the growth, with 4,425 units sold, up 37 percent from 3,234 in February. The Ioniq 9 SUV also gained momentum, jumping 79 percent to 905 units from 505 in the same period. As a result, sa

- [Brokerages emerge as profit engines for financial groups](#) (2026-04-27 05:58)

Securities firms under major financial holding groups emerged as key profit drivers in the first quarter, posting strong earnings on the back of a stock market rally. Brokerage units of South Korea's five largest financial groups reported a combined net profit of 1.23 trillion won (\$836 million), up 132.3 percent from 529 billion won in the previous quarter. NH Investment & Securities led with 475.7 billion won in net profit, followed by KB Securities with 347.8 billion won and Shinhan Investmen

- [Meet Korea' s priciest stock — and find out why it' s surging](#) (2026-04-27 05:51)

Hyosung Heavy Industries, the highest-priced stock on the local market, surged past the 4 million won (\$2,700) mark shortly in early trading Monday, supported by robust order momentum. After opening at 3.99 million won, just below the key threshold, the stock climbed to as high as 4.006 million won. It later pared some gains to trade at 3.94 million won as of 1:25 p.m., still up 10.9 percent from the previous session. The stock has nearly doubled from 2.1 million won as of Feb. 6, extending its

- [South Korea's first AI film hits theaters. But is it watchable?](#) (2026-04-27 05:47)

In a near-future where AI sits in every household, an AI-powered robot police officer hunts a child it has flagged as a future criminal. A grieving father takes the algorithm to court. That is the conceit of "I'm Popo," billed by its distributor as the first South Korean feature with visuals generated entirely by AI. Director Kim Il-dong, a webtoon artist making his feature directing debut, wrote the script and ran the prompts himself. Voice work was handled by professional voice actors, but no

- [Lee Boo-jin buyback lifts Hotel Shilla to 52-week high](#) (2026-04-27 05:37)

Hotel Shilla shares surged Monday to a 52-week high after CEO Lee Boo-jin began a planned 200 billion won (\$136 million) share buyback, and stronger-than-expected earnings fueled hopes for a turnaround after a prolonged period of lackluster growth. As of 2 p.m., the stock was trading at around 65,700 won, up 5.5 percent from Friday's close. It had climbed as high as 67,800 won earlier, breaking its 52-week high and reaching the strongest level since late 2023. Monday marked the first day of Lee'

- [Yoon Ina ties for 4th at Chevron Championship](#) (2026-04-27 05:36)

Yoon Ina tied for fourth place Sunday at the Chevron Championship, posting her best career finish in a major on the LPGA Tour. Yoon shot a 4-under 68 in the final round at Memorial Park Golf Course, recording seven birdies and three bogeys to finish at 12-under 276. She shared fourth place with Liu Yan. The finish followed another fourth-place result last week at the JM Eagle LA Championship, giving Yoon consecutive top-five finishes and her third top-10 of the season. After dominating the KLPGA

- [AI boom moves down the supply chain, lifting Samsung Electro-Mechanics](#) (2026-04-27 05:35)

The artificial intelligence capital spending boom has spilled past memory and logic chips into the component tier of the supply chain, and Samsung Electro-Mechanics has become the Korean name with the clearest leverage to it. Shares of the Samsung group affiliate jumped 93.37 percent between March 31 and April 24, closing Friday at 788,000 won (\$536) after opening Monday at 792,000 won, according to Korea Exchange data. The stock hit an intraday record of 816,000 won on April 22 and set fresh pe

- [Why the shelves of your nearest CU look empty](#) (2026-04-27 05:31)

Some CU convenience stores across South Korea are running low on food and daily necessities as a weeklong logistics strike continues to disrupt deliveries, with no clear end in sight. Since April 5, members of Cargo Truckers Solidarity, under the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, have been blocking access to key distribution centers operated by BGF Retail in cities including Jinju, Hwaseong, Anseong and Naju, slowing or halting shipments to stores. As the disruption spread to production, a

- [KOICA chief seeks to expand development cooperation with Vietnam](#) (2026-04-27 05:24)

The head of South Korea's official development assistance agency visited Hanoi last week to inspect ongoing projects and discuss ways to expand development assistance between Korea and Vietnam, the Korea International Cooperation Agency said Monday. On Thursday, KOICA president Chang Won-sam visited the Nguyen Dinh Chieu School for visually impaired students in Hanoi, Vietnam, to review progress on phase two of a project to improve the quality of inclusive education for children with disabilities

- [When dementia freezes money, aging Korea turns to public trusts](#) (2026-04-27 05:21)

Experts have called for South Korea's new public trust pilot program for dementia patients to be expanded and paired with reforms to the country's guardianship system, as the government moves to address the growing problem of frozen assets held by older people with cognitive decline. The Ministry of Health and Welfare announced on Wednesday that it is launching a pilot program for what it calls "a safe asset management service for dementia patients." Under the program, the National Pension Servi

- [LG Innotek profit more than doubles on camera, chip demand](#) (2026-04-27 05:09)

LG Innotek posted a 136 percent jump in first-quarter operating profit, beating expectations as steady demand for smartphone camera modules and high-end semiconductor substrates offset seasonal weakness. The company reported Monday that its operating profit rose to 295.3 billion won (\$201 million) in the January-March period, while revenue increased 11.1 percent to a record 5.53 trillion won for a first quarter. Operating profit topped the one-month consensus of 236.9 billion won, according to F

- [Brokers cash in on Korea's refugee review delays: report](#) (2026-04-27 05:09)

Brokers are turning South Korea's refugee application process into a backdoor route for long-term stays, with 109 people caught arranging false claims between 2021 and 2025, a local media outlet reported Monday, citing Justice Ministry data. According to the Korean-language daily JoongAng Ilbo, all 109 people are subject to criminal or administrative punishment. Excluding cases still under review, 57 were sentenced to prison terms and 13 were fined, the ministry said. The number rose from nine i

- [Lee Jung-hoo's fiery performance leads Giants' victory](#) (2026-04-27 05:08)

Lee Jung-hoo, nicknamed "Grandson of the Wind," has shaken off his early-season slump and is surging at the plate for the San Francisco Giants. Lee matched a career high with four hits in a game and raised his batting average above .300 in the Giants' 6-3 victory over the Miami Marlins on Sunday at Oracle Park. Batting leadoff and playing right field, Lee went 4 for 5 with a triple and two runs scored. It was the third four-hit game of his MLB career and his first since Sept. 6 against the St. L

- [A fifth of New York prices: Why Seoul is a bargain for many travelers](#) (2026-04-27 05:07)

For international travelers watching their budgets, Seoul is emerging as one of the world's most cost-effective major cities, with prices often a fraction of those in top tourism destinations. A recent analysis by Yanolja Research, a private research institute operated by the Korean travel-tech company Yanolja, Seoul was one of the most competitively priced destinations in terms of accommodation, transportation and dining costs across major cities. The average hotel rate stands at \$89.90 per nig

- [Korean university project helped Sri Lanka build pandemic lab](#) (2026-04-27 05:03)

A South Korean university project helped Sri Lanka build its first immunology and molecular medicine department, which later became the country's only infectious disease analysis center during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Education Ministry said Monday. The project, led by Sungkyunkwan University, established the department at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in July 2020 as part of Korea's university-based international cooperation program. After the pandemic, the Sri Lankan government funde

- ['Switch-on' diet: Why people are swapping meals for protein shakes](#) (2026-04-27 04:40)

A new diet trend centered on protein intake and metabolic "resetting" is gaining traction among women in their 20s and 30s, fueled by social media buzz and a rapidly expanding market for ready-to-drink protein products. Known as the "switch-on diet," the regimen combines low-carbohydrate eating with intermittent fasting, aiming to shift the body toward fat metabolism. The approach, popularized by physician Park Yong-woo, has drawn widespread attention online, with related video content amassing

- [Zerobaseone to return with sixth EP "Ascend-" on May 18](#) (2026-04-27 04:40)

Zerobaseone is set to return with its sixth EP "Ascend-" on May 18, signaling a new phase in the group's musical direction. The upcoming EP marks the group's first release as a five-member act. Originally formed through the survival show "Boys Planet," four members left Zerobaseone after their contracts expired. Via its social media channels, the group unveiled a poster teasing the upcoming release. The image features a large wooden speaker inscribed with the members' names, hinting at the group

- [Military duty persists as axis of gender conflict in Korea](#) (2026-04-27 04:35)

A recent court ruling has reignited one of South Korea's most sensitive social debates: whether military service should translate into tangible advantages in civilian life and, if so, who bears the cost. Last week, the Seoul Administrative Court ruled that a personnel system granting higher starting ranks to employees with military service may constitute gender discrimination if it affects promotions. The court said such practices place women, who are not subject to conscription, at a disadvantage.

- [Assembly speaker urges opposition to drop party line against constitutional revision](#) (2026-04-27 04:35)

National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik on Monday urged the main opposition People Power Party to drop its official stance against a constitutional revision bill, warning that the party would bear responsibility. Woo made the appeal at a news conference 10 days before the National Assembly is set to vote on the constitutional amendment bill on May 7, a mandatory step toward holding a referendum simultaneously with the June 3 local elections. Given the current makeup of the Assembly, the bill — wh

- [NCT's Taeyong to release first LP 'Wyld'](#) (2026-04-27 04:24)

Taeyong of NCT is set to expand his solo career with the release of his first LP, “Wyld,” on May 18. According to SM Entertainment, “Wyld” will consist of 10 tracks, led by the title track. “Wyld” holds particular significance for Taeyong, as he took part in writing the lyrics for all tracks and composing for nine of them, while also contributing to the album's overall production. The new album is “expected to reflect a more introspective and refined artistic identity, highlighting Taeyong's gro

- [Son Suk-ku, Ha Jung-woo to portray Roh Tae-woo, Chun Doo-hwan in Netflix film](#) (2026-04-27 04:21)

Netflix has greenlit "The Generals" (working title), a political drama from director Yoon Jong-bin, with Ha Jung-woo and Son Suk-ku attached to star, the streamer announced Monday. The film follows the late former president Roh Tae-woo, who held office from 1988 to 1993 and was the last South Korean leader with a military background to take the country's top job. Son will play Roh, described by Netflix as a man who "always stood just to the side of absolute power." Ha will take on Chun Doo-hwan,

- [Man breaks into ex-girlfriend's home, kills her cat](#) (2026-04-27 04:11)

A man in his 20s was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for two years, for breaking into his former girlfriend's home and beating her cat to death after the animal scratched him. The Suwon District Court found the man guilty of home invasion, property damage and violating the Animal Protection Act. It also ordered him to perform 80 hours of community service. The man broke into his former girlfriend's home in Yongin, Gyeonggi Province, in August, while she was away. After her cat scrat

- [Korea's competition show boom returns to fashion with 'Kill It'](#) (2026-04-27 04:08)

From Netflix's megahit "Culinary Class Wars" to Coupang Play's "Just Makeup," almost everything seems to be getting the survival-series treatment in Korea. Fashion is the latest to return to the wave, with cable network tvN set to launch a new competition entertainment series titled "Kill It." According to CJ ENM, which operates tvN, the show follows the company's earlier fashion competition hits, including "Korea's Next Top Model" and "Project Runway Korea." The series brings together 100 trend

- [Global military spending surges on insecurity: report](#) (2026-04-27 04:07)

STOCKHOLM (AFP) -- Global military spending reached nearly \$2.9 trillion in 2025, marking an 11th consecutive year of growth, researchers said Monday, as insecurity and rearmament fueled defense budgets. The three top spenders -- the US, China and Russia -- spent a combined total of \$1.48 trillion, just over half of global expenditure. Spending rose by 2.9 percent compared with 2024, despite a reduction by the US, the world's biggest spender, according to a report by the Stockholm International

- [Asian Games may move to odd years from 2030](#) (2026-04-27 03:54)

The Asian Games are being considered for a shift from even-numbered to odd-numbered years, following recommendations from the International Olympic Committee. If the proposal is approved, the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games would proceed as scheduled. However, subsequent editions, Doha 2030 and Riyadh 2034, would be pushed back by one year to 2031 and 2035, respectively. The move, however, raises concerns over a potential 5-year gap between the 2026 Games and the rescheduled Doha edition in 2031.

- [Hands off: New Cadillac Escalade puts GM's Super Cruise to the test](#) (2026-04-27 03:22)

General Motors has introduced the new Cadillac Escalade in Korea, marking the first internal combustion model on the market to feature its enhanced hands-free driving system, Super Cruise, as demand for advanced driver-assistance technologies grows. First introduced in 2017, Super Cruise was the industry's first hands-free driver-assistance system. It allows drivers to take their hands off the wheel and feet off the pedals on pre-mapped highways, while still requiring active attention. The syste

- [Malian defense chief is killed as jihadis and rebels seize towns and military bases](#) (2026-04-27 03:22)

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Mali 's defense minister was killed in a sweeping attack by jihadis and rebels who seized several towns and military bases, authorities said Sunday, the latest violence in the junta-run country that has long battled militants linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group as well as a separatist rebellion in the north. The Malian government confirmed the death of the defense chief, Gen. Sadio Camara, in a post on the Defense Ministry's Facebook page, and expressed its condo

- [Colombia road bombing death toll rises to 20](#) (2026-04-27 03:12)

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) -- The death toll in a weekend highway bombing in Colombia rose to 20, with another 36 people injured, the local department's governor said Sunday on X. The attack -- which local and national officials are blaming on armed groups -- comes one month before the country holds presidential elections on May 31. Cauca Department Gov. Octavio Guzman described the bombing as the area's "most brutal and ruthless attack against the civilian population in decades," adding that it left

- [Syria' s trial of Assad-era officials opens in Damascus](#) (2026-04-27 02:56)

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The first public trial in Syria of officials linked to the rule of former President Bashar Assad opened Sunday in Damascus. Atef Najib, a former Syrian army brigadier general who was head of the Political Security Branch in southern Syria's Daraa province under Assad and who is also a cousin of the former president, appeared in the courtroom to face charges related to “crimes against the Syrian people,” state-run news agency SANA reported. Najib was in that position in 201

- [Park Chan-wook's next project is a western](#) (2026-04-27 02:39)

Park Chan-wook is heading to the Wild West for his next feature, "The Brigands of Rattlecreek," with Matthew McConaughey, Austin Butler, Pedro Pascal and Tang Wei rounding out the cast. The South Korean filmmaker, who is set to lead the jury at this year's Cannes Film Festival, will direct the adaptation of S. Craig Zahler's ("Bone Tomahawk," "Dragged Across Concrete") original script. Patrick Wachsberger's Legendary-backed sales label 193 will handle international rights and begin presales at C

- [Monte Carlo Ballet brings ‘Swan Lake’ reinterpretation ‘Lac’ to Korea](#) (2026-04-27 02:39)

The Les Ballets de Monte-Carlo will visit Korea in May with “Lac,” a signature work by artistic director Jean-Christophe Maillot. Maillot’ s reinterpretation of “Swan Lake” transforms Tchaikovsky’ s classic through his distinctive contemporary lens. The French title "Lac" means lake. Premiered in Monaco in 2011, “Lac” recasts the fairy-tale romance as a tightly constructed psychological drama shaped by childhood trauma, family conflict, and the clash between good and evil. The production marks the

- [NewJeans' recent activities raise comeback speculations](#) (2026-04-27 02:35)

What appears to be a scheduler for a recording studio in Copenhagen circulated online, further fueling speculation that NewJeans is preparing to return. The document included the name of the group's agency, Ador, booking sessions for five days earlier in April. Around the same time, Haerin and Hyein were spotted at a store in the Danish capital, and Hani was said to have accompanied the two. Ador confirmed that the three visited the city on Monday, adding that “the visit was part of a preproduct

- [TVXQ marks Japan debut anniversary with 130,000 fans](#) (2026-04-27 02:27)

TVXQ drew a crowd of 130,000 fans over two shows at Nissan Stadium in Japan, where it celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Japanese debut. Held on Saturday and Sunday, the shows had added significance: TVXQ became the first and most frequent overseas act to perform at Nissan Stadium, having first taken the stage there in 2013 and 2018. Located in Yokohama, Nissan Stadium is Japan's largest-capacity stadium and hosts major international sporting events as well as high-attendance concerts. Throu

- [Lebanon says Israel strikes kill 14 in deadliest day since truce](#) (2026-04-27 02:25)

BEIRUT (AFP) -- Lebanon's Health Ministry said Israeli strikes on the country's south on Sunday killed 14 people, the deadliest day since a ceasefire in the Israel-Hezbollah war came into force over a week ago. It came as Israel and the Iran-backed group traded fresh accusations of breaching the fragile truce, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying the military was "vigorously" targeting Hezbollah and the group vowing to keep responding to "violations." Israel's military has carried out r

- [Two former Israeli prime ministers join forces against Netanyahu in upcoming elections](#) (2026-04-27 02:24)

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two Israeli political heavyweights on Sunday said they would join forces in elections scheduled for later this year in an effort to unseat longtime Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid served as prime ministers in a rotation agreement as part of a coalition government they formed in 2021, ending 12 years of Netanyahu's rule. Now they plan to merge their parties into single faction headed by Bennett, calling it a partnership between the center and the

- [Concealing student athlete abuse now punishable by immediate dismissal](#) (2026-04-27 02:24)

Coaches who conceal or fabricate evidence related to violence against student athletes can be dismissed immediately after a single offense under new Ministry of Education guidelines distributed to schools in March. Starting this school year, abuse of student athletes will be subject to tougher penalties under the new "one-strike" system. Coaches who physically abuse students may receive a suspension in some minor cases, but serious acts of physical violence can lead to dismissal. Sexual assault

- [NCT Wish' s 1st LP sells career-high 1.8m](#) (2026-04-27 02:16)

NCT Wish logged over 1.82 million units sold in the first week with its first full album "Ode to Love," label SM Entertainment said Monday. The subunit recorded its career-best first-week sales with its third consecutive million-selling album, surpassing sales of its second EP "Poppop," and its third EP "Color." The LP sold 1 million copies on the day of release. The title track peaked at No. 3 on Melon's Top 100, after debuting atop its Hot 100 chart. Meanwhile, the exhibition "Love Wish Be Ins

- [K bank, Ripple form strategic partnership on blockchain remittances](#) (2026-04-27 02:06)

South Korea's internet-only lender K bank has signed a strategic partnership with global blockchain firm Ripple to test blockchain-based technology for overseas remittances. The agreement was signed recently at K bank's headquarters in Seoul, the bank said Monday. Ceremony attendees included K bank CEO Choi Woo-hyung, Ripple Asia-Pacific Managing Director Fiona Murray and other officials from both companies. Founded in 2012, Ripple operates Ripple Payments, a global financial network used by mor

- [CJ CheilJedang partners Bach Hoa Xanh to expand K-food in Vietnam](#) (2026-04-27 01:49)

CJ CheilJedang has teamed up with Vietnamese supermarket chain Bach Hoa Xanh to expand its footprint in Vietnam's processed food market. The two companies signed a memorandum of understanding in Hanoi, Vietnam, last week on the sidelines of the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum. The signing was attended by Cho Jae-bom, CJ CheilJedang's APAC regional CEO, and Nguyen Duc Tai, CEO of Mobile World Group, along with government officials from both countries. Bach Hoa Xanh, part of Mobile World Group — one

- [Ukraine marks 40th anniversary of Chernobyl disaster under cloud of war](#) (2026-04-27 01:47)

KYIV, Ukraine (Reuters) -- Ukraine commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster on Sunday, amid fears that Russia's four-year war could spark a repeat of the world's worst nuclear accident that led to thousands of deaths and devastating environmental consequences. Marking the disaster -- which spewed radioactive material across much of Europe as Soviet authorities sought to hide its true scale -- has taken on sharp new meaning during Russia's invasion of its smaller neighbor. Kyiv

- [BoyNextDoor to return in June with 1st LP: report](#) (2026-04-27 01:44)

BoyNextDoor is gearing up for a June comeback and will drop a prerelease from its first studio album in May, according to a local media report Monday. The album will come about eight months after the group's fifth EP, "The Action." The last mini album sold more than 1 million copies, as did the two preceding sets, EPs "19.99" and "No Genre." The main track "Hollywood Action" won three first-place trophies on domestic television music chart shows. In February, they released a live album recording

- [CJ Olive Young takes K-beauty festival to Japan in global push](#) (2026-04-27 01:42)

CJ Olive Young will kick off its first global festival tour in Japan next month as it steps up efforts to expand the reach of K-beauty. The company said Monday it will hold "Olive Young Festa Japan 2026" from May 8 to 10 at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, marking the overseas debut of its flagship beauty event. First launched in 2019, Olive Young Festa is Korea's largest beauty festival focused on direct consumer engagement. The company is taking the event abroad this year to strengthen its global pres

- [Korea's market cap tops W6,000tr for first time](#) (2026-04-27 01:41)

South Korea's stock market capitalization surpassed 6,000 trillion won (\$4.1 trillion) for the first time on record during trading Monday, driven by broad-based gains. The combined market cap reached 6,031.97 trillion won in early trading, according to the Korea Exchange. By market, the benchmark Kospi accounted for 5,354.36 trillion won, while the secondary Kosdaq and the entry-level Konex stood at 673.97 trillion won and 3.64 trillion won, respectively. The milestone comes as the Kospi extends

- [And2ble to debut on May 26](#) (2026-04-27 01:35)

And2ble will release its first mini album "Sequence 01: Curiosity" on May 26, agency YH Entertainment announced Monday. On Friday, the final installment of the introductory teaser videos was unveiled. In the final trailer, a tremor of violin sounds breaks the silence, awakening member Zhang Hao. He, along with three former members of Zerobaseone and a new member, formed And2ble. It will debut eight days after the reorganized Zerobaseone, also as a five-member act, which is set to release its six

- [Marathon milestone shattered: Sabastian Sawe breaks the fabled 2-hour barrier by 30 seconds](#) (2026-04-27 01:18)

LONDON (AP) -- A pair of African distance runners took down what was once among the most unthinkable records in sports on Sunday, shattering the long-unapproachable two-hour barrier in the 42.195-kilometer marathon. Sabastian Sawe of Kenya won the London Marathon in 1 hour, 59 minutes and 30 seconds, bettering the previous men's world record by an astonishing 65 seconds. He beat Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha, who was running his first marathon and finished in 1:59.41. "What comes today is not for me

- [N. Korea opens memorial honoring own troops killed in Russia's war with Ukraine](#) (2026-04-27 01:08)

Pyongyang has opened a memorial honoring North Korean troops killed while fighting alongside Russia in the war against Ukraine, with leader Kim Jong-un stressing the need to strengthen Pyongyang-Moscow ties into a "powerful bulwark" in a ceremony marking its opening, state media reported Monday. The North held the opening ceremony of the Memorial Museum of Combat Feats at the Overseas Military Operations in Pyongyang the previous day on the occasion of the first anniversary of the "liberation" o

- [Ikea studies Korean living, redesigns around it](#) (2026-04-27 01:00)

South Koreans are more likely than the global average to view home as a place to unwind, yet less likely to feel satisfied with their own living spaces. So goes the recent finding of internal research by Ikea Korea, and that is the gap it aims to fill, according to Folkert van Keulen, the country commercial manager. "People want to improve their homes, but they are not always sure how to do it," said van Keulen in an interview with The Korea Herald on Wednesday. "For us, it's about making that k

- [Hanwha ramps up SAR satellite push with AI integration](#) (2026-04-27 01:00)

Hanwha Group is accelerating its push into the global space industry, expanding capabilities across satellite manufacturing, launch, ground operations and data services, as it seeks to position itself as a full-spectrum space solutions provider. At the center of the effort is Hanwha Systems, which has been strengthening its synthetic aperture radar, or SAR, satellite technology following the successful launch of Korea's first domestically developed small SAR satellite in December 2023. Unlike op

- [Seoul stocks open sharply higher despite faltering hopes for US-Iran peace talks](#) (2026-04-27 00:39)

Seoul stocks opened sharply higher Monday despite hopes of a breakthrough between the United States and Iran faltering further over the weekend. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 69.95 points, or 1.08 percent, to 6,545.58 in the first 15 minutes of trading. Soon after the market's opening, the index once hit a fresh intraday record of 6,557.78 points. On Friday stock indexes on Wall Street closed mixed, as investors pinned hopes that peace talks between the US and Iran will ma

- [Korean musicals enter season of revival and recalibration](#) (2026-04-27 00:36)

Korea's musical theater scene is entering a season of renewal, as a wave of original productions returns to the stage. Spanning long-running hits and newly reworked revivals, the current lineup reflects not only the resilience of Korean original musicals but also a broader shift toward refining existing works rather than continuously debuting new ones. Among the returning productions is "The Days," a flagship Korean original musical now in its seventh season, alongside a slate of revived and rew

- [Govt. starts rolling out cash aid for vulnerable groups amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-27 00:34)

Cash assistance for basic livelihood security recipients and other vulnerable groups began rolling out Monday as part of efforts to ease financial strains caused by rising oil prices amid the war in the Middle East. The government started accepting applications for the funds, which will allocate 550,000 won (\$372) for basic livelihood security recipients and 450,000 won per person for single-parent households and those just above the welfare eligibility threshold. Recipients outside Seoul or tho

- [Reward drive sparks unease in government ranks over fairness](#) (2026-04-26 23:58)

South Korean government ministries are rolling out unusually large performance bonuses for civil servants following President Lee Jae Myung's call to more aggressively reward results, a shift that is prompting debate over fairness and incentives within the bureaucracy. According to government officials, the largest award so far — 30 million won (\$22,000) — went to an 11-member task force at the Ministry of the Interior and Safety for its role in advancing the

proposed administrative integration

- [The night a big story came directly to Washington's journalists — hundreds of them](#) (2026-04-26 23:41)

Journalists in the nation's capital are accustomed to chasing stories. But on Saturday night, the story came to them — hundreds of them, gathered as President Donald Trump prepared to speak, thrust suddenly into chaos when a gunman tried to storm the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner. In the aftermath, safety and coverage blended as some of the nation's most powerful reporters and editors tried to figure out what was unfolding in front of them. Or in many cases, above them. M

- [Missing diver found 24 km away after 12 hours at sea](#) (2026-04-26 23:30)

A diver who went missing off the coast of Uljin, North Gyeongsang Province, was rescued in waters near Samcheok, Gangwon Province, about 24 kilometers from the site and roughly 12 hours after his disappearance, authorities said Sunday. According to the Uljin Coast Guard, the diver, a man in his 50s, was found at around 10:46 p.m. Saturday in waters near Imwon Port in Samcheok. He was first spotted floating in the water at around 10:08 p.m. by a passing cement carrier. Officials said the rescued

- [TXT, BTS both land in Billboard 200's top 5](#) (2026-04-26 23:07)

K-pop boy group Tomorrow X Together debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard 200 with their latest album, "7th Year: A Moment of Stillness in the Thorns." The album eared 69,000 equivalent album units in its first week, according to a chart preview released Sunday (US time), marking the group's eighth top 10 entry on the main albums chart. It placed behind country singer Ella Langley's "Dandelion" and Morgan Wallen's "I'm the Problem." Meanwhile, BTS' latest album, "Arirang," placed No. 4 with 62,000 e

- [Navy, Marine Corps hold large-scale amphibious landing drills in Pohang](#) (2026-04-26 23:06)

The Navy and Marine Corps launched a weeklong regular amphibious landing exercise in a southeastern coastal city last week, the armed services said Monday, in efforts to maintain combat readiness against diversifying threats in future warfare. Some 3,200 troops were deployed for the drills set to run through Thursday in coastal areas in Pohang, about 270 kilometers southeast of Seoul, according to the Navy and the Marine Corps. On Monday, the troops held the "decisive action" phase of the exerci

- [\[Graphic News\] Korean cosmetics exports hit record \\$3.1b in Q1](#) (2026-04-26 23:00)

South Korea's cosmetics exports rose to a record \$3.1 billion in the first quarter of 2026, marking a 19 percent increase from a year earlier, data from the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety showed. While outbound shipments in January and February remained largely in line with last year's levels, exports in March jumped 29.3 percent on-year to \$1.19 billion, lifting

the quarterly total to an all-time high. By destination, the United States ranked as the largest market, accounting for \$620 million

- [\[팟캐스트\] \(787\) 성과급 쟁탈전… 대기업 노조의 ‘편의 전쟁’](#) (2026-04-26 21:00)

진행자: 박준희, Chelsea Proctor 기사 요약: 반도체 호황으로 역대급 실적을 낸 SK하이닉스가 파격적인 성과급을 지급하자, 삼성전자와 현대자동차 노조도 각각 영업이익과 순이익의 일정 비율을 성과급으로 요구하며 사측과의 투쟁 수위를 높이고 있다. SK hynix workers got hefty bonuses. Now Samsung, Hyundai workers demand their share [1] Windfall bonuses at SK hynix, driven by strong earnings amid a global AI chip boom, are resetting pay benchmarks, as unions at Samsung Electronics and Hyundai Motor step up pressure for larger payouts, news reports said Monday. windfall: 뜻밖의 횡재 benchmark: 비교·평가의 기준(표준)

- [\[Yoo Choon-sik\] Responding constructively to outside warnings](#) (2026-04-26 20:30)

The memory of the November 1997 economic crisis still carries weight in South Korea. Faced with the risk of sovereign default, the country turned to a massive bailout led by the International Monetary Fund after having failed to push through painful domestic reforms in earlier years. While it is often recorded simply as one of many turbulent incidents or accidents, the warning signs had been building for quite some time. In the months before the bailout request, financial instability was already

- [\[Parmy Olson\] Hold line on digital fairness](#) (2026-04-26 20:30)

What if the next time you doom-scrolled through Instagram, X or TikTok, you reached an endpoint? It's hard to imagine. The so-called infinite scroll has become such a fixture of social media that our dopamine receptors have come to expect it, even though it's a time suck that undermines our mental health and serves no real purpose other than to keep us glued to an app for as long as possible. A new law being drafted by the European Commission is designed to turn this and other similar engagement

- [Lee to host luncheon with minor parties, independent lawmakers this week](#) (2026-04-26 12:39)

President Lee Jae Myung plans to host a luncheon meeting with lawmakers from minor parties and independent members of the National Assembly this week, Cheong Wa Dae said Sunday. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, with participants to include lawmakers from five non-negotiating parties, including the Rebuilding Korea Party and New Reform Party, as well as independents, according to presidential spokesperson Kang Yu-jung. The exact time and venue will be announced later, she added. At the m

- [Data of 100,000 leaked from golf course; N. Korean hacking suspected](#) (2026-04-26 12:39)

Personal information of around 100,000 customers has been leaked from a golf course, prompting a police investigation, sources said Sunday. The Korean National Police Agency is probing the case after the website of Lee & Lee Country Club in the county of Gapyeong, about

55 kilometers northeast of Seoul, was hacked, with data on about 100,000 individuals believed to have been compromised, according to the sources familiar with the issue. The leaked data includes names, dates of birth, gender, use

- [Foreign workers call for protection, equality in Seoul](#) (2026-04-26 12:12)

On Sunday, about 200 foreign nationals working in South Korea rallied in central Seoul, calling for equal treatment and sharing cases of both institutional and informal discrimination they say they have experienced in the workplace. The event, held ahead of International Workers' Day, came as many participants said they would be unable to take time off on the day despite the government's recent designation of it as a public holiday. The rally took place in front of the Seoul Regional Office of E

- [Early heat to ease after Monday night's rain](#) (2026-04-26 12:06)

Unseasonably warm conditions resembling early summer are expected to subside as temperatures return to seasonal norms following rain forecast for Monday night, weather authorities said. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration on Sunday, daytime highs in Seoul will range between 19 and 23 degrees Celsius through Friday. Most parts of the country are expected to see slightly cooler conditions compared to the past week. In Daegu, known for its basin topography that tends to trap heat,

- [Foreign workers call for protection, equality in Seoul](#) (2026-04-26 11:25)

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- [Rail overwork concerns rise after viral post, government eyes shift reform](#) (2026-04-26 09:09)

South Korea is weighing longer rest periods for railway controllers after a viral post about overwork raised safety concerns, the Transport Ministry said. The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said it is in talks with budget officials on expanding rest intervals, while stressing that the risk of a major incident remains low. No serious accidents linked to its control system have occurred in more than two decades, according to the ministry. The response came Saturday after a controll

- [K-pop's obsession with house music](#) (2026-04-26 08:35)

Electronic dance music has been a go-to for K-pop for over a decade: think Psy's "Gangnam Style," f(x)'s "4 Walls" and SHINee's "View." The trend resurged last year and has continued into 2026 with no signs of slowing, particularly among girl groups. The standout subgenre is house

music. Aespa's "Supernova" and "Whiplash," Le Sserafim's "Crazy" and Hearts2Hearts' "Focus" all drew on house influences. The wave continued this year with Starship Entertainment act KiiiKiii's "404 (New Era)," which t

- [HD Hyundai wins US Navy research contracts, 1st for Korean firm](#) (2026-04-26 08:06)

HD Hyundai said Sunday it has secured two research contracts from the US Office of Naval Research, the first such deal awarded to a Korean company. The agreements were signed at ONR headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, with officials including Chang Kwang-pil, head of the Future Technology Institute at HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering, and ONR Director Rachel Riley in attendance. Under the contracts, HD Hyundai will enhance the performance of naval vessels using artificial intelligen

- [S. Korea condemns WHCA shooting](#) (2026-04-26 07:53)

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Sunday condemned the shooting at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, offering condolences to the American people. An armed man rushed toward the high-profile journalists' gathering attended by US President Donald Trump. He fired shots outside the WHCA dinner at the Washington Hilton in Washington, prompting an immediate response from the Secret Service. Trump, along with First Lady Melania Trump and senior US officials, including Vice Presi

- [Kwon Soon-woo wins ATP Gwangju Open Challenger singles title](#) (2026-04-26 07:36)

Kwon Soon-woo captured the singles title at the ATP Gwangju Open Challenger on Saturday, becoming the first South Korean player to win the tournament since its inception in 2016. Kwon, ranked No. 350 and representing the Korean Armed Forces Athletic Corps, defeated Denmark's August Holmgren, ranked No. 185, in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5, in the final at Jinwol International Tennis Center. The victory marks Kwon's 15th career title on the international circuit and his fifth on the ATP Challenger Tou

- [KBO reaches 2m attendance in record-low 117 games](#) (2026-04-26 07:36)

South Korea's professional baseball league has surpassed 2 million total spectators in record-fast fashion, underscoring the continued surge in popularity of the sport this season. The Korea Baseball Organization said Saturday that a combined 99,905 fans attended five games held in Seoul, Incheon, Gwangju, Gocheok and Daejeon, bringing the season total to 2,094,481. Four of the five venues, Jamsil (LG Twins vs. Doosan Bears), Gwangju (Lotte Giants vs. Kia Tigers), Gocheok (Samsung Lions vs. Kiwo

- [Accused WH correspondents' dinner attacker is tutor and computer programmer from California](#) (2026-04-26 07:00)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social media posts that appear to match the California man arrested Saturday in the shooting at the White House correspondents' dinner show he is a highly educated tutor and amateur video game developer. A May 2025 profile photo of Cole Tomas

Allen of Torrance, California, appears to match the appearance of the man in a photo of the alleged attacker being taken into custody that was posted Saturday night by US President Donald Trump. The photo, posted to the social networking s

- [Yoon I-na tied in 5th at Chevron Championship](#) (2026-04-26 06:48)

Yoon I-na held onto a top-five position through the third round of the LPGA Tour's first major of the season, the Chevron Championship. Yoon shot 1-under 71 on Saturday at Memorial Park Golf Course, with three birdies and two bogeys. After entering the round tied for third at 7-under 137, she moved to 8-under 208 overall, slipping into a tie for fifth place. Nelly Korda maintained the solo lead at 16-under 200, eight strokes ahead of Yoon. Patty Tavatanakit was second at 11-under 205, while Yin

- [Lotte chief travels to Hanoi, expands Vietnam presence](#) (2026-04-26 06:32)

Lotte Group Chairman Shin Dong-bin visited Lotte Mall West Lake Hanoi, marking his first overseas on-site management visit this year, the conglomerate said Sunday. During the visit on Thursday, Shin reviewed the operations of key affiliates in Vietnam, including Lotte Department Store, Lotte Mart and Lotte Hotel, while seeking to strengthen cooperation with the Vietnamese government as part of efforts to expand the group's global business. Opened in September 2023, Lotte Mall West Lake Hanoi is

- [Parties clash over security adviser's remarks as alliance row deepens](#) (2026-04-26 06:17)

A political clash between rival parties over the state of the South Korea-US alliance intensified over the weekend, as disputes over National Security Adviser Wi Sung-lac's remarks fueled concerns about trust between Seoul and Washington. The main opposition People Power Party escalated its criticism Sunday, calling the situation a "security disaster." Senior spokesperson Choi Bo-yun said in a statement that Wi's Thursday reference to efforts to return ties to a "normal" state amounted to an ack

- [DeepMind's Hassabis to meet Lee Se-dol, revisit AlphaGo legacy in Seoul](#) (2026-04-26 06:13)

Demis Hassabis, the co-founder and CEO of Google DeepMind and known as the architect behind AlphaGo, will visit Seoul this week to reunite with Go grandmaster Lee Se-dol, marking a decade since their landmark human-AI Go match, according to industry sources Sunday. Hassabis, scheduled to arrive Monday, is expected to meet South Korean President Lee Jae Myung later that day to discuss rapid advances in AI and explore cooperation on AI-driven innovation, the sources said. On Wednesday, he will att

- [S. Korea's potential growth to slide near 1.5% in 2027: OECD](#) (2026-04-26 06:09)

South Korea's potential growth rate is set to fall closer to 1.5 percent next year, reflecting a deepening structural slowdown in Asia's fourth-largest economy, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's latest data on Sunday. The country's potential

output growth rate is projected to slip to 1.71 percent in 2026 from 1.92 percent in 2025, before sliding further to 1.57 percent in 2027, the OECD said. Potential output refers to the maximum level of goods and service

- [SK hynix wins IEEE Corporate Innovation Award for HBM leadership](#) (2026-04-26 05:54)

SK hynix was awarded the Corporate Innovation Award on Friday at the 2026 IEEE Honors Ceremony in New York for the first time, for its contributions in global artificial intelligence computing ecosystem. The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity, presents awards in three categories to honor contributions to technological innovation and social advancement. The IEEE Co

- [More Koreans opt out of life-sustaining treatment](#) (2026-04-26 05:42)

The number of people in South Korea who have chosen to forgo or withdraw life-sustaining treatment has reached 500,000, eight years after the system was introduced, reflecting growing public acceptance of end-of-life self-determination. According to data from the National Agency for Management of Life-Sustaining Treatment released Sunday, the cumulative figure reached the milestone as of the end of March. It includes 7,882 patients who are currently in the end-of-life process. In Korea, life-sus

- [Samsung strike could shake trust in chip supply chain, economist warns](#) (2026-04-26 05:33)

Samsung Electronics could face more than a temporary production hit if its labor union follows through on a planned strike next month, with disruption risking customer confidence, supply reliability and Korea's broader chip competitiveness, an economist warned. According to industry sources Sunday, Song Heon-jae, a professor of economics at the University of Seoul, said at a recent seminar hosted by the Ahnmin Policy Forum that a shutdown of chip plants could cost Samsung tens of billions of won

- [Russian delegations attend North Korea's war memorial opening, visit Pueblo ship](#) (2026-04-26 05:16)

Russian officials made separate high-profile visits to Pyongyang this week, each itinerary symbolic of growing cooperation between Pyongyang and Moscow. One delegation toured the USS Pueblo — a US Navy intelligence vessel seized by North Korea and displayed as a symbol of its claimed victory over the United States — and another attended the opening of a memorial museum honoring North Korean soldiers killed while fighting for Russia in Ukraine, according to North Korean state media and diplomatic

- [Jeju to rent wearable robots to farmers](#) (2026-04-26 05:03)

Jeju Island will begin renting wearable robots to farmers, introducing technology designed to reduce the physical strain of farm work in one of South Korea's key agricultural regions. The equipment is a vest-type strength-assist robot developed for Jeju's farming conditions,

including mandarin orange harvesting and other tasks that require repeated bending or handling of heavy loads, the provincial government said Sunday. The robot can provide up to 25kilogram-force of support to the lower back

- [BTS kicks off North America tour in Tampa, set for 31 shows across 12 cities](#) (2026-04-26 04:46)

BTS kicked off its North American tour at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida, opening the BTS World Tour "Arirang" in North America with shows on Saturday and Sunday, with another to come Tuesday. The group is slated to play 31 shows across 12 cities, including stops in Mexico City and New York, Big Hit Music said on Sunday. The tour marks the septet's first US concerts since BTS "Permission to Dance" on Stage in Las Vegas in April 2022. All shows sold out quickly, with additional dates add

- [Assault on Bangladeshi worker sparks outrage](#) (2026-04-26 04:37)

A video showing a Bangladeshi worker being assaulted at a factory in Incheon has sparked public outrage, prompting a government response and a police investigation. Authorities are looking into the case, and civic groups are calling for stronger structural measures to prevent repeated abuse of migrant workers. The incident comes shortly after another case involving a Thai worker, deepening concerns over the treatment of migrant workers in Korea. The Ministry of Employment and Labor said Saturday

- [Seoul mayoral race turns into fight over how to cool housing prices](#) (2026-04-26 04:37)

Seoul's rising apartment prices are making housing supply the defining issue of the June 3 mayoral election, setting up a contest between two candidates who both promise faster development but differ over how much control the city government should exert over the process. Incumbent Mayor Oh Se-hoon of the main opposition People Power Party is seeking a fifth term on a platform centered on deregulation and private-sector redevelopment. His main challenger, Chung Won-o of the ruling Democratic Par

- [Royal funeral procession of King Danjong revived](#) (2026-04-26 04:30)

The King Danjong Culture Festival drew larger-than-usual crowds in Yeongwol County, Gangwon Province, Saturday, as the success of the film "The King's Warden" renewed interest in the deposed young king. The event honors King Danjong, the sixth ruler of Joseon (1392-1910), who ascended the throne at 12 and died at 17. The highlight of this year's festival was an expanded reenactment of King Danjong's royal funeral procession, retracing the route from Gwanpuncheon to Jangneung, where the young kin

- [UNC deputy chief cautions against changes to 'proven framework' over DMZ control](#) (2026-04-26 04:26)

The deputy commander of the UN Command has stressed the need for prudence in any changes regarding the control and use of the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone separating the

two Koreas, calling the armistice a "proven framework." Lt. Gen. Scott Winter made the remarks as the U.S.-led UNC has objected to bills seeking to promote the peaceful use of the military buffer zone, citing safety and the need to adhere to the armistice agreement. Currently, the UNC administers the DMZ as the southern

- [Hana Bank opens QR payments in Vietnam for Korean travelers](#) (2026-04-26 04:09)

South Korean travelers will be able to make QR payments in Vietnam without cash or cards, as Hana Bank expands its global payment platform GLN into one of Southeast Asia's fastest-growing markets. Hana Bank said Sunday it signed a partnership with Vietnam's National Payment Corporation and the Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam to launch the service. The signing took place Thursday in Hanoi, Vietnam, during the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum. GLN, spun off from Hana Bank in 2021, has b

- [North Korea reaffirms comprehensive cooperation with Russia](#) (2026-04-26 03:35)

North Korea on Friday reiterated its commitment to expanding comprehensive cooperation with Russia, marking the seventh anniversary of leader Kim Jong-un's first summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Kim and Putin first met in April 2019 in Vladivostok, during Kim's inaugural visit to Russia and their first bilateral summit in eight years. Since then, relations have deepened through reciprocal visits in 2023 and 2024, culminating in the signing of a comprehensive strategic partnership tr

- [Russian forces pound Ukraine's Dnipro, other areas, killing 10 people](#) (2026-04-26 03:13)

Russian forces pounded the southeastern Ukrainian city of Dnipro Saturday in waves of attacks with drones and missiles that also hit other regions, killing 10 people and injuring dozens. Dnipro was subjected to at least three separate attacks overnight and during the day. Regional Gov. Oleksandr Hanzha said eight people were killed and 49 injured in the city, a repeated target in more than four years of war with Russia. In the initial overnight strike, a large chunk of an apartment building col

- [US says it's hunting for explosive mines in latest push to open Strait of Hormuz](#) (2026-04-26 03:11)

US President Donald Trump says the US Navy is clearing Iranian mines from the Strait of Hormuz, a vital sea route for oil shipments whose disruption is increasingly threatening the global economy. Sweeping for underwater explosives could take months despite a tenuous ceasefire between the United States and Iran in the weekslong war, experts say. Any future claims that the US cleared the waterway where 20 percent of the world's oil typically passes might fail to convince commercial freighters and

- [Jihads, Tuareg rebels claim attacks across Mali](#) (2026-04-26 03:10)

BAMAKO, Mali (AFP) -- An al-Qaida-linked jihadi group said Saturday that its fighters had joined forces with Tuareg rebels to launch attacks against the army across junta-ruled Mali. Helicopters

buzzed over Bamako and around the international airport and fighting was reported at a nearby military base in what was one of the most complex attacks in years in the impoverished west African country. Since 2012 Mali has grappled with a security crisis over attacks by jihadist groups, as well as criminal

- [US, EU deepen cooperation on critical minerals](#) (2026-04-26 02:33)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- The US and the European Union on Friday deepened their coordination on critical minerals as part of a broader push by Western allies to loosen China's grip on materials crucial to advanced manufacturing. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and European Union Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic signed a memorandum of understanding for a partnership on producing and securing critical minerals, with a specific action plan for trade announced separately. Rubio did not mention Ch

- [EU eyes Mideast energy routes to bypass conflict zones](#) (2026-04-26 02:17)

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A painful fuel crunch and soaring oil and gas prices triggered by the Iran war have nudged the European Union to look hard into funding alternative energy routes in the Middle East to circumvent hot spots like the Strait of Hormuz. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said Friday that the EU is ready to work with Persian Gulf countries for new projects conveying energy to global markets that wouldn't be held hostage to war or geopolitical strife. “The events

- [First female Archbishop of Canterbury to meet Pope Leo](#) (2026-04-26 02:13)

VATICAN CITY (AFP) -- New Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally, the first woman to lead the world's Anglican Christians, heads to Rome and the Vatican this weekend for an audience with Pope Leo XIV. Mullally will meet the head of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics during a four-day visit starting Saturday, her first abroad since being enthroned last month as the Church of England's top cleric. The audience comes 60 years after a historic meeting in 1966 between then archbishop Michael Ramsey a

- [Justice Dept ends Powell probe, clearing way for Warsh](#) (2026-04-26 02:10)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- The Justice Department is closing its investigation into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, US Attorney Jeanine Pirro said Friday, removing an obstacle to the confirmation of Kevin Warsh, President Donald Trump's pick to lead the central bank. The move by Pirro, a Trump ally and the top federal prosecutor in Washington, for now ends an inquiry involving renovation costs for Fed buildings that had been rebuked by a federal judge and prompted a key Republican senator to b

- [Russian delegation visits N. Korea for opening of museum honoring soldiers killed in Ukraine war](#) (2026-04-26 02:01)

A Russian delegation led by the country's Duma speaker arrived in Pyongyang to attend a ceremony marking the opening of a memorial museum honoring soldiers killed while fighting

for Russia in its war with Ukraine, North Korea's state media reported Sunday. The delegation led by Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of Russia's lower house of parliament, arrived in Pyongyang on Saturday and was greeted by Jo Yong-won, chairman of the North's Supreme People's Assembly, the North's Korean Central News Agency

- [OECD forecast S. Korea's potential growth outlook to hit record low 1.52% in late 2027](#) (2026-04-26 01:47)

South Korea's potential growth rate is projected to fall to a record low in the fourth quarter of next year, continuing a decadelong downward trend, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. According to the latest OECD data, the country's potential growth rate is projected to reach 1.52 percent in the October-December period of next year, a sharp decline from 1.92 percent last year and an estimated 1.71 percent this year. It is expected to fall further to 1.57 perc

- [Philadelphia museum brings Rocky statue inside after decades of tension](#) (2026-04-26 01:46)

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Every day, visitors from around the world make their way to the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art -- not necessarily for the galleries inside, but for a statue of a fictional boxer from Philadelphia. The bronze figure of Rocky Balboa -- arms raised in victory, clad in boxing trunks and boots -- has become a point of pilgrimage for people around the world. For decades, the museum kept an uncomfortable distance from this kind of devotion. Now, it is embracing it -- and i

- [Trump safe after shooting at White House correspondents dinner, suspect in custody](#) (2026-04-26 01:01)

US President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump were rushed out of the White House Correspondents' Association dinner by Secret Service agents Saturday night after a man opened fire with a shotgun on security personnel, officials said. The armed man fired at a Secret Service agent, an FBI official told Reuters. About two hours after the incident, Trump told reporters at the White House that the officer was saved by his bulletproof vest and is in "good shape." The suspect, whom Trump desc

- [Hyundai turns to local tech partners in China comeback](#) (2026-04-26 00:27)

BEIJING — In unveiling the Ioniq V in China, one of the biggest changes for Hyundai Motor has been a shift toward deep localization, with the South Korean automaker tapping local partners across key technologies from batteries to advanced driver-assistance systems. Hyundai Motor President and CEO Jose Munoz said such partnerships with top companies are critical to delivering competitive vehicles at accessible price points, as Hyundai seeks to win over Chinese consumers amid intensifying rivalry

- [N. Korea appoints new ambassador to Sweden](#) (2026-04-25 08:08)

North Korea has named a new ambassador to Sweden, the North's foreign ministry said Saturday, in the latest appointment of envoys overseas. Kim Chol-hae has been appointed as Pyongyang's new top envoy to Sweden, the ministry said on its website, after naming its new ambassadors to Britain and Indonesia earlier this week. Sweden has traditionally served as an intermediary for talks between the United States and North Korea, and was the first Western country to establish diplomatic ties with Pyong

- [Oxford University to launch center for Korean studies](#) (2026-04-25 07:59)

Oxford University plans to launch a center for Korean studies as early as October to boost research in Korean culture, language and history, professors leading the project have said. The university will announce the establishment of the Oxford Centre for Korean Studies during the official public opening of Oxford's Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities on Saturday. The center's establishment, led by Jieun Kiaer, James Lewis and Chi Young-hae of the university's Korean studies program,

- [N. Korea slams Japan PM's offering to war shrine](#) (2026-04-25 07:49)

North Korea on Saturday criticized Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi for making a ritual offering to a controversial war shrine in Tokyo, calling it a "challenge to international justice." Takaichi on Tuesday sent an offering to the Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japanese war dead, including 14 Class A criminals convicted by the Allied forces after World War II. Other prominent Japanese politicians visited the shrine. "(It) is blatant distortion of history and a challenge to international ju

- [Key US negotiators to depart for Pakistan Saturday for talks with Iran: White House](#) (2026-04-25 07:40)

Key US negotiators will leave for Pakistan this weekend for peace talks with Iran, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said Friday, as Washington has been doubling down on its naval blockade and other measures to pressure Tehran to make a deal to end hostilities. In an interview with Fox News, Leavitt said that Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law, will be off to Pakistan on Saturday to engage in direct talks mediated by P

- [\[H.eco Tech Festa 2026\] Korean ESG enters the era of evidence: Yulchon partner](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

Yoon Yong-hee can tell that Korean ESG compliance has crossed into a new phase because his law firm is now being audited for it. Multinational pharmaceutical clients, he said, have started sending Yulchon LLC, where Yoon is a partner specializing in ESG and environmental regulation, formal questionnaires asking how much carbon the firm emits, what its decarbonization plan looks like, and how its workforce diversity metrics are trending. "The era has already arrived when Korean companies failing

- [New Seongsu landmark? Musinsa brings retail vision at full volume](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

In Seongsu-dong, a neighborhood that has long prized intimacy over scale, the old rules are giving way under mounting foot traffic. Into that moment steps Musinsa, now in its most outsized form yet. On Friday, the country's leading fashion platform opened Musinsa Megastore Seongsu, the largest single fashion and beauty store in the country. The four-story building, spanning 6,600 square meters, unfolds to be navigated, with its floor-to-floor curation of Korean fashion and beauty running the gamut

- ['Art must create pleasure': Fernando Botero's works arrive in Seoul](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

Plump figures in bright colors, humorous yet subtly satirical scenes — these are what come to mind when thinking of Colombian artist Fernando Botero. His signature style, known as “Boterismo,” is defined by exaggerated, voluminous and inflated proportions. “Fernando Botero: The Triumph of Form” at Seoul Arts Center in Seoul presents 112 of the artist’s oil paintings, drawings and sculptures, focusing on his practice from the 1970s through to his later years. The artist died in 2023 at the age of

- [Jeonju film fest to roll out 'Super Mario Galaxy' pop-ups, outdoor screenings](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

Jeonju International Film Festival is teaming with Universal Pictures on a special program built around “The Super Mario Galaxy Movie,” Illumination’s \$110 million sequel to the 2023 franchise starter “The Super Mario Bros. Movie,” due in Korean theaters April 29. Running alongside the 27th edition of the festival, the program brings themed activations and screenings to Jeonju’s Film Street and Hanok Village tourist district. The program is geared toward families visiting Jeonju over the May hol

- [Will Phu Quoc replace Guam, Saipan for Korean families?](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

PHU QUOC, Vietnam — At a breakfast restaurant inside the Premier Village Phu Quoc Resort, Choi Hyun-ho, a Korean father in his 30s traveling with his wife, two children — ages 5 and 1 — and parents, gently wrestled with his youngest as the toddler squirmed in his arms Monday. Asked about growing talk among Korean travelers that Phu Quoc could replace longtime family favorites Guam and Saipan, two Pacific island territories of the United States, Choi answered almost instantly. “The (won-dollar) ex

- [Your travel guide to 'Perfect Crown' filming sites](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

The K-drama arena's current obsession is “Perfect Crown,” a glossy fantasy rom-com series pairing two of Korea's most in-demand stars, Byeon Woo-seok (“Lovely Runner”) and IU (“When Life Gives You Tangerines,” “Hotel Del Luna”). Built around a contract marriage storyline, the series has surged out of the gate with the second-highest premiere score in Korean TV drama history, trailing only “The Penthouse: War in Life” (2020), according to Good Data Corp. Set in an alternate Korea under a constitu

- [Seongsu's Zesty Saloon flips its way to Korea's burger crown](#) (2026-04-25 07:00)

At first glance, Zesty Saloon looks like a slice of retro Americana dropped into Seongsu's industrial grid. A two-story building with a red-and-white awning and neon signage, it leans fully into the visual language of a classic diner. Inside, stainless steel bar tables and stools reinforce the mood, while a steady weekday lunch crowd signals something more than just aesthetic appeal. Earlier this month, the restaurant added another credential: It took first place at the Korea Burger Championship

- [Twice breaks North American attendance record with 550,000 fans](#) (2026-04-25 06:57)

Twice has drawn approximately 550,000 fans across its North American tour leg, setting a new record for the most concert attendees by a K-pop girl group in the region. The run, part of the group's ongoing world tour "This Is For," spanned 20 cities and 35 shows from January through April 18, when the tour concluded in Austin — the group's largest-ever North American outing. Originally scheduled for 22 shows across 20 cities, the tour expanded to 35 dates after tickets sold out rapidly. Additiona

- [Cortis breaks into Spotify Global Daily chart with 'RedRed'](#) (2026-04-25 06:10)

Cortis has landed on Spotify's Daily Top Songs Global chart for the first time, with its latest main track "RedRed," prereleased on April 20. The lead single of the rookie group's second EP entered the chart at No. 184 on April 22 — the highest debut among all new entries that day — marking the group's first appearance on the global ranking since its debut in August last year. The Daily Top Songs Global is widely regarded as a key barometer of trends in the global music market. "RedRed" also cha

- [Tiffany Young teases pre-release single to mark 10 years as solo artist](#) (2026-04-25 05:33)

Tiffany Young of Girls' Generation is celebrating a decade as a solo artist with a new single next month. The singer dropped a teaser for "Summer's Not Over" on her official social media channels at noon Friday, ahead of the single's release on May 8. The clip features dreamlike imagery — water, a forest and a piano — with Young appearing on screen to reveal the title and release date. "Summer's Not Over" explores the feeling of a loved one being "as comforting as home," with the lyrics dwelling

- [NCT Wish to hold special exhibition to mark debut studio album](#) (2026-04-25 02:49)

NCT Wish will hold a special art exhibition in Seoul to celebrate the release of its first full-length album "Ode to Love," its agency SM Entertainment said, Saturday. Titled "Love Wish 'be inspired' Exhibition," the event runs from April 27 to May 24 at 20th Century Print Office in Euljiro, Jung-gu. The exhibition brings together five contemporary artists based in Korea and Japan — Kotori Kawashima, Masanao Hirayama, I Mimi, Parc Saehan and Azikazin Magic World — who reinterpret NCT Wish's conte

- [Lee returns from trip to India, Vietnam focused on economic ties, supply chain cooperation](#) (2026-04-24 12:39)

President Lee Jae Myung returned home Friday from his two-nation swing to India and Vietnam, where he focused on expanding strategic cooperation in energy and supply chains to address uncertainties stemming from the Middle East conflict. Lee wrapped up the six-day trip after holding summits with leaders of the two countries, aimed at deepening economic and strategic ties across various areas. On Monday, Lee held a bilateral summit with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and agreed

- [T1 turns Incheon into esports spectacle](#) (2026-04-24 12:10)

INCHEON -- The luxury Inspire Resort in Incheon transformed into a sea of black-and-red on Friday as esports fans poured in for a three-day celebration centered on Korean League of Legends powerhouse T1. Thousands of attendees filled the hotel complex, many dressed in jerseys of their favorite players, waving light sticks and clutching fan merchandise. The gathering marked the return of "2026 T1 Home Ground," a large-scale fan event anchored at Inspire Arena, a venue that has hosted major K-pop

- [Kidnapped S. Korean man rescued in Malaysia; 3 suspects also Koreans](#) (2026-04-24 11:42)

A South Korean man who was kidnapped in Malaysia has been rescued by local authorities, according to Seoul's foreign ministry Friday. The man in his 40s residing in Kuala Lumpur was rescued by Malaysian authorities on Tuesday after being abducted on April 17, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the time of the rescue, authorities also detained three suspects, all of whom are believed to be South Korean nationals, and an investigation is now under way in Malaysia, it added. Other det

- [Prosecution rejects arrest warrant request for Hybe chairman, calls for further review](#) (2026-04-24 11:03)

Prosecutors said Friday they have rejected a police request for an arrest warrant for Bang Si-hyuk, chairman and founder of K-pop powerhouse Hybe, who is accused of unfair stock trading, citing insufficient evidence. The Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office sent back to the police the arrest warrant request filed against Bang earlier this week on charges of fraudulent unfair trading under the Capital Markets Act. The chief was suspected of deceiving investors in 2019 into selling their sh

- [Hyundai' s Chang vows to 'rise again' in China with Ioniq V](#) (2026-04-24 09:26)

BEIJING -- Hyundai Motor Group Vice Chair Chang Jae-hoon said Friday that the launch of the Ioniq V electric vehicle will spearhead the company' s efforts to stage a comeback in China — a market he described as the most difficult. Speaking to reporters following Hyundai's press showcase during Auto China 2026 — the world' s largest auto show that opened Friday and runs through May 3 in the Chinese capital — Chang said Hyundai is focused on successfully rolling out its all-electric Ioniq brand in C

- [Army moves to develop AI agent for battlefield decision support](#) (2026-04-24 09:11)

The South Korean Army has begun work on introducing generative artificial intelligence into military operations, aiming to develop an AI-powered system capable of analyzing battlefield data and providing operational recommendations, officials said Friday. The move comes as artificial intelligence is increasingly viewed as a key asset in modern warfare, with its ability to rapidly process vast amounts of information and assist in identifying optimal strategies and tactics. According to the milita

- [Hyundai Motor, KOICA team up to train Vietnam auto workforce](#) (2026-04-24 09:10)

Hyundai Motor Group has teamed up with Korea International Cooperation Agency and Vietnam's Education Ministry to train skilled workers for the country's growing automotive sector. The three parties signed a memorandum of understanding in Hanoi, Vietnam, last week to develop a professional workforce aligned with industry needs. Under the agreement, Hyundai Motor will design a curriculum based on real-world manufacturing demand, offering hands-on training in areas such as mold-making, forming and

- [Hyosung Heavy expands Vietnam footprint with grid, motor plant deals](#) (2026-04-24 09:10)

Hyosung Heavy Industries is deepening its presence in Vietnam's power and industrial sectors, signing a series of agreements to tap rising electricity demand and infrastructure investment. The company said it signed a memorandum of understanding with Vietnam Electricity at the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum in Hanoi to cooperate on power asset management, grid stabilization and technical capability building. The partnership includes pilot projects for artificial intelligence-based power asset mana

- [Court backs The Boyz members in contract dispute with One Hundred Label](#) (2026-04-24 08:53)

The Boyz have secured a court ruling in their favor in an ongoing contract dispute with their agency One Hundred Label, with both sides issuing contrasting statements over the decision. According to attorney Kim Mun-hui of law firm Yulchon, a Seoul court granted an injunction suspending the validity of their exclusive contracts. "The court confirmed that the exclusive contracts between the artists and the agency have been validly terminated and are no longer in effect," Kim said in a statement i

- [What happened to Galapagos tortoise 'Harriet' after Darwin?](#) (2026-04-24 08:43)

A 175-year-old Galapagos tortoise slowly approaches a baby monkey. The monkey has just arrived at the zoo, separated from its mother, and is frightened by the baboons in an adjacent cage. "Don't worry. You are not alone here," the tortoise says gently. Reassured, the baby monkey finally falls asleep. The scene is from "Harriet," a stage adaptation of a children's story by Han Yun-seop. The play centers on the friendship between Harriet, a 175-year-old Galapagos tortoise, and Charlie, a baby East

- [Hanwha's new holding company set for Kospi debut in August](#) (2026-04-24 08:02)

Hanwha Group is set to launch a new holding company in August after securing preliminary listing approval from the Korea Exchange, as part of a broader governance overhaul. The exchange said Thursday that the proposed entity, tentatively named Hanwha Machinery & Services Holdings, meets Kospi listing requirements. The company is scheduled to be established on Aug. 1 and listed on Aug. 25. The new entity will be spun off from Hanwha Corp. and will oversee a portfolio of tech and lifestyle affiliates

- [Woori Financial Q1 profit falls amid overseas setbacks](#) (2026-04-24 08:02)

Woori Financial Group was the only major South Korean banking group to post a decline in net profit in the first quarter, as its overseas operations weighed on earnings, the company's earnings report showed Friday. The group posted a net profit of 603.8 billion won (\$405 million) in the January-March period, down 2.1 percent from a year earlier. The figure came in more than 20 percent below the market consensus estimate. All other banking groups logged record-high earnings. Woori Financial attri

- [S. Korea, Australia to jointly excavate Korean War remains in Gapyeong](#) (2026-04-24 07:50)

South Korea will begin a joint excavation with Australia to recover the remains of an Australian soldier killed during the 1950–53 Korean War, the Defense Ministry said Friday. According to the ministry, the Defense Ministry's Agency for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification will excavate Mokdong-ri, Buk-myeon, Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, in cooperation with the Australian Army's Unrecovered War Casualties and the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment. The operation marks

- [Kia posts record quarterly revenue on strong hybrid, EV sales](#) (2026-04-24 07:45)

Kia logged record-high quarterly revenue in the first quarter, driven by strong demand in major global markets, including high-margin hybrid models in the US and electric vehicles in Europe. According to Kia's earnings call on Friday, its sales revenue rose 5.3 percent to 29.5 trillion won (\$19.9 billion). Vehicle sales climbed 0.9 percent to 779,741 units — the highest-ever first-quarter volume — while global market share climbed 0.5 percentage point to 4.1 percent, surpassing the 4 percent mar

- [Hana Financial posts record Q1 profit on strong fee income](#) (2026-04-24 07:42)

Hana Financial Group said Friday its first-quarter net profit achieved a record high, driven by robust fee income as it works to diversify its banking-dependent revenue base. The group posted consolidated net profit of 1.21 trillion won (\$816 million) in the January-March period, up 7.3 percent from a year earlier and more than double the 569.4 billion won recorded in the previous quarter, beating market expectations. The figure mark the group's highest-ever quarter net profit, surpassing its pr

- ['Notes from universe lead my body,' says Kim Ki-min on performing 'Bolero'](#) (2026-04-24 07:36)

On a darkened stage, a lone male dancer stands atop a table. As he slowly raises one arm above his head, a pin spot traces its length. The other arm follows, as if an invisible thread from somewhere deep in space were drawing him upward. "When the music begins, it feels as if notes are falling like droplets from somewhere far out in the distant galaxy, traveling down my arms and into my fingertips," Kim Ki-min, a principal dancer with the Mariinsky Ballet, said during a press conference on Wedne

- [Naver fires back at Google with AI Tab rollout](#) (2026-04-24 07:24)

Naver will begin a closed beta of its agentic search product "AI Tab" as early as next week, in the company's most substantive defensive move yet against Google's artificial intelligence-powered push into South Korea, one of a handful of major markets where Google has never overtaken the local incumbent. The timing is notable. Google launched Gemini in Chrome in Korea on Monday, embedding its AI assistant directly into the browser that holds roughly 70 percent of the global market. Four days lat

- [Finance chief calls for biz sector innovation to sustain economic growth](#) (2026-04-24 07:18)

Finance Minister Koo Yun-cheol on Friday urged South Korea's business leaders to continue efforts to innovate and find new growth engines to support the country's economic growth in the face of industrial paradigm shifts, such as artificial intelligence transformation. Koo made the call in a meeting with the executives of major conglomerates, including Samsung Group, LG Group, Hyundai Motor Group, SK hynix Co. and Hanwha Ocean Co., according to the Ministry of Finance and Economy. "Despite worse

- [S. Korea secures 74.6m barrels of oil for May, reduces Middle East reliance](#) (2026-04-24 07:15)

South Korea has secured 74.6 million barrels of crude oil for May, lessening the country's reliance on Middle Eastern oil imports amid ongoing regional conflict, according to Cheong Wa Dae on Friday. Kang Hoon-sik, chief of staff for President Lee Jae Myung, said in a press briefing that the level of oil imports secured for next month reaches 87 percent of the 2025 monthly average. He added that South Korea's search for alternative crude-importing countries in the Americas and Africa reduced Sou

- [Hyundai Mobis posts upbeat Q1 on global orders, FX gains](#) (2026-04-24 07:05)

Hyundai Mobis, the auto parts affiliate of Hyundai Motor Group, posted resilient earnings for the first quarter of this year, navigating headwinds from weakening global demand and war in the Middle East. According to the company's earnings report on Friday, from January to March, its operating profit and sales revenue rose 3.3 percent and 5.5 percent year-on-year to 802.6 billion won (\$540.9 million) and 15.56 trillion won, respectively. Hyundai Mobis said its performance was driven by rising or

- [Court to inspect disability care center after chief denies sexual abuse allegations](#) (2026-04-24 07:03)

The Seoul Central District Court said Friday it will conduct an on-site inspection of a residential facility for people with severe disabilities in Incheon, after its chief denied allegations of assault, confinement and sexual abuse involving residents. The court held its first hearing in the case Friday, in the trial of a man surnamed Kim, who headed the controversy-ridden Saekdongwon facility. Kim has been charged with sexually assaulting three residents between 2012 and 2025, as well as assau

- [Lucas parts ways with SM Entertainment](#) (2026-04-24 07:03)

Lucas, a former member of NCT, has ended his exclusive contract with SM Entertainment, the agency announced Friday. In a statement released via global fan community Weverse, SM Entertainment said its contract with the artist “officially concluded as of April 24.” “We sincerely thank fans for the great love and support they have shown Lucas,” the agency said. “We will cherish the time we have shared with Lucas, from his trainee days to his various activities following his debut, and we will suppo

- [Nearly 6 in 10 nationals support Lee's 'peaceful coexistence' policy with N. Korea](#) (2026-04-24 07:02)

Nearly six out of 10 South Koreans support President Lee Jae Myung's "peaceful coexistence" policy toward North Korea aimed at engagement and peace, according to a survey released Friday. A total of 59.2 percent of respondents said they support Lee's pledge to replace the current armistice system with a peace regime with the North, made in his speech marking the March 1 Independence Movement Day, a survey by the Peaceful Unification Advisory Council showed. Slightly more than 35 percent, however

- [Nearly 430k users had info stolen from matchmaking firm's database](#) (2026-04-24 07:01)

Police have launched an investigation into a large-scale data theft at Duo — one of South Korea's largest matchmaking firms — as authorities believe the personal information of 427,464 members was stolen. The Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency said Friday that it is investigating the case filed by the company on Feb. 4. It is looking into how the data theft occurred and applicable criminal charges concerning violation of the Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization an

- [Seoul shares take breather amid Middle East tensions](#) (2026-04-24 06:58)

Seoul shares ended flat Friday, as investors scooped up defense and shipbuilding stocks, offsetting a decline in major tech shares despite Middle East tensions. The South Korean won fell against the US dollar. After choppy trading, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index edged down 0.18 point to close at 6,475.63. The index closed at a record high of 6,475.81 a session earlier. Overnight, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.36 percent and the Nasdaq

Composite declined 0.89 percent. I

- [‘Boys II Planet’ duo Chuei Liyu, Kang Woojin to debut as Flare U](#) (2026-04-24 06:34)

Chuei Liyu and Kang Woojin, former contestants on Mnet’s survival program “Boys II Planet,” are set to debut as the new boy duo Flare U. The pair opened official social media channels Friday, unveiling the group’s name along with a logo trailer video and teaser images. According to FNC Entertainment, the name Flare U represents the moment when two distinct lights — as represented by Chuei and Kang — come together to form a single, brighter glow. It also reflects the idea that their synergy becomes

- [Ioniq lands in China as Hyundai targets EV revival](#) (2026-04-24 06:25)

BEIJING — Hyundai Motor is “tripling down” on China, launching the China-specific Ioniq all-electric sedan and pledging 20 localized models in five years to regain ground in the world’s largest automotive market. The new electric vehicle made its global debut at Auto China 2026, the world’s largest auto show that opened Friday and runs through May 3 in the Chinese capital. The launch marks the first time the South Korean automaker has formally introduced its Ioniq brand in China, underscoring Hy

- [‘The King’s Warden’ heads to streaming after record-setting run](#) (2026-04-24 06:19)

The biggest Korean box office hit in years is heading to streaming. “The King’s Warden” will begin streaming Wednesday, 76 days after its Feb. 4 theatrical opening, local distributor Showbox said Friday. The film will be available on Coupang Play, the local streaming service operated by South Korean e-commerce giant Coupang, along with a range of domestic IPTV and video-on-demand platforms, including Apple TV, Google TV, YouTube and Wavve. Coupang Play comes bundled with Coupang’s paid membership

- [One turns to light, the other to matter — Korean artists shaped in France return to view](#) (2026-04-24 06:08)

Two Korean artists whose practices were shaped in France in the late 20th century are back in the spotlight in Korea and France — Bang Hai-ja (1937–2022) and Shin Sung-hy (1948–2009), whose works are now being revisited in major museum exhibitions. For the two artists, born nearly a decade apart, experiences in France shifted how they approached their work. For Bang, painting became a way to explore light; for Shin, it became a process of rethinking the canvas itself as material and structure. B

- [Couple robs, attacks man to force fake sex attack confession](#) (2026-04-24 06:05)

Prosecutors on Friday said they indicted a woman in her 20s and a man in her 30s for armed assault, coercion and robbery against a man whom they had accused of sexual assault. The suspects are accused of breaking into the victim’s home on March 22, stabbing him several times and stealing 13 million won (\$8,770). Investigators believe this was to coerce a fake crime confession out of the victim, the recording for which was uncovered in a digital forensic analysis

of the suspects' phones. The vi

- [Cybersecurity of defense industry must be treated as national security priority: report](#) (2026-04-24 05:54)

Cybersecurity across the defense industry ecosystem should be elevated to a core national security priority in response to growing state-backed cyber threats, a state-run think tank said Friday. According to the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, Kim Young-bong, a research fellow at its Defense AI Policy Research Office, made the recommendation in a report titled “US Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity Strategy and Policy Implications.” “Awareness of the importance of cybersecurity in the d

- [Blackpink’ s Jisoo receives Rising Star Award at Canneseries](#) (2026-04-24 05:10)

Blackpink’ s Jisoo won the Madame Figaro Rising Star Award at the 2026 Cannes International Series Festival, marking a milestone in her expanding acting career. The award was presented Thursday at the festival’ s ninth edition, which runs until April 28 in Cannes, France. The Madame Figaro Rising Star Award is given to emerging actors recognized for their potential and growing impact in the industry. Festival organizers highlighted Jisoo’ s activities across entertainment, noting that she "continue

- [Major K-pop girl group comeback showdown set for May](#) (2026-04-24 05:04)

May is shaping up to be a highly competitive month for K-pop, with leading girl groups from the industry’ s four major agencies — JYP Entertainment, SM Entertainment, YG Entertainment and Hybe — all returning with new releases. Acts including Babymonster, Nmixx, Itzy, Le Sserafim, Aespa and I.O.I are set to roll out new music in quick succession, each bringing distinct concepts and strategies that have drawn global attention. Kicking off the lineup, Babymonster will release its third EP “Choom” o

- [Tensions mount as BGF Logis files injunction against trucker union](#) (2026-04-24 04:52)

BGF Logis, the logistics affiliate of convenience store chain CU, has filed for an injunction against unionized truckers, seeking to ban what it claims is obstruction of business, according to industry sources Thursday. The Korean Public Service and Transport Workers’ Union’ s Cargo Truckers Solidarity held a press briefing Friday in front of BGF Logis’ CU logistics center in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province, condemning what they called the company’ s “deceptive” behavior. “It was confirmed that B

- [Special counsel seeks 30-year prison term for Yoon Suk Yeol over drone operations into N. Korea](#) (2026-04-24 04:52)

The special counsel sought a 30-year prison sentence on Friday for former President Yoon Suk Yeol, on charges that he ordered the Drone Operations Command to send drones into Pyongyang to create a pretext for the 2024 martial law declaration. The request was made by the special counsel team led by Cho Eun-seok during the first-instance trial’ s closing hearing,

held Friday at the Seoul Central District Court. Yoon is charged with benefitting the enemy and abuse of authority. The special counsel a

- [From chaebol to prison: Samsung heiress' s ex-husband jailed over elder abuse case](#) (2026-04-24 04:28)

Im Woo-jae, the ex-husband of Hotel Shilla CEO Lee Boo-jin, is in prison after being found guilty of involvement in confining and assaulting an elderly woman, news reports said Friday. The 57-year-old former consultant at Samsung Electro-Mechanics, who was married to Lee from 1999 until their divorce in 2020, was sentenced to a year in prison for obstruction of official duties by deception after attempting to cover up his girlfriend' s elaborate scheme that involved confining and assaulting a wom

- [Seoul Subway reports zero deaths last year, thanks to screen doors](#) (2026-04-24 04:28)

Fatalities on the Seoul Subways have decreased significantly since platform screen doors were installed, with no deaths reported last year, according to city data. The Seoul Metropolitan Government reported that subway-related deaths had averaged 37.1 per year from 2001 to 2009, before the safety doors were introduced. From 2010 to 2024, the annual average dropped to 0.4, with zero deaths last year. “Platform screen doors are significant because they not only reduce accidents, but also create an

- [Main opposition submits motion to remove Unification Minister over intel leak controversy](#) (2026-04-24 04:20)

The main opposition People Power Party on Friday submitted a motion to dismiss Unification Minister Chung Dong-young, accusing him of endangering the alliance between Seoul and Washington. The motion is unlikely to pass the National Assembly, as the conservative party only holds 107 parliamentary seats out of 295, while the motion requires a majority vote. The conservative representatives move is based on claims that Chung's revelation of North Korea's uranium enrichment site was based on US int

- [HanmiGlobal, Naver Cloud team up for global data center projects](#) (2026-04-24 04:11)

HanmiGlobal has signed a strategic alliance with Naver Cloud to jointly pursue overseas data center projects, targeting growing demand for artificial intelligence infrastructure. The agreement was signed Friday at Naver' s headquarters in Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province, with both companies aiming to secure global data center contracts, including in Saudi Arabia. Under the partnership, HanmiGlobal will lead project management execution, including feasibility reviews and local licensing support, while

- [Samsung's Taylor fab nears production as Tesla adds third chip order](#) (2026-04-24 03:50)

Samsung Electronics is holding an equipment move-in ceremony at its Taylor, Texas, contract chip plant on Friday, formally installing the chipmaking machines that will begin producing silicon for Tesla and other customers later this year. The event closes a nearly two-year delay on

the \$37 billion facility Samsung broke ground on in late 2022, and it lands the same week Tesla CEO Elon Musk confirmed a third Samsung-built chip in the Korean foundry's Tesla pipeline. The Taylor plant is the physic

- [Cortis' 2nd EP collects 855,000 presaves on Spotify](#) (2026-04-24 03:24)

The upcoming second EP from Cortis logged more than 855,000 presaves on Spotify, according to label Big Hit Music on Friday. This placed the rookie group at No. 3 on the platform's Countdown Chart Global, trailing Olivia Rodrigo and Noah Kahan. The fivesome will roll out EP "GreenGreen" on May 4, and as of Thursday, received over 2 million preorders, raising expectations for the forthcoming set to sell over 2 million copies, as did its debut album, EP "Color Outside the Lines." Cortis dropped th

- ['KPop Demon Hunters' director Maggie Kang signs with Korean management agency](#) (2026-04-24 03:16)

Maggie Kang, the Korean Canadian director who co-helmed Netflix's Oscar-winning animated feature "KPop Demon Hunters," has signed with Seoul-based talent agency The Present Co. for her activities in Korea, the company said Thursday. The Present Co. will handle Kang's projects in the Korean market, while her US agency UTA continues to represent her overseas. "We plan to develop a range of Korea-based projects with director Maggie Kang, and we look forward to the synergy with a filmmaker who combi

- [Watcha sale thrown into doubt after CJ ENM exits bidding](#) (2026-04-24 03:04)

Watcha, one of South Korea's earliest homegrown streaming platforms and a breakout player in the early 2020s, is facing an increasingly uncertain future after a potential acquisition by CJ ENM fell apart. CJ ENM, the Korean media powerhouse behind assets including cable network tvN, told The Korea Herald on Friday that it opted out of the latest round of open competitive bidding, which closed Thursday. "We reviewed the acquisition in terms of strengthening content and platform competitiveness an

- [S. Korea, US seeks way out of intel tiff over NK nuclear site: Cheong Wa Dae](#) (2026-04-24 03:01)

HANOI, Vietnam — South Korea and the United States are working to defuse tensions and find an off-ramp from the controversy over the unification minister's remarks on North Korea's uranium-enrichment facilities in Kusong, according to a senior official at Cheong Wa Dae. Wi underlined that the allies were working to narrow "differences in understanding" over the source of Unification Minister Chung Dong-young's remarks. The US side views them as a leak of intelligence shared between the allies, w

- [Seoul says US security talks should resume swiftly, separate from Coupang probe](#) (2026-04-24 03:01)

HANOI, Vietnam — South Korea maintains that it is undesirable to link a Korean investigation into e-commerce giant Coupang with broader alliance talks as it seeks to revive stalled security negotiations with the United States, according to Cheong Wa Dae. National security adviser Wi Sung-lac stressed that the security negotiations constitute a complete package built on reciprocal steps taken by both sides. He further explained that the talks should therefore proceed separately from South Korea's

- [Leenalchi to set off on North American, European tour with first global single](#) (2026-04-24 02:53)

South Korean alternative pop band Leenalchi will embark on an international tour that includes more than 20 cities across North America and Europe through November, according to the band's agency Hike. The tour, which kicks off in Seoul on May 17, follows the release of the group's first global single, “Here Comes That Crow,” which released Tuesday. The track features layered drum rhythms over dual bass lines, evoking sounds of the 1970s and 1980s, the agency said. The release comes through a pa

- [Big Bang reveals poster for world tour](#) (2026-04-24 02:50)

Big Bang stirred up fans with an eye-catching teaser poster for its upcoming world tour, uploaded by YG Entertainment on Friday. Although no details were given, expectations are high for the tour to celebrate the trio's 20-year-long music journey. The concert tour will be its first in about nine years, following “Last Dance.” The three-member act gave fans a taste of what is to come at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California, where G-Dragon broke the news that the group

- [Toss hosts Philippine central bank, World Bank officials](#) (2026-04-24 02:46)

Toss said Friday that a Philippine delegation including central bank and World Bank officials visited its headquarters in Seoul to study its digital financial services. The delegation — invited by the Korea Financial Telecommunications & Clearings Institute — included officials from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and World Bank's Philippines office. During the visit, Toss outlined its platform-based operating model, demonstrating how its “one-app” structure integrates payments, remittances, ban

- [OCI shares jump on SpaceX deal buzz](#) (2026-04-24 02:45)

OCI Holdings shares surged Friday on expectations of rising solar demand and a potential supply deal with SpaceX. The stock rose 9.16 percent to 351,500 won as of 10:36 a.m., according to the Korea Exchange. The gains were driven by optimism that new demand — including from emerging space-based applications — could lift the polysilicon market, with OCI seen as a key beneficiary. “The outlook for Korean solar stocks will largely depend on partnerships with Elon Musk,” said Lee Jin-ho, an analyst

- [Doosan Enerbility chief leads Vietnam push for nuclear project](#) (2026-04-24 02:44)

Doosan Enerbility Chairman Park Jee-won led the company's push into Vietnam's nuclear power sector during President Lee Jae Myung's state visit, holding high-level meetings to lay the groundwork for future projects. Park joined the presidential business delegation to Hanoi, where he attended a series of events including a business roundtable and the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum, engaging with senior government officials and energy industry leaders. On the sidelines of the forum, Doosan signed me

- [Stray Kids open pop-up store in Seoul](#) (2026-04-24 02:40)

Stray Kids are running a pop-up store in Seoul from Friday until May 3, JYP Entertainment has announced. As the store name "SKZOO Everywhere All Around the World" implies, the temporary shop will also travel to major cities worldwide. The Seoul storefront is themed after an airport: from a check-in counter and security checkpoints to a duty-free shopping zone and boarding gate. Visitors are given a souvenir fashioned after a passport and a boarding pass that complete the travel experience, along

- [Drunk man kills woman, then calls 119 about a finger cut](#) (2026-04-24 02:37)

A man in his 50s has been accused of murdering an acquaintance, in an alleged crime that was discovered after the suspect drunkenly called emergency operators and complained about a cut on his finger, according to local police officers on Friday. Officials at the Masan Dongbu Police Station said they are investigating the suspect, who has been placed under arrest for Tuesday's murder. The victim was a woman in her 60s who had become acquainted with the suspect when they were admitted to a hospit

- [NH Bank deepens Vietnam push via agricultural lending tie-up](#) (2026-04-24 02:32)

NH NongHyup Bank has joined hands with Agribank, a leading agricultural lender in Vietnam, aiming to expand cooperation in digital finance. NH NongHyup Bank CEO Kang Tae-young and Agribank General Director Pham Toan Vuong signed a memorandum of understanding in Hanoi, Vietnam, Wednesday. Under the agreement, NH NongHyup Bank will support Agribank in building an online platform for agricultural banking services, such as labor matching, real-time local food sales, settlement tracking and monitorin

- [Hahn & Co. joins presidential Vietnam delegation in first for private equity firm](#) (2026-04-24 02:32)

Hahn & Co. has become the first Korean private equity firm to join a presidential business delegation, signaling a shift in how buyout firms are viewed in the corporate ecosystem. According to industry sources Friday, Vice Chairman Lee Dong-chun joined President Lee Jae Myung's state visit to Vietnam as part of the official economic delegation — marking the first such inclusion of a private equity executive. Lee also attended the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum held as part of the delegation's sche

- [2 million medical tourists visited S. Korea in 2025, spending 12.5 trillion won on tourism](#) (2026-04-24 02:27)

South Korea in 2025 saw 2.01 million foreigners visit the country to receive medical treatment, according to the Ministry of Health and Welfare on Friday, who are thought to have spent more than 12 trillion won on tourism. The number of foreign visitors receiving medical treatment nearly doubled from 1.17 million in 2024, which had surged significantly from 605,768 in the previous year. Figures for 2023 and 2024 were each the highest ever at the time. Hosting foreign patients is thought to bring

- [Korean Air tops 5,000 A320 Sharklet deliveries](#) (2026-04-24 02:26)

Korean Air has delivered more than 5,000 Sharklets, marking a milestone in its aerospace manufacturing business. The company said Friday it held a ceremony at the Korean Air Tech Center in Busan to commemorate the achievement, attended by Yoo Jong-seok, chief operating officer and chief safety officer of Korean Air, and Benoit Schultz, chief procurement officer at Airbus. Sharklets are L-shaped wingtips attached to A320 aircraft that reduce drag by minimizing wingtip vortices, improving fuel eff

- [Riize to return in June with 2nd EP: report](#) (2026-04-24 02:19)

Riize is gearing up to return on June 15 with its second EP, according to a local media report on Friday. It will be approximately seven months since the boy band dropped its second single, “Fame.” The three-track set sold close to 670,000 copies in the first week, having released during its first international tour, “Riizing Loud.” The band wrapped up the monthslong tour in Seoul last month after visiting 21 cities across the world: seven in North America, five in Japan and eight in Southeast A

- [Lee's approval rating hits previous high of 67%](#) (2026-04-24 02:16)

President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating rose back to its previous high of 67 percent amid positive public sentiment over his diplomacy, a poll showed Friday. The survey by Gallup Korea, conducted Tuesday through Thursday on 1,001 respondents aged 18 and over, showed that the positive assessment of Lee's overall performance rose 1 percentage point from the previous week, tying the highest level recorded in a Gallup poll released March 20. The negative assessment fell 1 percentage point to 25 pe

- [Prix de Lausanne runner-up Yeom to join Boston Ballet](#) (2026-04-24 02:15)

Seventeen-year-old ballerina Yeom Da-yeon, who won second prize and the audience favorite award at the 54th Prix de Lausanne in Switzerland in February, will join the Boston Ballet as a company member. Yeom came into the spotlight after her win, training under her father and mentor, Yeom Ji-hoon, a former ballerino and head of Ballet West, through homeschooling — quite an unconventional path compared to attending an arts high school. She gained early stage experience, notably performing the lead

- [Are books on the upswing? Libraries score 230m visits as infrastructure expands](#) (2026-04-24 02:14)

South Korea's public library infrastructure continued its steady expansion and improvement through 2025. The total number of public libraries nationwide reached 1,328 by the end of the year, marking an increase of 32 institutions or 2.5 percent compared to the previous year. This expansion has improved accessibility, reducing the population served per library by about 1,000, settling at 38,492 people. Of the 1,328 public libraries, Seoul and Gyeonggi Province have the most, with 214 and 328, res

- [US State Department confirms S. Korea's opposition chair met undersecretary's chief of staff: report](#) (2026-04-24 02:13)

The US Department of State has confirmed that Rep. Jang Dong-hyeok, chair of South Korea's main opposition People Power Party, met its undersecretary's chief of staff, according to news reports. The revelation came amid growing doubts over Jang's 10-day US trip, as the trip drew criticism from both sides of the aisle for being ill-timed. According to a news report from JTBC on Thursday, an unnamed State Department spokesperson confirmed via email inquiry that Jang and his delegation were introdu

- [Govt. to designate 10 cities to serve as startup hubs by 2027 to promote balanced growth](#) (2026-04-24 01:51)

The government will designate 10 cities to serve as major hubs for startup ecosystems by next year in a bid to promote balanced regional growth and create more jobs for young people, the finance ministry said Friday. It will first designate four cities that house the country's major science institutes -- Daejeon, Daegu, Gwangju and Ulsan -- as startup hubs this year, and name six more cities outside of the greater Seoul area with such potential next year, according to the Ministry of Finance and

- [SK expands into Vietnam AI ecosystem with data center plans](#) (2026-04-24 01:38)

SK Group is stepping up efforts to build Vietnam's artificial intelligence ecosystem and core infrastructure, marking a major push to export its "AI full-stack" model overseas. The group said Friday it signed separate memorandums of understanding with Vietnam's Nghe An provincial government and the National Innovation Center during the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum held in Hanoi. The agreements were signed in the presence of Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan and Vietnam's Finance Minister Ngo Van T

- [Man stops armed assailant with bare hands at store](#) (2026-04-24 01:37)

A South Korean man made headlines recently for his heroic intervention at a local convenience store, protecting an employee by subduing a knife-wielding man with his bare hands. The suspect in his 50s is under investigation by police in Yangsan, South Gyeongsang Province. He is accused of violence, bodily injury on another and possessing a weapon in a public place. The man who overpowered the suspect with his bare hands is being hailed as a hero, with police

reviewing plans to award him with a c

- [National Museum of Korea, Asian Art Museum in San Francisco to expand cultural exchange](#) (2026-04-24 01:17)

The National Museum of Korea and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco have signed a memorandum of understanding to expand collaboration in exhibitions, research and institutional exchange, the museum announced Thursday. The agreement was signed Thursday at the National Museum of Korea in Seoul, with both institutions pledging to deepen mutual understanding and promote cultural exchange, particularly around Korean heritage. “Through this partnership with a key institution in North America, we ex

- [Seoul stocks open tad lower amid little progress in peace talks](#) (2026-04-24 00:28)

South Korean stocks started a tad lower Friday, retreating from their record-breaking rally as persistent tensions in the Middle East weighed on investor sentiment. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 7.21 points, or 0.11 percent, to 6,468.60 in the first 15 minutes of trading. The decline followed overnight losses on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.36 percent and the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite dropped 0.89 percent. Investors took to the sidelines

- [Trump says he won't use nuclear weapon in Iran war](#) (2026-04-24 00:11)

US President Donald Trump on Thursday ruled out using a nuclear weapon in the war against Iran, noting that he hopes to make the "best" peace deal with the Islamic Republic and does not want to "rush" himself. Trump made the remarks during a press availability, two days after he announced an extension of a ceasefire with Iran until Tehran submits a "unified" proposal. His administration believes Iran is grappling with internal division between moderates and hard-liners, which makes it difficult

- [Dwaejigukbap, Busan's hearty pork rice soup](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

By the Korean Food Promotion Institute This recipe captures the essence of dwaejigukbap — a regional staple most closely associated with Busan. Built on a deeply simmered pork broth, the dish balances richness with clarity, aided here by kalopanax branches, which help neutralize gaminess and lend a clean finish. Customization is central to the eating experience: Diners typically season their bowls to taste with salted shrimp, perilla powder and spice. The result is both comforting and interactiv

- [Movies in theaters this week](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

"Ran 12.3" (Korea) Opened April 22 Documentary Directed by Lee Myung-se A record of former President Yoon Suk-yeol's declaration of martial law on December 3, 2024, assembled from footage and photos contributed by those present that night. "Audition 109" (Korea) Opened April 22 Comedy/Drama Directed by Jung Woo and Oh Seong-ho A Busan native (Jung Woo) moves to Seoul with dreams of making it as an actor, only to find the city less than welcoming. "

My Name" (Korea) Opened April 15 Drama Directed

- [Festivals, sights across Korea](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

The Seoul Buramsan Azalea Festival runs through Sunday, offering a fleeting glimpse of one of the city's most photogenic seasonal displays. More than 100,000 azalea shrubs blanket the mountainside in soft pink, with walking trails winding between them. The festival pairs nature with light programming. Busking performances and small concerts are held along the trails, while a "healing market" features local crafts and snacks. Food trucks and outdoor rest areas, including a picnic zone and pop-up

- [Hans Christian Andersen winner Janisch asks if adults — not children — are reading enough](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

People lament that children don't read these days. But according to Austrian author Heinz Janisch, the more pressing question we should be asking is: Are adults reading enough? Janisch, whose work spans picture books, poetry, prose, plays and dance theater scripts, received the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2024, widely regarded as the highest honor in children's literature. His books have been translated into more than 20 languages. "If parents read, children will naturally follow." The Aust

- [Blooming Seoul: Two gardens for softer, colorful weekend](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

Spring has reached its most vivid point in Seoul, making it the perfect time to step outside to take it all in. At Yongsan Children's Garden, a once off-limits military site reborn as a public park, wide lawns and quiet paths offer a rare sense of openness in the city's core. For something more steeped in history, the Secret Garden at Changdeokgung Palace unfolds in gentle harmony with nature, its trails lined with blossoms, ponds and wooded hills. Both destinations invite a slower pace — an eas

- [Packages and promotions](#) (2026-04-24 00:00)

Sweet stay meets Disney charm at Andaz Seoul Gangnam Andaz Seoul Gangnam is rolling out a family-friendly Honeyful Stay With Disney Store package. The package includes an in-room honey dessert set, a Pooh plush, Jogakbo breakfast buffet and a minibar. For stays in May, premium rooms and above come with a limited-edition honey squeeze from An Sang-gyu Honey. Extra beds are offered free of charge for deluxe rooms and above, subject to availability. The package is available through May 31, with a 1

- [Victim said 'no' 75 times, civic groups challenge rape acquittal and definition](#) (2026-04-23 22:00)

A coalition of civic groups filed a constitutional complaint Thursday over a sexual violence case in which courts acquitted the defendant despite the alleged victim having repeatedly refused, arguing that the ruling violated constitutional rights including sexual self-determination. The coalition, led by Lawyers for a Democratic Society and other advocacy groups, said at a press

conference in front of the Constitutional Court in Seoul that the judgment infringed on the victim's basic rights and

- [\[Lee Byung-jong\] Israel's friends and foes](#) (2026-04-23 20:30)

Israel has never been a contentious issue in South Korea — until President Lee Jae Myung posted a short message on X earlier this month. Sharing a video that appeared to show Israeli soldiers dropping the body of a deceased Palestinian boy from a rooftop, Lee questioned whether the footage was real. “If so, this is not different from the forced sex slavery (by Japan during World War II) or the Jewish Holocaust that we take issue with,” he said. His remarks immediately drew a harsh response from

- [Lee calls for robust Korea-Vietnam partnership to weather global shocks](#) (2026-04-23 14:09)

HANOI, Vietnam — President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday urged South Korea and Vietnam to forge a more resilient economic partnership, saying deeper cooperation on supply chains, energy and advanced industries is essential to weather growing global uncertainty. “Global economic uncertainty is rising, creating a time of crisis. Under such circumstances, economic cooperation between South Korea and Vietnam has become more important than ever,” Lee said during a meeting with business leaders from the t

- [Posco Future M secures Vietnam approval for anode plant](#) (2026-04-23 13:21)

Posco Future M has secured regulatory approval for its synthetic graphite anode project in Vietnam, clearing the way for full-scale overseas expansion as it moves to strengthen its global battery materials supply chain. The company said Thursday it received an investment registration certificate from Thai Nguyen Province during the Korea-Vietnam Business Forum in Hanoi, marking the completion of key approval procedures required for foreign investment. With the approval in place, Posco Future M p

- [Trump says US to attack any boats laying mines in Strait of Hormuz](#) (2026-04-23 13:00)

President Donald Trump on Thursday said he had ordered the US Navy "to shoot and kill any boat" that is laying mines in the Strait of Hormuz, and that US minesweepers were working "at a tripled up level" to clear any mines from the waters. (Reuters)

- [Huawei to invest \\$2.6 billion on R&D; in smart driving technologies](#) (2026-04-23 12:28)

Huawei Technologies will invest 18 billion yuan (\$2.6 billion) globally on research and development in smart driving technologies, including 10 billion yuan on computing power for training, a senior executive said on Thursday. Over the next five years, Huawei plans to spend 70 billion to 80 billion yuan on computing power, Jin Yuzhi, Huawei's senior vice president, said at an event in Beijing ahead of China's largest auto show, which opens on Friday. Huawei is defending its leading position

- [US military says it seizes another oil tanker associated with Iran](#) (2026-04-23 12:03)

The US military on Thursday seized another tanker associated with the smuggling of Iranian oil, ratcheting up a standoff with Iran a day after its paramilitary Revolutionary Guards took control of two vessels in the crucial Strait of Hormuz. The Defense Department released video footage of US forces on the deck of the oil tanker Majestic X, which was seized in the Indian Ocean.

“We will continue global maritime enforcement to disrupt illicit networks and interdict vessels providing material supp

- [Korean content has the world's attention. MPA wants you to see how much it earns.](#) (2026-04-23 12:00)

The Motion Picture Association has been telling governments the story of Hollywood for a century. This week in Seoul, it is doing the opposite: telling the story of Korean content, in numbers. On Tuesday, the trade body's Korea arm presented its first report on the economic footprint of Korean film, television and streaming at a seminar held at the National Assembly. The study, commissioned from Oxford Economics, put the country's audiovisual industry at roughly 300,000 jobs supported and close

- [South Korean Army chief meets Commonwealth counterparts, discusses Peninsula security](#) (2026-04-23 11:16)

South Korea's Army chief met with his counterparts from four Commonwealth nations in Seoul on Thursday, stressing the need for closer military cooperation to address the evolving security environment on the Korean Peninsula, the Army said. Gen. Kim Gyu-ha, chief of staff of the South Korean Army, invited the army chiefs of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand to its headquarters in South Chungcheong Province during their visit to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gapyeo

- [First lady visits Hanoi museum with wife of Vietnam's top leader](#) (2026-04-23 10:54)

First lady Kim Hea Kyung and Ngo Phuong Ly, the wife of Vietnam's top leader To Lam, visited a folklore museum in Hanoi on Thursday and bonded over cultural exchanges. Kim, who is accompanying President Lee Jae Myung on his state visit to Vietnam, toured the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology with Ly to view traditional clothing, textiles and jewelry of Vietnam's ethnic groups. At a Korea-themed exhibit, Kim took note of a traditional Korean hat, called "gat," saying it was featured in the Netflix anim

- [Gov't freezes price caps on fuel products for another 2 weeks](#) (2026-04-23 10:16)

The government said Thursday it will maintain the current price ceilings on fuel products for another two weeks considering international oil prices and demand-side controls. Maximum prices for regular gasoline, diesel and kerosene supplied to gas stations by local oil refineries will remain unchanged at 1,934 won (US\$1.3), 1,923 won and 1,530 won per liter, respectively, for the next two weeks, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources. It marks the second consecutive time the

- [Jeonju film fest is screening two short films about instant noodles](#) (2026-04-23 10:01)

Ramyun is, for a lot of Koreans, the great equalizer — the 3 a.m. study snack, the broke-week dinner, the ultimate hangover cure, the prop for "Netflix and chill." So perhaps it was only a matter of time before someone decided it deserved its own spot at a film festival. That someone is the country's leading instant noodle maker Nongshim, which has put money behind two new shorts premiering at the 27th Jeonju International Film Festival: Oh Se-yeon's "Before It's Too Late" (whose Korean title li

- [Former party chair, former Cheong Wa Dae spokesperson to run for by-election in Incheon](#) (2026-04-23 09:38)

The ruling Democratic Party of Korea announced on Thursday that Song Young-gil, the party's former chair, will run for the parliamentary by-election in Yeonsu-A constituency in Incheon. Additionally, the party said it had selected Kim Nam-joon as the candidate for the Gyeyang-B electoral district in Incheon. Song has served five terms as a lawmaker in Gyeyang-B district and also served as the Incheon mayor from 2010 to 2014. He quit his lawmaker post in April 2022 to run in the Seoul mayoral ele

- [Korea pitches forest partnership to climate-stressed Central Asia](#) (2026-04-23 08:39)

ASTANA, Kazakhstan — Top officials from Central Asian countries gathered in Astana, Kazakhstan, to address shared environmental challenges Thursday, with South Korean representatives presenting on their country's experience in preserving mountainous environments. The session, titled “Mountains and Climate Change: From Vulnerability to Sustainable Development,” was held at the Congress Center in Astana under Kyrgyzstan’s chairmanship as part of the Regional Ecological Summit 2026, which brings to

- [Woori deepens Viettel ties for Vietnam push](#) (2026-04-23 08:27)

Woori Bank said Thursday it signed a memorandum of understanding with Viettel, Vietnam's largest mobile carrier, deepening ties between the two companies. The signing took place Wednesday during a meeting between Woori Bank CEO Jung Jin-wan and officials from Viettel Global, including CEO Nguyen Thi Hoa and Vice President Nguyen Cao Loi. Viettel is a state-owned corporation under Vietnam's Ministry of National Defence, while Viettel Global oversees the group's overseas telecommunications and dig

- [Hyundai Rotem wins first Vietnam rail contract](#) (2026-04-23 08:19)

Hyundai Rotem has secured its first railway contract in Vietnam, establishing a foothold in one of Southeast Asia’s fastest-growing infrastructure markets. The company said Thursday it signed a 491 billion won (\$360 million) deal with THACO Group to supply driverless trains for Ho Chi Minh City’s Metro Line 2. The deal marks the first export of Korean metro rolling stock to Vietnam and is seen as a key step in expanding Korea’s rail exports under broader economic cooperation between the two coun

- [KB to cancel W2.3tr shares after record Q1 profit](#) (2026-04-23 08:17)

KB Financial Group on Thursday announced plans to cancel 14.26 million shares worth 2.3 trillion won (\$1.55 billion) in May, one of the largest such moves in the industry, as the firm posted a record first quarter earnings. The cancellation, equal to 3.8 percent of shares outstanding, comes despite a 1 1/2-year grace period under the revised Commercial Act's mandatory treasury share cancellation rule. KB also approved an additional 600 billion won share buyback and cancellation program to be com

- [Hyundai' s hybrid push powers record Q1](#) (2026-04-23 07:57)

Hyundai Motor Co. reported record first-quarter revenue, driven by strong hybrid sales across key markets including the US, despite mounting global uncertainties such as tariffs and Middle East tensions. From January to March, its revenue rose 3.4 percent year-on-year to 45.9 trillion won (\$31 billion). Hybrids accounted for a record 17.8 percent of total sales. The automaker' s share in global markets and the US increased to 4.9 percent and 6 percent, respectively. However, the company' s operati

- [LG Display Q1 profit triples on OLED growth](#) (2026-04-23 07:57)

LG Display reported a third consecutive quarter of operating profit Thursday, with earnings surging on stronger OLED sales and cost reductions despite seasonal demand weakness. Operating profit for the January-March period reached 146.7 billion won (\$108 million), up 338 percent from a year earlier. Revenue declined 9 percent on-year and 23 percent from the previous quarter to 5.53 trillion won, while net loss widened to 575.7 billion won. The earnings improvement was driven by a higher mix of O

- [Ex-teacher jailed after killing son, who she thought had autism](#) (2026-04-23 07:54)

A woman convicted of killing her 3-year-old son and attempting to kill her father was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Wednesday, as the Daegu High Court upheld the lower court' s ruling. The woman, who is in her 30s, had been indicted on charges including murder and attempted patricide. The appeals court also overturned a lower court order requiring her to complete a child abuse treatment program. A former middle school teacher in North Gyeongsang Province, she was accused of killing her son a

- [Rare deep-sea fish haul off Busan stirs quake fears](#) (2026-04-23 07:52)

Five deep-sea fish were caught in waters off Busan earlier this week, but local experts expressed doubt that the unusual catch was linked to recent earthquakes in nearby Japan. A fishing boat in Busan caught five striped jewfish in a single day, according to Yonhap News Agency. The largest was 165 centimeters long and weighed 90 kilograms, nearly 20 kilograms heavier than the average adult Korean man. The striped jewfish is one of the rarest marine species found in Korean waters, with only about

- [PPS supports resource recycling in hopes to stabilize raw material supply](#) (2026-04-23 07:47)

South Korea's Public Procurement Service said Thursday it visited local waste recycling company City Oil Field to explore ways to expand public procurement channels and strengthen domestic raw material supply chains. City Oil Field specializes in producing petrochemical feedstocks by recycling waste plastics. The visit comes as volatility in imported raw material prices — driven by geopolitical tensions in the Middle East — underscores the need to diversify sources. The PPS said it aimed to supp

- [Honda to end auto sales in Korea](#) (2026-04-23 07:47)

Honda Korea said Thursday it will exit the automobile sales business in Korea by the end of 2026, following a strategic review of its operations. The move reflects a decision to reallocate management resources to priority areas amid shifting global and local market conditions. Despite the withdrawal, the company said it will continue to provide after-sales services, including maintenance, parts supply and warranty support, and will work with its dealer network to ensure a stable service system.

- [Kwon Eun-bi joins Mamamoo' s agency](#) (2026-04-23 07:40)

Singer Kwon Eun-bi has signed an exclusive contract with RBW, home to girl group Mamamoo, the agency said. “We are pleased to accompany Kwon Eun-bi on the next chapter of her musical journey,” RBW said in a statement on Wednesday. “We will provide full support so she can further expand her musical capabilities and continue her career across various fields.” Kwon' s move comes after she parted ways with Woollim Entertainment in March, ending a nearly decadelong relationship that began during her t

- [Kospi extends record rally on strong earnings](#) (2026-04-23 07:25)

South Korea' s benchmark Kospi hit another record high on Thursday, marking a third consecutive session of fresh highs, buoyed by strong earnings. The Kospi rose 0.9 percent to close at 6,475.81 points, extending its record streak to a third straight session since Tuesday. During intraday trading, the index had surged to a fresh high of 6,557.76 as well, breaking above the 6,500 mark for the first time, before paring gains later in the session. It fell as low as 6,309.1, before recovering some lo

- [Tottenham seek psychologist for mental boost](#) (2026-04-23 07:16)

England' s Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur is moving to hire a sports psychologist to strengthen players' mental resilience, the BBC reported Wednesday. The report said Tottenham is looking to appoint a “senior psychologist” after head coach Roberto De Zerbi called for improvements in the squad' s mentality. According to the BBC, the club posted a job advertisement on professional networking platform LinkedIn, seeking an “exceptional sport psychologist to provide evidence-based psychological

- [Trump envoy proposes Italy for Iran World Cup spot](#) (2026-04-23 07:16)

A top envoy to US President Donald Trump has asked the world soccer governing body FIFA to allow Italy to replace Iran at the 2026 World Cup, according to a report. Citing an interview with The Financial Times on Wednesday, US special envoy Paolo Zampolli said he had proposed to both Trump and FIFA President Gianni Infantino that Italy be allowed to participate in place of Iran. “As an Italian, it would be a dream to see the Azzurri compete in a tournament hosted in the United States,” Zampolli

- [Mother sentenced to life in prison for abuse, murder of 4-month-old son](#) (2026-04-23 07:13)

The Suncheon branch of the Gwangju District Court on Thursday sentenced a mother to life in prison for the fatal abuse of her 4-month-old son last year. The father was sentenced to four years and six months in prison. “Every child has the right to be born healthy and to grow up in safety, and parents bear an unlimited responsibility to raise their children safely,” presiding Judge Kim Yong kyu said. “Everyone knows raising a child is not easy, and that caring for an infant can push parents to th

- [Seoul stocks set fresh record high on tech gains, US ceasefire extension](#) (2026-04-23 06:55)

South Korean stocks closed at a fresh record high Thursday, approaching the 6,500-point level, as investors focused on corporate earnings following the United States' indefinite extension of its ceasefire in the conflict with Iran. The local currency fell against the US dollar. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 57.88 points, or 0.9 percent, to close at a record 6,475.81. The index surpassed its previous all-time high for the first time in about two months Monday and went on to

- [Air Force pilot's selfie caused \\$135 million midair collision: report](#) (2026-04-23 06:40)

A midair collision involving two Air Force F-15K fighter jets in 2021 occurred because a pilot was trying to film himself flying, according to a report released Wednesday by the state audit board. The pilot, an Air Force major at the time, was filming himself inside the cockpit during a December 2021 flight to mark his final flight before being transferred to another post, according to a report by the Board of Audit and Inspection. The squadron leader flying ahead of him had instructed the offic

- [Does USFK chief's OPCON timeline signal smaller US role?](#) (2026-04-23 06:37)

US Army Gen. Xavier Brunson, commander of the 28,500-strong United States Forces Korea, laid out a more concrete timeline for the transfer of wartime operational control to Seoul during congressional hearings in Washington this week. The plan, however, underscores a strictly conditions-based approach, alongside a growing emphasis on maintaining key capabilities within US Forces Korea, as South Korea assumes a larger role in conventional defense. Testifying before the House Armed Services Committ

- [Japan puts brakes on MBK's Makino bid](#) (2026-04-23 06:25)

MBK Partners' plan to acquire Japan-based machine tool maker Makino Milling Machine has run into regulatory resistance, after the Japanese government urged the firm to halt the deal on national security grounds. Chief Cabinet Secretary Kihara Minoru said Thursday that authorities had identified potential risks linked to the takeover and recommended that MBK suspend the transaction a day earlier. Machine tools — used to cut and grind high-precision metal components — are classified as a core sector

- [Shinhan posts record Q1 profit on brokerage boost](#) (2026-04-23 06:25)

Shinhan Financial Group on Thursday reported record first-quarter net profit of 1.62 trillion won (\$1.1 billion), as stronger brokerage earnings boosted non-interest income. Net profit rose 9 percent from a year earlier, marking the group's highest quarterly result and surpassing its previous peak of 1.59 trillion won in the third quarter of 2022. The gain was driven in part by Shinhan Securities, whose net profit jumped 167 percent to 288.4 billion won, supported by stronger equity markets. Growth

- ['My Name': A massacre, a classroom, and good intentions gone astray](#) (2026-04-23 06:22)

In the spring of 1948, on an island now mostly associated with cherry blossoms and honeymoon suites, South Korean troops and right-wing paramilitaries began a seven-year campaign that would kill as many as 30,000 civilians, most of them rounded up on suspicion of communist sympathies. Through decades of authoritarian rule that followed, talking about it in public could get you jailed. Veteran Chung Ji-young's "My Name," which premiered at the Berlinale's Forum sidebar in February and opened in

- [Jisoo's sister set for TV debut as family controversy draws attention](#) (2026-04-23 06:21)

The older sister of Jisoo of Blackpink is set to appear on a TV reality program next month, drawing attention amid ongoing controversy involving the singer's family. Kim Ji-yoon, an influencer in her own right and Jisoo's sister, will appear on tvN's upcoming "Kill It: Style Creator War," which premieres May 12. A former flight attendant, Kim began her TV career last year on the game show "Super Seller: Incentive Game." "Kill It" is a competition aimed at finding the most "iconic" fashion creator

- [Samsung union stages mass rally over bonus fight](#) (2026-04-23 06:16)

Samsung Electronics' labor union rallied 37,000 workers by its own count at the company's semiconductor campus in Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi Province, Thursday, in its largest show of force ahead of a general strike threatened for next month. Hours earlier, a small group of retail shareholders staged a counterdemonstration at the campus gates. Min Gyeong-kwon, 47, who organized the protest, called the union's bonus demands "no different from a predatory creditor's" and said threatening to halt product

- [Beyond espresso: Nespresso eyes wider coffee styles in Korea](#) (2026-04-23 06:04)

Nespresso Korea is charting new territory in 2026, moving "from espresso to exploration" with more diverse, customizable coffee styles and a new machine built for Korean life. Speaking at a media event on Thursday, CEO Park Sung-yong outlined a vision that builds on last year's focus on collaboration while seeking more personalized consumer engagement. "Through collaborations with partners such as Starbucks and Blue Bottle, we expanded our product portfolio," Park said, adding that the company a

- [Korean Air may finally let flight attendants wear sneakers](#) (2026-04-23 05:55)

For 57 years, Korean Air has required its flight attendants to wear heeled shoes, but this rule could soon change. According to local media, the airline is considering updating the dress code to allow cabin crew to wear sneakers or other functional footwear to improve comfort during long shifts. Currently, flight attendants are required to wear heels measuring 3 to 5 centimeters while on duty. If approved, the policy would also apply to Asiana Airlines, expected to merge with Korean Air by year-

- [Lee seeks bigger Korea role in Vietnam's growth drive](#) (2026-04-23 05:55)

HANOI, Vietnam — President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday cast South Korea as a "trusted partner" in Vietnam's push for growth through deeper strategic cooperation in nuclear energy and infrastructure. Lee met newly elected Prime Minister Le Minh Hung, Vietnam's No. 2 leader overseeing the economy and administration, at the Prime Minister's Office in Hanoi on the third day of his four-day state visit to Vietnam. "Vietnam's success, as a driving engine of regional economic growth, is also the success

- [Eximbank Korea seals nuclear financing pact with Vietnam](#) (2026-04-23 05:53)

Export-Import Bank of Korea has signed a four-way agreement in Vietnam to deepen financing cooperation for nuclear projects, while supporting Seoul's push to expand exports of Korean nuclear technology. The state-run lender said Thursday it signed a memorandum of understanding in Hanoi a day earlier with Korea Trade Insurance Corp., Korea Electric Power Corp. and Vietnam National Industry-Energy Group, or PVN, to explore financing cooperation for Vietnam's nuclear power projects. The agreement c

- [Reshoring accounts top 1tr won on Kospi rally](#) (2026-04-23 05:53)

South Korea's record-setting Kospi rally is driving a surge in reshoring investment accounts, or RIAs, with balances topping 1 trillion won (\$675 million) as retail funds begin to flow back from overseas markets. According to the Korea Financial Investment Association on Thursday, RIA balances had reached 1.05 trillion won as of Wednesday, with the number of accounts rising to 160,000. The scheme is designed to encourage retail investors to repatriate funds from overseas stock markets by offerin

- [S. Korean envoy urges Iran cooperation on Hormuz transit amid tensions](#) (2026-04-23 05:46)

South Korea's special envoy to the foreign minister met with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi this week to discuss Middle East developments and bilateral issues, Seoul's Foreign Ministry said Thursday, as tensions continue in the Strait of Hormuz. According to a statement released by Seoul's ministry, special envoy Chung Byung-ha expressed hope for the continued development of bilateral ties, highlighting recent exchanges between Seoul and Tehran. Seoul's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun and Ara

- [Chip boom lifts Korea to fastest growth in 5 years](#) (2026-04-23 05:44)

South Korea's economy grew 1.7 percent in the first quarter, its fastest pace in over five years, powered by an AI-driven semiconductor boom, Bank of Korea data showed Thursday. The country's real gross domestic product — a key measure of economic performance — grew at its fastest pace in 5 1/2 years, since the third quarter of 2020, when exports surged after eased Covid-19 restrictions. On a year-on-year basis, growth came in at 3.6 percent. The latest figure far exceeded the BOK's February pro

- ['Perfect Crown' gaining popularity in China despite lacking official distributor](#) (2026-04-23 05:40)

MBC drama “Perfect Crown” has reportedly gained traction among Chinese viewers through unauthorized channels, according to local media reports. For many international viewers, the series is currently available via streaming platform Disney+. However, the platform does not operate in China, leaving no legal means for local audiences to watch the show. According to Seo Kyoung-duk, a professor at the School of Creative Convergence Studies at Sungshin Women's University, a review page for the drama

- [Vietnamese envoy sees SMEs as engine of next stage in Korea ties](#) (2026-04-23 05:36)

Cooperation between small and medium-sized enterprises is key to deepening future ties and mutual growth between South Korea and Vietnam, Nguyen Thi Thai Binh, deputy chief of mission at the Vietnamese Embassy in Seoul, said Wednesday. “The future of our cooperation will not be defined by large corporations alone,” Nguyen said, noting that nearly 10,000 Korean SMEs already operate in Vietnam. “If large corporations are the backbone of Vietnam-Korea economic relations, then SMEs are the circulatory

- [HD Hyundai expands US ties in uncrewed naval systems](#) (2026-04-23 05:31)

HD Hyundai said Thursday it is expanding cooperation with US partners in naval and uncrewed vessel technologies, following its participation in Sea Air Space 2026 in Washington. The group signed a memorandum of understanding with Anduril Industries on Wednesday to jointly develop uncrewed underwater vehicles, extending their collaboration from surface drones into subsea systems. On the same day, HD Hyundai also signed a tripartite agreement with American Bureau of Shipping and Anduril to develop

- [Classical Bridge Festival returns to Seoul, linking generations, geographies through music](#) (2026-04-23 05:27)

The Classical Bridge International Music Festival will return to Seoul in June, bringing together leading figures and rising talent in a program that spans generations and styles. Now in its sixth edition, the festival — under the artistic direction of pianist Klara Min — will be held at major venues including Seoul Arts Center, Lotte Concert Hall and Goyang Aram Nuri. A total of 21 artists will participate across seven performances from June 4 to June 12. Launched in 2018 in New York, the festi

- [Now, stand two lines on escalators](#) (2026-04-23 05:26)

When you are in a foreign country, it is often the smallest unwritten rules that prove most confusing, such as whether to stand still or walk on an escalator. In South Korea, even locals have remained unsure after decades of shifting guidance. Now the country is once again reconsidering how people should use escalators. The Ministry of the Interior and Safety is preparing a nationwide campaign urging people to stand on both sides of escalators, moving away from the long-standing practice of stan

- [Matchmaking firm Duo leak exposed your weight, assets, religion and more](#) (2026-04-23 05:24)

South Korea's privacy watchdog has fined matchmaking company Duo after hackers stole detailed personal profiles of more than 427,000 paid members, in a breach that exposed information ranging from resident registration numbers to marital history, religion and education records. The Personal Information Protection Commission said on Thursday that the leak affected all 427,464 paid members after malware infected a Duo employee's work computer in January last year. The watchdog imposed a fine of ne

- [Hanwha zeroes in on India's video surveillance market](#) (2026-04-23 05:18)

Hanwha Vision is doubling down on India as a strategic frontier to expand its video surveillance business, aiming to take the lead there to bolster its global presence. According to Hanwha Vision on Thursday, the company recently secured India's Standardization Testing and Quality Certification, or STQC. The cybersecurity certification is a prerequisite for supplying security equipment in the country. "India's regulatory standards are highly demanding, often posing challenges even for leading gl

- [Seoul National University to launch foreign-only undergraduate program in fall 2027](#) (2026-04-23 05:13)

Seoul National University will set up a new undergraduate division for international students, with enrollment set to begin as early as next fall. According to multiple sources, the university's council on Wednesday approved a proposal to create a tentatively named global talent division under its undergraduate college. While some council members raised concerns during deliberations, the plan was ultimately passed as proposed, clearing the final internal

approval step. The division is scheduled

- [Samsung SDS partners with Google Cloud on AI, security push](#) (2026-04-23 05:09)

Samsung SDS said Thursday it has signed a strategic partnership with Google Cloud to expand cooperation in artificial intelligence, cloud and cybersecurity, with a focus on regulated industries. The agreement was announced at Google Cloud Next 2026 in Las Vegas. Under the partnership, the two companies will collaborate on generative AI and cloud services while jointly developing new business opportunities in security-sensitive sectors such as public institutions and financial services. Samsung S

- [Most foreigners excluded from Korea's oil-price relief payouts](#) (2026-04-23 05:04)

South Korea will begin distributing relief payments on Monday to about 70 percent of the population as fuel and consumer prices rise amid the Middle East conflict, but most foreign residents will again be excluded despite earlier criticism from the country's human rights watchdog. The payments, which range from 100,000 won to 600,000 won (\$68 to \$405), will first be made available Monday to vulnerable groups, with a separate application period for the broader public set to begin May 18. Recipien

- [S. Korea needs more diplomatic endeavors for deeper ties with Egypt: former ambassador](#) (2026-04-23 05:00)

Former South Korean ambassador to Egypt Kim Yong-hyon called Thursday for Korea to bolster ties with Egypt, calling the country crucial amid uncertainties in the Middle East. Taking into account Egypt's track record of championing strategic balance in its foreign policy, South Korea should consider Egypt's role in navigating fallout from the US-Israeli war on Iran, as South Korea's economy relies on oil imports impacted by the conflict. "We need to put in more diplomatic endeavors, by launching

- [Iran fires on 3 ships in Strait of Hormuz as US maintains blockade and diplomacy stalls](#) (2026-04-23 04:58)

Iran fired on three ships in the Strait of Hormuz and seized two of them Wednesday, intensifying its assault on shipping in the key waterway. The attacks came a day after US President Donald Trump extended a ceasefire while maintaining an American blockade of Iranian ports. The standoff between the US and Iran has effectively choked off nearly all exports through the strait — where 20 percent of the world's traded oil passes in peacetime — with no end in sight. Iranian media said the paramilitar

- [Korean man arrested for trying to hang 'Dokdo is our land' banner at Yasukuni Shrine](#) (2026-04-23 04:58)

A South Korean man was arrested on Wednesday for attempting to hang a banner asserting the claim that the Dokdo islets are Korean territory at the controversial Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, according to Japanese media. Kyodo News Agency and NHK reported that the 64-year-old man,

surnamed Park, was detained Wednesday morning for allegedly obstructing an annual spring festival held at the shrine that honors the country's war dead, including 14 Class A criminals convicted by the Allies in internationa

- [Appeals by both sides set stage for Johnny Somali retrial](#) (2026-04-23 04:46)

American YouTuber Johnny Somali has appealed his six-month prison sentence in a South Korean court, and prosecutors have also filed an appeal seeking a harsher penalty, setting the stage for a second trial. Somali, whose real name is Ramsey Khalid Ismael, was taken into custody after being sentenced by the Seoul Western District Court on April 15 on charges including obstruction of business and violations of the Minor Offenses Act and the Sexual Violence Punishment Act. He filed his appeal five

- [TV personality Hong Seok-cheon says he helped rescue woman at Songkran](#) (2026-04-23 04:18)

TV personality Hong Seok-cheon said he helped rescue a woman who collapsed during Thailand's Songkran festival. In an Instagram post on Wednesday, Hong said the woman collapsed while enjoying the event with friends, likely due to a combination of alcohol and hypothermia, adding that they moved her to a safe place and that she was not seriously harmed. A video he uploaded on his social media account showed the unconscious woman being carried on a man's back, while Hong held her arm to keep her fr

- [Seoul denies discriminatory treatment of US firms after Republican letter on Coupang](#) (2026-04-23 04:11)

South Korea on Thursday pushed back against US Republican lawmakers' claims that Seoul is targeting American firms, saying investigations into Coupang are being carried out in line with domestic law regardless of nationality. A Foreign Ministry official, requesting anonymity, said the government is "fully implementing" its commitment not to subject US digital companies to discriminatory treatment or unnecessary barriers, in accordance with agreements reached by the two countries' leaders in the

- [Bolivian capital passes K-pop support law](#) (2026-04-23 04:09)

La Paz, Bolivia's administrative capital, has approved a municipal law aimed at promoting and supporting youth artistic activities linked to K-pop, in a rare institutional move for the genre in Latin America. The Municipal Law for the Promotion and Development of Youth Artistic Expressions Related to K-pop, passed by the city council, provides a legal basis for police security at K-pop events, the inclusion of K-pop activities in the municipal government's culture and arts agenda, the hosting of

- [Vietnam approves imports of Samgyetang, other Korean foods](#) (2026-04-23 04:08)

South Korea has won approval to export heat treated poultry products to Vietnam under a new bilateral agreement, the government said Thursday. The deal clears the way for exports of a

range of processed poultry products, including samgyetang, chicken nuggets, ham and sausages, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety. The two sides had been in talks over the issue since 2017. At the initial stage, two Korean processing facilities o

- [Tesla boosts spending plan to \\$25b in AI, robotics push](#) (2026-04-23 03:07)

Tesla anticipates billions of dollars in additional spending this year to support Elon Musk's ambitions to transform the electric-vehicle pioneer into an AI and robotics company. Capital expenditures this year will exceed \$25 billion, the company revealed Wednesday, roughly three times last year's outlay. The planned investment is up from a prior forecast of around \$20 billion. "You should expect to see a very significant increase in capital expenditure," Musk said on a conference call after Tes

- [Katseye to promote new single in Korea](#) (2026-04-23 03:04)

Katseye will start promotional activities in Korea from Saturday, landing in the country on Friday, label Hybe X Geffen Records said Thursday. The quintet will meet and greet fans at an autograph session and appear on television music chart shows performing its new single, "Pinky Up." The single, dropped in time for its debut at Coachella Valley Arts and Music Festival, has been ranking high on major music charts worldwide: No. 28 on Billboard Hot 100, No. 14 on UK Official Singles Top 100 and N

- [For foreign alumni, Korea doesn't end at graduation](#) (2026-04-23 02:54)

More South Korean universities are launching foreign alumni associations, but for many graduates the groups mean more than an extension of school ties. They offer a way to preserve friendships, professional connections and a sense of belonging shaped during their years in Korea. That sentiment was evident when it comes to Hanyang University in late November, when more than 140 alumni gathered in Kuala Lumpur to launch the school's Malaysian alumni association. The university described the event

- [Italy marks Space Day in Seoul](#) (2026-04-23 02:54)

The Italian Embassy in Seoul marked Italian Space Day on Wednesday, commemorating the 1964 launch of San Marco, Italy's first satellite, which made it the third country to independently reach space. "Space is a platform for cooperation, not just competition," said Italian astronaut Col. Walter Villadei of the Italian Air Force in his keynote speech. Villadei hopes to build a future, with the help of Korean partners, where humans can live on the moon. He noted that joint industrial cooperation is

- [US Navy Secretary Phelan fired, sources say](#) (2026-04-23 02:51)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -US Navy Secretary John Phelan has been fired, a US official and a person familiar with the matter said on Wednesday, in another wartime shakeup at the Pentagon coming just weeks after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth ousted the Army's top

general. The Pentagon announced his departure in a brief statement, saying he was leaving the administration "effective immediately." But it did not provide a reason or say whether it was his decision to go. His firing was first reported

- [US criticizes China's pressure on Africa](#) (2026-04-23 02:44)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- The US is concerned that several African countries revoked overflight clearances for Taiwan's president at China's behest, the US State Department said Wednesday, calling the incident an abuse of the international civil aviation system. Taiwan this week said the Seychelles, Mauritius and Madagascar unilaterally revoked flight permits for its presidential aircraft to cross airspace they manage on a planned trip to Eswatini, one of Taiwan's allies. It is the first instance

- [UK, France agree three-year deal to stop migrant crossings](#) (2026-04-23 02:43)

Britain and France have agreed a new three-year deal to stop undocumented migrants making the risky journey across the English Channel, according to a French interior ministry roadmap seen by Agence France-Presse Wednesday. Under the deal, France pledged to increase law enforcement on the coast by more than half to fight irregular migration to Britain -- reaching 1,400 officers by 2029. Britain will meanwhile provide up to 766 million euros (\$897 million) in funding -- though nearly a quarter of

- [US Immigration officer charged with assault](#) (2026-04-23 02:40)

An immigration officer has been charged with third-degree assault and criminal mischief following an investigation into how he treated a protester who said the officer put her in a chokehold. Multiple videos from bystanders show a masked agent grabbing and pulling Franci Stagi across the street during a protest in October against the detention of three Colombian asylum-seekers in Durango, Colorado. She said he grabbed her by the hair and put her in a chokehold. The state is among several that pr

- [From paint to planes, Iran war lifts costs, darkens outlooks](#) (2026-04-23 02:37)

LONDON (Reuters) -- Companies from consumer goods to travel and mining warned Wednesday that the US-Israeli war with Iran is driving up costs, disrupting supply chains and hurting consumer confidence, clouding financial outlooks. The cautious tone so far in the earnings season highlights the pressure on businesses already hit by US tariffs, higher input costs and weak demand before the conflict erupted in late February. While some companies stuck to their full-year forecasts, executives flagged

- [LG Electronics unveils built-in package to target Europe's premium market](#) (2026-04-23 02:34)

LG Electronics said Thursday it had unveiled its "LG Built-in Package" at Milan Design Week 2026, stepping up its push into Europe's premium built-in kitchen appliance market. The package integrates core appliances — including ovens, induction cooktops, refrigerators and

dishwashers — into a cohesive kitchen solution, offering a unified design while allowing individual units to be replaced as needed. LG said the package was tailored for Europe, which accounts for roughly 40 percent of the global

- [LS Materials to supply ultracapacitors for US fusion project](#) (2026-04-23 02:34)

LS Materials said Thursday it has secured a supply deal for ultracapacitors in a US nuclear fusion demonstration project, marking its entry into the emerging fusion energy sector. The order will be used in a project led by a US energy company aimed at commercializing fusion power. LS Materials expects follow-up orders as testing advances and anticipates significant demand once the technology reaches full commercialization. More than 1,000 large ultracapacitor modules will be deployed. The compan

- [2PM to sing at Taeyeon's wedding: report](#) (2026-04-23 02:33)

2PM will sing at member Ok Taeyeon's wedding, scheduled for Friday in Seoul, according to a local media report Thursday. The groupmates will not only offer their best wishes to him after almost two decades of being a team, but will also fulfill the wish Ok expressed in 2013 when he said he wanted the 2PM members to sing at his wedding. Ok will be the second member of the six-piece group to marry, following Hwang Chansung. Meanwhile, the group will have stand-alone shows at Tokyo Dome on May 9-1

- [LG CNS named Google Cloud Partner of the Year](#) (2026-04-23 02:22)

LG CNS has been named Google Cloud Partner of the Year 2026 for Korea, becoming the only Korean company to receive the honor this year. The award was presented at Google Cloud Next 2026, where Google recognizes partners for achievements in areas including artificial intelligence, data analytics, infrastructure modernization and security. The country-level “Partner of the Year” award is given to companies that deliver outstanding business results by leveraging Google Cloud technologies. LG CNS ha

- [Nmixx joins forces with Hanroro for 'Heavy Serenade'](#) (2026-04-23 02:16)

Nmixx teamed up with singer-songwriter Hanroro for the title track of its fifth EP “Heavy Serenade,” according to its label JYP Entertainment on Thursday. The group will release the mini album on May 11. The upcoming EP consists of six tracks, with Hanroro lending her signature poetic touch to the main track's lyrics. Members Lily and Bae also added their names to the lyric credits: Lily wrote "Loud" and co-wrote “Crescendo,” while Bae participated in the writing of “Different Girl.” Ahead of th

- [S. Korea to accept record 93,500 foreign seasonal workers for agriculture sector in H1](#) (2026-04-23 02:03)

South Korea will accept a record 93,500 foreign seasonal workers for the agriculture sector in the first half, the agriculture ministry said Thursday. The figure represents a marked increase from the 77,411 foreign agricultural workers that came to the country throughout last year,

according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The ministry said it will work to enhance the skills of foreign workers by distributing training content in different foreign languages, while consulting

- [\[H.eco Tech Festa 2026\] At LG, sustainability is measured in numbers — and returns](#) (2026-04-23 01:56)

Jeong Soo-jeong's case for sustainability at LG Electronics comes down to what can be counted. "When it comes to proving impact, in the end, numbers are the most effective thing," the head of LG's ESG Strategy Planning Team said in a recent interview with The Korea Herald, ahead of H.eco Tech Festa 2026, where she will join a panel on how environmental performance is turning into a source of competitive advantage. That conviction shows up in how the Korean electronics maker has begun booking sus

- [N. Korea, Russia boost high-level exchanges to unprecedented level ahead of Kursk recapture anniv.](#) (2026-04-23 01:35)

North Korea and Russia are dramatically expanding high-level exchanges, with three Russian ministers visiting the North at the same time, as they mark the first anniversary of the recapture of the Kursk region next week amid Moscow's war with Ukraine, according to Pyongyang's state media Thursday. Sectoral working-level meetings to boost North Korea-Russia cooperation and exchanges were held at a hotel in the Wonsan-Kalma eastern seaside resort region the previous day, the Korean Central News Agency

- [Galaxy Corp. denies signing Baekhyun](#) (2026-04-23 01:31)

Galaxy Corp., the management company representing G-Dragon, refuted reports that Baekhyun had joined the agency. A local media report had claimed Wednesday that Baekhyun was in the final phase of signing an exclusive contract with the agency. Baekhyun, along with fellow Exo members Chen and Xiumin, reportedly notified agency INB100 of the termination of their contracts earlier in April. Baekhyun had established the agency when the three members — known as CBX — parted ways with SM Entertainment

- [Asian elephant calf makes public debut at DC Zoo](#) (2026-04-23 00:39)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hottest new celebrity in Washington, DC, is Asian elephant calf Linh Mai, who made her public debut Wednesday at the Smithsonian's National Zoo. She is the first elephant calf born at the zoo in 25 years. Mother elephant Nhi Linh gave birth to Linh Mai on Feb. 2 after nearly two years of pregnancy. Robbie Clark, the zoo's elephant manager, said, "Linh Mai is a hoot, she's a fantastic little elephant to get to know." "She's very curious," Clark added. "She's learning how to

- [Seoul stocks open at new high amid US ceasefire extension with Iran](#) (2026-04-23 00:28)

South Korean stocks opened at a record high Thursday, with the benchmark index approaching the 6,500-point level, driven by large-cap tech gains and the United States' indefinite extension

of its ceasefire in the conflict with Iran. After opening 1.1 percent higher, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 62.23 points, or 0.97 percent, to 6,480.16 in the first 15 minutes of trading. The index surpassed its previous all-time high for the first time in about two months Monday and went

- [Govt. to expand tax cuts on LPG butane next month; review stronger punitive measures against collusion](#) (2026-04-23 00:26)

The government announced Thursday it will more than double fuel tax cuts on liquefied petroleum gas butane products starting next month, while pushing for stronger penalties against collusion, in a bid to stabilize market prices directly affecting people's livelihoods. Under the latest measure to support people's livelihoods, the current 10 percent tax cut on butane will be expanded to 25 percent until the end of June, according to the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The ministry said it made s

- [S. Korea logs fastest GDP growth in 5 1/2 yrs on strong semiconductor exports](#) (2026-04-23 00:24)

Despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the South Korean economy posted its fastest quarterly growth in 5 1/2 years in the first quarter, supported by solid exports amid a semiconductor upcycle and resilient domestic demand, central bank data showed Thursday. The country's real gross domestic product -- a key measure of economic growth -- rose 1.7 percent in the January-March period from three months earlier, according to the preliminary data from the Bank of Korea. It marked the stronges

- [Daewoo E&C; expands into full nuclear value chain](#) (2026-04-23 00:20)

Daewoo Engineering & Construction is positioning itself to become a global leader across the nuclear power value chain, leveraging a resurgence in atomic energy driven by the push for carbon neutrality and the surging electricity demand from tech industries. As countries revisit nuclear power, Daewoo E&C is seeking to expand beyond plant construction into a fuel manufacturing facilities, plant upgrades and radioactive waste management. A key milestone in that push is the Czech Dukovany 5 and 6 n

- [Mexico reopens famed pyramids](#) (2026-04-23 00:19)

TEOTIHUACAN, Mexico (Reuters) -- Mexico's ancient Teotihuacan archaeological site reopened on Wednesday under heavy security and with fewer tourists than usual, two days after a gunman killed a Canadian woman and wounded 13 others at the Pyramid of the Moon in a rare attack at a major tourist destination. Monday's shooting has raised scrutiny of security measures at Mexico's cultural sites just as the country prepares to co-host the World Cup. The sprawling complex of pyramids and temples at Teo

- [Pope hits out at jails in Equatorial Guinea](#) (2026-04-23 00:19)

BATA, Equatorial Guinea (AFP) -- Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday made a tightly controlled visit to a notorious prison in Equatorial Guinea's biggest city, after launching a rare criticism of living conditions for inmates. Prisoners lined up in the freshly repainted courtyard of Bata prison, breaking into song and dance in the driving rain as they greeted the leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics. "The administration of justice aims to protect society," the US-born pontiff, 70, told the 600 deta

- [Chips power Korea' s Q1 growth to 1.7%, fastest in over 5 years](#) (2026-04-22 23:39)

South Korea' s economy grew a stronger-than-expected 1.7 percent in the first quarter from three months earlier, supported by solid semiconductor exports and a rebound in investment, the Bank of Korea said Thursday. The reading exceeded the central bank' s 0.9 percent projection and marked the fastest quarterly expansion in five and a half years, rebounding from a 0.2 percent contraction in the final quarter of last year. Exports rose 5.1 percent on-quarter, led by chips, while imports gained 3 pe

- [Hyundai Motor goes all-in on China EV comeback](#) (2026-04-22 23:31)

Gone are the days when Hyundai Motor Group was known in China primarily for affordable, gasoline-powered vehicles. The South Korean auto giant is gearing up for its most ambitious transformation in more than two decades, seeking to reinvent itself as a maker of electric and software-driven vehicles in the world's largest automotive market. Hyundai plans to use Auto China 2026, the world's largest auto show by scale, opening in Beijing on Friday, to formally launch its Ioniq brand in China and re

- [S. Korea, US aim to meet OPCON transfer conditions no later than Q1 of 2029: USFK commander](#) (2026-04-22 23:19)

South Korea and the United States aim to meet conditions required for the transfer of wartime operational control to Seoul no later than the first quarter of 2029, the top US general in the Asian country said Wednesday. US Forces Korea Commander Gen. Xavier Brunson made the remarks during a House Armed Services Committee hearing in Washington, as South Korean President Lee Jae Myung's administration seeks to retake wartime OPCON from the U.S. before its five-year term ends in 2030. Seoul and Was

- [S. Korea's GDP expands 1.7% in Q1, fastest growth in 5 1/2 yrs: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 23:14)

Despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the South Korean economy posted its fastest quarterly growth in 5 1/2 years in the first quarter, supported by solid exports and resilient domestic demand, central bank data showed Thursday. The country's real gross domestic product -- a key measure of economic growth -- rose 1.7 percent in the January-March period from three months earlier, according to the preliminary data from the Bank of Korea. It marked the strongest quarterly growth since the

- [SK hynix smashes records on AI memory windfall](#) (2026-04-22 23:02)

SK hynix posted its strongest quarterly results on record, with operating profit surging 405 percent to 37.6 trillion won (\$27.8 billion) in the first quarter as booming demand for AI memory chips drove prices higher. In a regulatory filing Thursday, the company said its sales to an all-time high of 52.6 trillion won in the January–March period, extending its streak of record results to a fourth straight quarter since the second quarter of last year. The results beat market expectations. Consens

- [\[Graphic News\] 7 in 10 overseas have favorable view of Korean culture](#) (2026-04-22 23:00)

Seven in 10 foreign nationals view South Korea’s cultural content favorably, with K-pop remaining the country’s most culturally representative aspect for the ninth consecutive year, a government study showed. The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and the International Exchange and Cultural Promotion Institute surveyed 274,000 people across 30 countries who have experienced Korean culture. Overall, 69.7 percent expressed interest in Korean cultural content, with respondents in Southeast Asi

- [\[Wang Son-taek\] Diplomatic messaging without prudence](#) (2026-04-22 20:30)

Recent reporting on the bravado and fear of US President Donald Trump by The Wall Street Journal offers a revealing glimpse into his communication style. In public, Trump projects confidence, issuing forceful, combative and often self-styled heroic messages through social media and frequent calls with journalists. Yet in private settings, according to the report, he displays anxiety and uncertainty about the course of the war. This contrast is not merely a matter of personality. It exposes a dee

- [\[Dambisa Moyo\] Private credit panic is overblown](#) (2026-04-22 20:30)

Over the past few weeks, headlines have focused on emerging signs of stress in the \$2 trillion private credit market, particularly among nontraded business development companies. These funds, which lend to small and medium-sized US businesses, now hold roughly \$270 billion in assets. But fears of a looming private credit crisis are overblown. The health of any credit market — private or public — ultimately hinges on the same four factors that have driven every credit cycle in history. The first

- [Lee casts Korean role in Vietnam nuclear project as ‘new horizon for strategic ties’](#) (2026-04-22 16:56)

HANOI, Vietnam — President Lee Jae Myung cast Seoul’s participation in Vietnam’s energy-transition projects, including the construction of a nuclear power plant, as “a new horizon of strategic cooperation,” according to Cheong Wa Dae. Lee made the remarks during summit talks with To Lam, president of Vietnam and general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi on Wednesday. “The two leaders agreed to elevate cooperation to the next level in future-oriented

- [Lee, Lam toast to ‘shared future of prosperity’ with business titans](#) (2026-04-22 15:15)

HANOI, Vietnam — The leaders of South Korea and Vietnam raised a toast to the future of peace and prosperity they will build together during a state banquet in Hanoi on Wednesday, also attended by South Korea's business heavyweights. "The Republic of Korea looks forward to standing alongside Vietnam in its dynamic journey of growth and advancement as a reliable and steadfast partner," Lee said in his toast at the International Convention Center in Hanoi, referring to South Korea by its official

- [Twins ace puts team first after narrowly missing 1st shutout](#) (2026-04-22 13:00)

With only 84 pitches thrown through eight shutout innings Wednesday night, LG Twins starter Lachlan Wells had a golden opportunity to record his first career complete game shutout. Thanks to his efficient four-pitch mix, Wells made the Hanwha Eagles, one of the most productive offensive teams in the Korea Baseball Organization (KBO) this season, look hapless at Jamsil Baseball Stadium in Seoul. However, nursing a 3-0 lead, the Twins elected to go with closer You Young-chan, instead of giving Wel

- [Lee says Lam backs Seoul's push to resume inter-Korean dialogue](#) (2026-04-22 12:50)

HANOI, Vietnam — South Korean President Lee Jae Myung said Wednesday that Vietnamese President To Lam pledged to support peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula while backing Seoul's efforts to resurrect inter-Korean dialogue. Lee held talks with Lam, who also serves as general secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, at the grand garden of Vietnam's Presidential Palace in Hanoi on ways to broaden bilateral strategic cooperation across a wide range of areas. "We, the two leaders, engaged

- [Twins blank Eagles behind starter's gem](#) (2026-04-22 12:42)

Starter Lachlan Wells fired eight innings of one-hit ball and Song Chan-eui blasted a two-run home run in just his third game of the season, as the LG Twins blanked the Hanwha Eagles 3-0 on Wednesday in a rematch of last year's Korean Series. Wells struck out his season-high seven batters in front of a sellout crowd of 23,750 at Jamsil Baseball Stadium in Seoul. The Australian left-hander improved to 2-1 for the season, lowering his ERA from 2.12 to 1.44. With their third consecutive victory, th

- [Korea and Vietnam deepen infrastructure ties, eye nuclear project](#) (2026-04-22 12:23)

HANOI, Vietnam — The leaders of South Korea and Vietnam agreed Wednesday to deepen strategic cooperation in energy and infrastructure amid supply-chain instability compounded by the war in the Middle East. As an outcome of the summit, South Korea and Vietnam signed two agreements to deepen cooperation in nuclear energy. The deals will explore options for new nuclear power plant construction in Vietnam and review the feasibility of South Korean financial support, as Seoul seeks to win the project

- [The Boyz denies receiving payments, disputes agency claim](#) (2026-04-22 12:13)

The Boyz has denied claims by its agency One Hundred Label that all payments to the members have been settled, saying no payments have been received. “None of the members have received any payments to date, including outstanding settlement amounts for the third and fourth quarters of 2025,” the group’s legal representative, Yulchon, said in a statement on Wednesday. “The agency repeatedly postponed and reversed payment deadlines, and no proper payment has ever been made.” The legal team added th

- [Deputy FM stresses cooperation with EU on supply chains in meeting with envoys](#) (2026-04-22 10:57)

Deputy Foreign Minister Chung Eui-hae met Wednesday with ambassadors and deputy chiefs of mission of the European Union (EU) and its member states, calling for greater cooperation in supply chains and other areas under their strategic security and defense partnership. Chung proposed South Korea and the EU continue working together on key current issues, including global supply chain stability and technological innovation, the foreign ministry said in a release. She also used the session to expla

- [Appeals court upholds PPP's exclusion of lawmaker from Daegu mayoral primary](#) (2026-04-22 10:47)

An appeals court on Wednesday dismissed an injunction request by a six-term lawmaker challenging his exclusion from the main opposition People Power Party's (PPP) nomination for Daegu mayor, upholding a lower court's decision. The Seoul High Court rejected the appeal filed by Rep. Joo Ho-young against the PPP nomination committee. The committee had previously excluded Joo and Lee Jin-sook, former head of the Korea Communications Commission, from the party's nomination process, opting to hold a p

- [Eagles manager trying not to dwell on losses](#) (2026-04-22 10:38)

As losses pile up for his club, Hanwha Eagles manager Kim Kyung-moon said Wednesday he is trying not to brood over close calls after each game. In a rematch of the 2025 Korean Series, the Eagles fell to the defending champions LG Twins 6-5 on Tuesday night in Seoul for their seventh loss in 10 games. The Eagles dropped to 8-11-0 (wins-losses-ties) for the season. The Twins scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh at Jamsil Baseball Stadium on Austin Dean's two-out single. Eagles righ

- [Swiss Pavilion in Gwangju to trace hidden history in DMZ](#) (2026-04-22 08:47)

The Swiss Pavilion at the 2026 Gwangju Biennale in September will trace Switzerland's little-known presence in Korea's Demilitarized Zone, revisiting the limits of neutrality through photographs taken by soldiers stationed there. Swiss artist Denise Bertschi — whose work often examines how images shape historical narratives — will present "State Fictions. Beyond Blossoms and Borders" at the Swiss Pavilion at the upcoming Gwangju Biennale that opens Sept. 4. Since 2013, Bertschi has been developi

- [\[ANN\] Book-loving society takes shape in China](#) (2026-04-22 08:42)

BEIJING (China Daily/ANN) -- In 1995, 10-year-old Zhou Qinggui from Hangtou, a village in the city of Linyi, Shandong province, was expected to drop out of school after elementary level due to poverty. A passionate reader who carried books while tending livestock and gathering pigweed, Zhou was heartbroken. To allow the boy to continue his education, his mother borrowed money, and his elder brother and younger sister both gave up schooling, one after the other. In 2021, Zhou and six childhood fr

- [\[ANN\] Kuala Lumpur looks set to enter its 'museum moment' this year](#) (2026-04-22 08:42)

KUALA LUMPUR (The Star/ANN) -- For arts and culture enthusiasts in Kuala Lumpur, it may be time to refresh the city's directory of must-visit museums and galleries. It has been several years since the capital last saw a significant wave of institutional openings -- most notably the contemporary art center Ilham Gallery in 2015, followed -- on a smaller but no less significant scale -- by art collector-led spaces such as Ur-Mu (2022), Toffee (2023) and +N (2025). Last December, the heritage build

- [\[ANN\] Climate burns hole in Malaysian pet owners' wallets](#) (2026-04-22 08:42)

KUALA LUMPUR (The Star/ANN) -- Caring for pets during unpredictable weather requires owners to adapt their routines and often leads to increased expenses. For business development director Shaikhah Abdul Karim, expenses for treatment, insurance and medical care for her three cats have increased by around 5 percent, reaching almost RM500 (\$110) a month. The 62-year-old added that the increase did not include annual medical check-ups such as full blood screening and vaccinations, which cost RM900,

- [Kazakh president urges regional unity as ecological summit opens in Astana](#) (2026-04-22 08:38)

By Korea Herald correspondent Lim Jae-seong ASTANA, Kazakhstan — The Regional Ecological Summit 2026, a key international platform in Central Asia and the Caucasus for addressing environmental challenges, opened Wednesday in Astana, Kazakhstan, drawing delegates from more than 55 countries, including the presidents of seven nations. The three-day event has become a major forum for discussions on regional environmental issues, including water shortages that threaten economic development. It is se

- [Man made W10m by faking 'wrist-hit' traffic accidents](#) (2026-04-22 08:33)

A man in his 50s has been arrested for allegedly staging dozens of minor traffic accidents to extort settlement money from drivers, police said Wednesday. The Busan Metropolitan Police Agency said the 51-year-old suspect was taken into custody on fraud charges. Police said he deliberately struck his arm against the side mirrors of slow-moving vehicles on narrow streets, a tactic commonly known in Korea as a "wrist-hit" scam. The incidents occurred between January and April in busy areas, includi

- [Aricell CEO's sentence cut to 4 years in deadly fire case](#) (2026-04-22 08:22)

Aricell Chief Executive Park Soon-kwan was sentenced to four years in prison on appeal over the 2024 battery plant fire in Hwaseong, Gyeonggi Province, that killed 23 workers, sharply reducing the 15-year term handed down by a lower court. The Suwon High Court also sentenced Park's son, Park Jung-eon, Aricell's head of operations, to seven years in prison and a 1 million won (\$680) fine. Six other Aricell officials and employees indicted in connection with the case received suspended prison term

- [OCI rebounds on carbon chemicals, eyes chip recovery](#) (2026-04-22 08:21)

OCI said Wednesday it posted consolidated revenue of 506.6 billion won (\$343 million) and operating profit of 27.8 billion won for the first quarter, marking an improvement from the previous quarter. The company attributed the gains to higher prices of key carbon chemical products and restructuring effects, including its merger with P&O Chemical and the liquidation of its Chinese carbon black unit. By segment, the basic chemicals division — which includes semiconductor materials — recorded revenue

- [Kospi notches another record high](#) (2026-04-22 08:13)

The benchmark Kospi hit a fresh high for the second consecutive day on Wednesday, as expectations for strong corporate earnings outweighed lingering geopolitical uncertainties in the Middle East. The Kospi rose 0.46 percent to close at a record 6,417.93. The index opened 0.01 percent lower but quickly crossed the 6,400 mark for the first time. After trading in negative territory, it reversed course in the afternoon, breaking the 6,400 mark for the first time on a closing basis. During the session

- [The Devil wears Galaxy — or iPhone?](#) (2026-04-22 08:07)

Samsung Electronics is teaming up with the upcoming Hollywood sequel "The Devil Wears Prada 2" to highlight the artificial intelligence features of its Galaxy S26 Ultra, as it steps up efforts to strengthen its premium brand image. As part of a global campaign with 20th Century Studios, Samsung released a promotional video featuring Helen J. Shen reprising her role as Runway assistant Jin Chao. In the video, the character responds to a last-minute request from fashion editor Miranda Priestly

- [Song Joong-ki, Katy Louise Saunders make first joint engagement as narrators on stage](#) (2026-04-22 08:04)

Actor Song Joong-ki made his first official public appearance alongside his wife Katy Louise Saunders, as the couple took the classical music stage together as narrators. The couple appeared at Gaon Soloists' seventh regular concert, titled "Kinderszenen," held on April 18 at the IBK Chamber Hall of the Seoul Arts Center, according to a YouTube video posted by the ensemble on Tuesday. The chamber group, which brings together musicians with and without disabilities, organized the event to mark the

- [Ohtani sets Asian on-base streak record, surpassing Choo](#) (2026-04-22 07:44)

Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers has set a new record for the longest streak of consecutive games reaching base by an Asian player in the MLB, surpassing retired Korean star Choo Shin-soo. Ohtani led off as the designated hitter against the San Francisco Giants at Oracle Park in San Francisco on Tuesday. Facing starter Landen Roupp, Ohtani struck out swinging in the first and third innings and flied out to right field in the fifth. He finally reached base in his fourth at-bat, lining an

- [When will we stop seeing flashers?](#) (2026-04-22 07:41)

Public fatigue is mounting over the resurgence of flashing, with some cases evolving from simple acts of indecent exposure to include illegal filming. The Seoul Northern District Court on Wednesday sentenced a man in his 20s to 10 months in prison for exposing himself to multiple women and capturing their shocked reactions on camera. The defendant traveled to universities across the country, where he committed offenses on 19 occasions between November 2022 and April last year. In one case, the m

- [KOSPI lands above 6,400 at fresh peak on earnings prospect](#) (2026-04-22 07:02)

South Korean stocks rose to a fresh record high Wednesday, settling above the 6,400 level, as sound corporate earnings outlook outshined lingering uncertainty surrounding US-Iran peace talks. The local currency fell against the US dollar. After choppy trading, the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 29.46 points, or 0.46 percent, to close at a new record high of 6,417.93, marking gains for three consecutive sessions and surpassing its previous record of 6,388.47 set on Tuesday. The

- [Hanwha Ocean teams up with Leidos to enter US warship market](#) (2026-04-22 06:55)

Hanwha Ocean said Wednesday it has partnered with Leidos Gibbs & Cox, one of the renowned design firms specializing in naval ships, to bolster its foothold in the US warship market. The memorandum of understanding between the two companies was signed at the Sea Air Space 2026 exhibition held Tuesday in Maryland. Under the agreement, the two companies agreed to cooperate in four areas: designing Hanwha Ocean vessels optimized for US Navy specifications, jointly developing next-generation naval sh

- [BTS' citywide project draws global visitors, boosts tourism in Seoul](#) (2026-04-22 06:43)

BTS' citywide project "BTS The City: Arirang Seoul" wrapped up its monthlong run with a strong turnout from international visitors, highlighting the group' s impact on tourism in the capital, said Big Hit Music. Launched to mark the release of BTS' fifth LP "Arirang" and the start of its world tour of the same name, the project transformed major landmarks across the city into immersive fan experiences inspired by the group' s music and message. A notable feature of the event was the high proportio

- [BTS tops Billboard global charts for fourth week, extends Hot 100 run](#) (2026-04-22 06:38)

BTS remains atop major Billboard global charts for a fourth consecutive week, continuing its strong performance with its latest album "Arirang." Billboard's latest charts, dated April 25, show that the main track from the album, "Swim," ranked No. 1 on both the Global 200 and Global Excl. US charts for a fourth week in a row. Thirteen tracks from the album — excluding "No. 29," the instrumental interlude featuring the Bell of King Seongdeok — were listed among the Global 200, while all 13 were a

- [\[Photo News\] SK hynix breaks ground on AI packaging hub](#) (2026-04-22 06:28)

SK hynix held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday for its P&T7 advanced packaging facility in Cheongju, North Chungcheong Province. The fab will focus on advanced packaging for next-generation AI memory, such as high-bandwidth memory, a key step in boosting performance. The project, valued at about 19 trillion won (\$13.7 billion), will be built on a 230,000-square-meter site with a cleanroom area of roughly 150,000 square meters. (SK hynix)

- [Top banking groups split on HQ strategy: Consolidation vs. cash](#) (2026-04-22 06:25)

South Korea's major financial groups are reworking their headquarters strategies, either consolidating affiliates to boost operational efficiency or monetizing real estate assets to shore up capital and support expansion. Hana Financial Group is set to relocate its headquarters to Cheongna, Incheon, later this year, in a move aimed at bringing together affiliates currently scattered across Seoul — from the central business district to Yeouido — into a single integrated complex. Key subsidiaries

- [Lee seeks to take Korea-Vietnam ties to 'more future-oriented, strategic' level](#) (2026-04-22 06:24)

HANOI — President Lee Jae Myung said Wednesday that he would use his state visit to Vietnam to elevate bilateral ties to a "more future-oriented and more strategic" level, as he began his official activities in Hanoi. Lee made the remarks during a luncheon with Korean residents in Vietnam on Wednesday, as the first stop on the itinerary of his four-day state visit to Hanoi from Tuesday through Friday. The event was held hours ahead of his summit with To Lam, who holds dual posts as president of

- [H&S; HighTech eyes record year with tech push](#) (2026-04-22 06:21)

H&S HighTech, a supplier of display bonding materials and electronic components, is targeting record performance this year with an aggressive growth strategy despite global uncertainties. The company said it will participate in SID 2026, the world's largest display exhibition, to be held May 5–7 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, where it plans to showcase its proprietary advanced materials, including anisotropic conductive film and UV coating agents. At the event, H&S HighTech will highlight

- [Seoul returns remains of Chinese soldiers killed in Korean War](#) (2026-04-22 06:19)

South Korea on Wednesday returned the remains of 12 Chinese soldiers killed in the 1950-53 Korean War, the Ministry of National Defense said, marking the 13th such repatriation since the program began in 2014. The handover ceremony took place in the morning at Incheon Airport, jointly presided over by Vice Defense Minister Lee Doo-hee and Xu Yao, vice minister of China's Ministry of Veterans Affairs. China supported North Korea during the war. Seoul returned 1,011 sets of remains from 2014 through

- [\[H.eco Tech Festa 2026\] Turning sustainability into financial strategy](#) (2026-04-22 06:19)

As sustainability shifts from a reputational issue to a business variable, Kakao Bank is treating ESG less as corporate messaging and more as a question of how finance itself is structured — from its mobile-only model to plans around financed emissions, green finance and environmental risk management. For Cho Sun-young, ESG team lead at Kakao Bank, the goal is not simply to reduce the company's own footprint, but to connect environmental value with the bank's operating model, customer experience

- [N. Korea, Russian security chiefs discuss closer law enforcement cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 06:12)

North Korea's public security minister and Russia's interior minister held talks in Pyongyang on expanding cooperation in law enforcement, the North's state media reported Wednesday, ahead of leader Kim Jong-un's rumored visit to Moscow to attend Russia's Victory Day celebrations on May 9. The meeting also comes as North Korea moves to overhaul its internal security system, with Kim recently signaling plans to introduce a police system akin to those in other countries — a shift analysts say could

- [Hanwha builds Alberta ties ahead of Canada submarine bid](#) (2026-04-22 06:05)

Hanwha Group said Wednesday it is strengthening business ties with Alberta, Canada, across key industries spanning energy, defense and shipbuilding, as it pushes for the country's next-generation submarine bid. Key officials — including Hanwha Energy CEO Lee Jae-kyu; Lim Ki-mo, South Korean ambassador to Canada; Danielle Smith, premier of Alberta; and Joseph Schow, Alberta's minister of jobs, economy, trade and immigration — attended a memorandum of understanding signing ceremony in Edmonton earlier

- [USFK chief confirms THAAD remains in Korea](#) (2026-04-22 06:02)

US Forces Korea Commander Gen. Xavier Brunson has confirmed that the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system remains deployed on the Korean Peninsula, dismissing speculation that it had been moved to the Middle East. “We've not moved any THAAD systems. So THAAD remains on the (Korean) peninsula,” Brunson said during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing held in Washington on Tuesday. He added that while the system itself has not been relocated, related munitions are being prepared for tra

- [Samsung, SK hynix chip boom sparks career gold rush in Korea](#) (2026-04-22 06:01)

Yoon, an employee at Kia in his late-20s, recently spent his evenings scrolling through SK hynix's recruitment page, wrestling with a question he never expected to face: whether to conceal his bachelor's degree. SK hynix's latest production-line openings restrict applicants to high school graduates. "The first thought I had was, 'What if I just don't list my four-year degree?'" he told The Korea Herald, asking to be identified only by his surname. "I'm not proud of that instinct. But that's how

- [Korean brands sweep beauty bestseller lists on Japan's Qoo10](#) (2026-04-22 05:51)

eBay Japan said Wednesday that K-beauty products dominated multiple beauty categories on its online marketplace Qoo10 Japan. According to the platform, Korean brands swept the top five spots in hand care, lip makeup and eye shadow. In hand care, Hetras's Perfume Hand Cream, Abib's Hand Cream and MD's Pick's De Barista Unscented Sun Shield Hand Cream were among the top five. The products are popular for combining portability with functionality, such as lightweight textures, compact designs and ad

- [From chicken to checkout: Harim bets on Homeplus Express deal](#) (2026-04-22 05:50)

Harim Group, South Korea's largest poultry processor, is stepping up its retail push after its wholly owned affiliate NS Shopping was named the preferred bidder for Homeplus Express, the supermarket chain of Homeplus, marking a renewed bid to build an integrated food-to-retail business. Homeplus announced the preferred bidder selection Wednesday, saying it plans to swiftly finalize negotiations over detailed terms of the agreement and proceed to a deal. Homeplus, which has been undergoing a cour

- [HD Hyundai Heavy lands W627b US data center power deal](#) (2026-04-22 05:49)

HD Hyundai Heavy Industries is stepping up its expansion into the US market by targeting on the fast-growing data center industry, securing its largest-ever power engine supply deal. South Korea's leading shipbuilder said Wednesday it had signed a contract with US energy infrastructure developer Aperion Energy Group to supply power generation equipment, based on its 20-megawatt-class HiMSEN engines. The deal is valued at around 627.1 billion won (\$423.7 million), with a total capacity of 684 meg

- [Cost of silence: Why LGBTQ Koreans hesitate to come out at work](#) (2026-04-22 05:37)

“ ‘I spent the weekend with my partner,’ I once said. The next question was, ‘How long have you been dating your girlfriend?’ I just smiled and moved on. That’s how the lies begin.” For many sexual minorities in South Korea, the workplace is not simply a site of labor, but a carefully managed stage: Identity is edited, rehearsed or even erased. According to a recent survey by the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, 9 out of 10 sexual minorities said they had hidden or misrepresented their

- [Korean poetry classes get an AI twist](#) (2026-04-22 05:35)

Korean universities are beginning to bring generative AI into literature and language classrooms, with Soongsil University preparing poetry writing courses built around the technology. Soongsil University's department of creative writing is set to offer a poetry composition class incorporating artificial intelligence from later this year, according to local media reports Tuesday. The university is recruiting 23 visiting professors for the second semester of the academic year that recently started.

- [C-commerce tightens grip on Korea's retail market](#) (2026-04-22 05:34)

Chinese e-commerce platforms, or C-commerce, are tightening their grip on South Korea's retail market, turning it into a cross-border price war playing to households feeling the pinch. AliExpress and Temu sit at the forefront, with user bases that rank among the largest in Korea's e-commerce market. Data from WiseApp Retail shows that in the January-March period, AliExpress and Temu drew 8.57 million and 8 million monthly active users, respectively. Barring Coupang, the two platforms have already

- [LG, Nvidia deepen ties to scale AI ecosystem push](#) (2026-04-22 05:21)

LG and Nvidia have agreed to expand their artificial intelligence partnership, stepping up efforts to develop next-generation models and broaden the AI ecosystem as competition intensifies globally. Executives from LG AI Research and Nvidia met in Seoul on Tuesday to discuss closer cooperation on model development and ecosystem building, LG said Wednesday. Attendees include LG AI Research co-head Lim Woo-hyung and Exaone Lab head Lee Jin-sik, alongside Bryan Catanzaro, vice president of Applied

- [SK On to open Japan office to boost EV, ESS push](#) (2026-04-22 05:19)

SK On said Wednesday it was establishing a new office in Tokyo as early as this month, stepping up its push into Japan's electric vehicle and energy storage system markets. The company recently listed its Japanese branch on its website, marking its fourth global base after the US, China and Hungary. "The Tokyo office will serve as a strategic hub to accelerate our entry into Japan's automotive and ESS markets," an SK On official said. "It will enable faster responses to customer needs while supp

- [Hanwha Aerospace partners Northrop on next-generation missile system](#) (2026-04-22 05:18)

Hanwha Aerospace said Wednesday it had signed an agreement with US defense company Northrop Grumman to jointly develop a long-range missile system, marking the South Korean company's latest push into the US defense market. The agreement was signed Tuesday at Sea Air Space 2026, a major defense exhibition in Maryland. The two companies will cooperate on the development of the first-stage solid-fuel rocket motor for Northrop Grumman's Advanced Reactive Strike, or AReS, missile system. AReS is a

- [Cha In-pyo debuts on stage as Keating in 'Dead Poets Society'](#) (2026-04-22 05:15)

A stage adaptation of the Oscar-winning film "Dead Poets Society" will make its Korean premiere on July 18 and run through Sept. 13 at Nol Theater in Daehangno, producer Mast International said. Based on the 1989 film of the same title, the play is set in 1959 at the elite US boarding school Welton Academy. It follows English teacher John Keating, who inspires students bound by strict discipline and expectations of academic success to find their own approach to life. The original film, starring

- [Brews for the boys: Starbucks truck to bring fresh coffee to rural areas, barracks](#) (2026-04-22 05:01)

Starbucks Korea on Wednesday unveiled its mobile coffee trailer, "S:Buck-Cha," to extend its store experience beyond towns and cities to rural areas, disaster sites and even frontline units. The trailer made its debut at Yeouido Hangang Park's Event Plaza during the Seoul Spring Festival marking Earth Day. From 1-3 p.m., the company offered free iced coffee to 500 customers on a first-come, first-served basis, encouraging the use of personal tumblers to promote eco-friendly habits. Developed ove

- [Gang Dong-won goes B-boy, Eom Tae-goo raps in 'Love is' music video](#) (2026-04-22 04:59)

The fictional K-pop trio of big-name movie stars Gang Dong-won, Eom Tae-gu and Park Ji-hyun is already making waves before hitting the big screen this summer. The upcoming comedy film released a music video for "Love is," the group's debut and signature track, Monday evening. The video has attracted attention for its nostalgic style as well as the high-profile cast. It had more than 324,000 views by Wednesday noon. Gang portrays energetic dancer Hyun-woo, while Eom portrays rapper Sang-gu and Pa

- [Gyeonggi introduces day tours from Seoul to international tourists](#) (2026-04-22 04:42)

Gyeonggi Province has launched a new day tour program for foreign visitors, aiming to improve access to major attractions across the region without requiring travelers to navigate public transportation, officials said Wednesday. Dubbed the "2026 EG Tour (Easy & Enjoy Gyeonggi Tour)," the program offers customized itineraries departing from key locations in Seoul, including Hongdae, Euljiro and Yangjae stations, and returning to the same points after visiting destinations across Gyeonggi Province

- [Ive's Gaeul as reading ambassador](#) (2026-04-22 04:36)

Gaeul of K-pop group Ive has been selected as a partner for this year's Reading Korea campaign, her agency Starship Entertainment said. The nationwide initiative, led by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, aims to promote reading in daily life by encouraging people to discover the value and joy of reading and to build practical reading habits. Gaeul will attend the campaign's launch ceremony on Thursday at the Starfield Library in Coex, where she will share her reading list and take par

- [Creator of Korean coffee mix Jo Pil-je dies at 101](#) (2026-04-22 04:34)

Jo Pil-je, former vice chairman of Dongsuh Foods and the executive widely credited with creating South Korea's instant "coffee mix," died Monday at 101. Dongsuh Foods said Jo died at about 10:08 a.m. His funeral is being held at Samsung Medical Center in Seoul, and he will be buried in his hometown of Haman-gun, South Gyeongsang Province. Born in 1925, Jo studied aviation and shipbuilding at Seoul National University and began his career in the 1950s at the state-run Korea Shipbuilding Corp., th

- [High-profile inmates are cashing in behind bars](#) (2026-04-22 04:33)

Donations to high-profile figures currently in custody are drawing renewed scrutiny over loopholes in Korea's prison money system and the use of private bank accounts to solicit support. The issue drew fresh attention Tuesday after Chung Yoo-yeon, formerly known as Chung Yoo-ra and the daughter of Choi Seo-won, formerly known as Choi Soon-sil, appealed on social media for financial support, saying her children could end up in an orphanage. Chung was indicted without detention in 2025 on fraud ch

- [Katseye hits career-high No. 28 on Hot 100 with 'Pinky Up'](#) (2026-04-22 04:21)

Katseye, the multinational girl group formed in partnership between Hybe and Geffen Records, has achieved its highest placement yet on the Billboard Hot 100 with its latest single "Pinky Up." According to the latest chart released by Billboard on Tuesday, "Pinky Up" debuted at No. 28 on the Hot 100, marking the group's best performance on the chart to date. "Pinky Up" is Katseye's fourth consecutive entry on the main songs chart, following "Gnarly," "Gabriela" and "Internet Girl." "Internet Girl

- [Yellow dust keeps air quality 'bad' across South Korea](#) (2026-04-22 04:20)

South Korea is experiencing poor air quality nationwide Wednesday due to lingering yellow dust from Tuesday. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration, residual dust carried by strong winds remains in place, though no further inflow is expected. Authorities advise older adults and individuals with respiratory conditions to take precautions, such as wearing protective masks outdoors. Average daily fine dust concentrations will remain high nationwide throughout Wednesday, with especiall

- [3-term lawmaker vows to make Incheon more immigrant-friendly](#) (2026-04-22 03:01)

Rep. Park Chan-dae of the ruling Democratic Party of Korea is envisioning a self-sufficient, immigrant-friendly Incheon as he vies for the city's mayor's post in June. Park, who has represented Incheon's Yeonsu-A constituency for three terms, says that the city is becoming more than just an immigrant gateway of South Korea. "As South Korea is seeing a growing influx of foreign workers, Incheon has served as not only the gateway for foreigners to enter South Korea, but also their place to live,"

- [Bahraini envoy highlights 50 years of ties with S. Korea](#) (2026-04-22 03:00)

Bahrain Ambassador Saud Hasan Ali Al-Nusuf marked the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between South Korea and Bahrain, underlining cooperation across political, economic and cultural spheres. South Korea and Bahrain formally established diplomatic relations on April 1, 1976. Commemorating the milestone, the Bahrain Embassy shared a press statement with The Korea Herald outlining the evolution of ties and expressing confidence for future growth. “Bahrain is proud of its strong and growin

- [Le Sserafim floats teaser video for prerelease](#) (2026-04-22 02:59)

Le Sserafim uploaded a teaser trailer for “Celebration” on Wednesday via Source Music. A snippet of the song includes lyrics being played in the background of a rave scene while the five bandmates give a glimpse of the choreography, banging their heads. The video at the end zooms in on Sakura’s face slowly as the skin of her cheek disintegrates, turning to black just before revealing what is underneath. “Celebration” will be part of the group’s second full album, “Pureflow Pt. 1,” which is due o

- [Arrest warrant sought for truck driver in protest death](#) (2026-04-22 02:58)

South Korean police sought a warrant Wednesday to extend the arrest of a truck driver accused of killing one man and injuring two others by driving into protesters during a union rally in Jinju, South Gyeongsang Province, this week. he Gyeongnam Provincial Police Agency said it intended to hold the 40-something on suspicion of murder and other charges. The incident took place at around 10:32 a.m. Monday outside the CU Jinju logistics center in Jeongchon-myeon, Jinju. The facility is operated by

- [Game Culture Festival heads to Busan, joins G-Star 2026](#) (2026-04-22 02:51)

South Korea’s Game Culture Festival, a government-backed event led by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and the Korea Creative Content Agency, will join forces with the country’s largest gaming showcase, G-Star, for its 2026 edition. According to KOCCA, the Game Culture Festival will run from Nov. 19 to Nov. 22, aligning its schedule and venue with G-Star at Busan Exhibition and Convention Center in Busan. The festival will take place inside Bexco’s second exhibition hall, spanning rou

- [Chevron Championship purse raised to \\$9 million](#) (2026-04-22 02:46)

The total purse for the Chevron Championship, the first major of the LPGA Tour season, has been increased to \$9 million. The LPGA announced Wednesday on its official website that the tournament’s organizers hadraised the total prize money to \$9 million starting this year, up from \$7.9 million last year. The purse has reportedly increased by nearly \$3 million since Chevron became the title sponsor in 2022, when it stood at \$6 million. The winner of this year’s event will receive \$1.35 million. A

- [Pakistani worker wins compensation in factory accident case](#) (2026-04-22 02:40)

A South Korean court ordered a company to compensate a migrant worker for lost earnings after a factory accident, in a ruling that recognized lost income based on the period during which the worker could legally remain and work in Korea, the state-run Korea Legal Aid Corp. said Wednesday. According to the KLAC, the worker, a Pakistani national, was employed on a production line at a company that manufactures industrial protective tape. In January 2019, his left hand was caught in a roller during

- [HD Hyundai Heavy lands first icebreaker export with Sweden](#) (2026-04-22 02:34)

HD Hyundai Heavy Industries said Wednesday it has secured a \$348.9 million contract from the Swedish Maritime Administration to build an icebreaking vessel, marking Korea's first entry into the global icebreaker market. The vessel, scheduled for delivery in 2029, will operate in the Baltic Sea, supporting icebreaking, navigation assistance, towing and ice management. The company said it was selected based on its price competitiveness, delivery timeline and technological capabilities, prevailing

- [Hezbollah fires at Israel, citing breaches](#) (2026-04-22 02:30)

Lebanese armed group Hezbollah said it fired rockets and drones into northern Israel on Tuesday, accusing the Israeli military of violating a ceasefire ahead of US-mediated talks between the Israeli and Lebanese governments this week. The Israeli military earlier said Iran-aligned Hezbollah had fired several rockets toward its troops operating in southern Lebanon, in what it described as a "blatant violation" of the ceasefire agreement. It was not immediately clear if the incidents were the sa

- [&Team;' s 3rd Japan EP sells 1m copies](#) (2026-04-22 02:26)

The third Japanese EP from &Team has sold more than 1 million copies in a single day, agency YX Labels said Wednesday citing a local data provider. "We on Fire" is its third consecutive million-seller, at 1.09 million units, after its third single in Japan, "Go in Blind," and first EP in Korea, "Back to Life." The group released the physical album Tuesday and held a showcase in Seoul. B-side "Sakura-iro Yell" was released in March and the remaining five songs were unveiled on April 13. On May 13

- [Choi Won-jung's 'Bird Rhapsody' selected for Cannes La Cinef](#) (2026-04-22 02:23)

Student filmmaker Choi Won-jung's short "Bird Rhapsody" has been selected for La Cinef, the student film sidebar of the 79th Cannes Film Festival, organizers announced Tuesday. Choi made the six-minute animation as a student at Seoul's Hongik University, which is among two schools receiving their first La Cinef invitation this year. The film was one of 19 titles chosen from 2,750 submissions sent in by film schools worldwide. Prizes will be handed out on May 21 at the Bunuel Theatre inside the P

- [Trump says he will 'remember' firms that don't seek tariff refunds](#) (2026-04-22 02:15)

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he will "remember" companies that do not seek refunds for payments they made on his tariffs that were deemed illegal by the Supreme Court, although he did not specify how companies might benefit by abstaining from the US government's new refund portal. A day after the US Customs and Border Protection agency began accepting electronic refund applications from importers, Trump told CNBC he was pleased to hear about media reports that

- [Hanwha Group signs MOU with Canada's Alberta province to expand energy, defense cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 02:14)

Hanwha Group said Wednesday it has signed a memorandum of understanding with the provincial government of Alberta in Canada to build a comprehensive economic partnership spanning energy, defense and shipbuilding. The agreement was signed in Edmonton on Tuesday to explore mutually beneficial investment opportunities and establish long-term cooperation, according to the group. The MOU was forged in connection with the bid by Hanwha Ocean Co., the group's shipbuilding subsidiary, for Canada's Canad

- [ViGenCell wins ASCO oral slot with Phase 2 cell therapy data](#) (2026-04-22 02:13)

ViGenCell has been selected to deliver an official oral presentation at this year's American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting next month, becoming the first Korean company to do so regarding clinical studies of a cell therapy. The company said the study's principal researcher, Dr. Jeon Young-woo, will lead the presentation of the results from its Phase 2 clinical study of VT-EBV-N during the 2026 ASCO annual meeting slated from May 29 to June 2 in Chicago. VT-EBV-N is an Epstein-Barr

- [UN candidate Bachelet sticks with women's-rights defense](#) (2026-04-22 02:13)

Chile's former president, Michelle Bachelet, underlined her support for women's rights in her bid to head the United Nations Tuesday, despite calls for Washington to veto her candidacy due to her support for abortion. Bachelet, 74, one of four candidates vying to head the 193-member global organization from next year, told reporters she had read a letter from more than two dozen Republican US lawmakers accusing her of having "prioritized an extreme abortion agenda" and calling for the US veto.

- [Ukraine ready to restart Russian oil supplies to Europe](#) (2026-04-22 02:13)

KYIV, Ukraine (AFP) -- Ukraine has repaired the damaged Druzhba pipeline that carries Russian oil to Europe and is ready to resume supplies -- unblocking what Kyiv hopes was the last hurdle to securing tens of billions of euros in support from Brussels. The pipeline has been at the centre of a standoff between Hungary and Slovakia, which still import Russian oil via the pipeline, Ukraine, and the EU. Kyiv can restart pumping Russian oil to the two EU countries as soon as it gets a formal request

- [Iran war means more orders for US defense giants](#) (2026-04-22 02:13)

NEW YORK (AFP) -- US defense companies are reporting a surge in demand for military equipment, as the war in the Middle East prompts fresh orders from governments around the world. Earnings Tuesday signaled that 2026 will be another strong year after a robust 2025 in the wake of continuing conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine, Russian incursions into European airspace, Chinese maneuverings toward Taiwan and Red Sea tensions. More governments are ordering military equipment amid rising geopolitical stri

- [Nearly 500 alleged MS-13 members are on trial](#) (2026-04-22 02:09)

Prosecutors in El Salvador opened a massive, joint trial of nearly 500 alleged members of the MS-13 gang on charges that include homicide, extortion and arms trafficking. The trial, which opened Monday in San Salvador, is the latest in a practice that has been criticized by human rights groups as an infringement on the right of the accused to defend themselves. Such trials form part of President Nayib Bukele's iron-fist approach against criminal groups in El Salvador, which has been under a stat

- [Korea Developer Association names Newtato chief as adviser for Vietnam expansion](#) (2026-04-22 02:05)

The Korea Developer Association said Wednesday it had appointed Tran Viet Hanh, chairman of Newtato, as an adviser to its international committee, as it seeks to strengthen support for members expanding into Vietnam. The move is aimed at providing Korean developers with stronger local networks, regulatory insight and project collaboration opportunities as they enter the Vietnamese market, the association said. Tran is widely regarded for his experience in business development and external partn

- [US Indo-Pacific hosts workshop to strengthen civil-military crisis response on Korean Peninsula](#) (2026-04-22 01:54)

South Korean and US service members attended a workshop this month to strengthen civilian-military coordination for crisis and disaster response on the Korean Peninsula, the United States Forces Korea said Wednesday. The three-day workshop, which kicked off April 7, was hosted by the United States Indo-Pacific Command in Camp Humphreys in Pyeongtaek, some 60 kilometers from Seoul, according to a release uploaded on the USFK website. The event was designed to train participants on civil-military

- [PM says will decide whether to keep fuel price caps after review](#) (2026-04-22 01:49)

Prime Minister Kim Min-seok said Wednesday the government will decide whether to keep price caps on fuel products after a careful review as the temporary measure designed to offset price hikes caused by the Middle East conflict is set to expire this week. Kim made the remark during a government meeting on the economic impact of the conflict. The current price ceilings are set to expire Thursday. "There are various opinions about the effectiveness of the maximum price system, but what is clear is

- [Missing woman found dead in car parked for months in Songdo](#) (2026-04-22 01:49)

A woman in her 60s who had been reported missing was found dead in a car left for an extended period in a public parking lot in Incheon's Songdo district, police said Tuesday. Officers were dispatched at about 3:47 p.m. Monday after receiving a report from a relative who said she had located her missing sister's vehicle and believed the woman was inside. Police found the body in the car, which was parked in a public lot beneath a bridge near Songdo Convensia in Yeonsu-gu. The remains were in an

- [Super Junior's Yesung to mark 10th year as soloist with album, tour in Japan](#) (2026-04-22 01:46)

Yesung of Super Junior will celebrate his 10th year as a solo singer with an album and a tour of Japan, SM Entertainment said Wednesday. He will put out his second studio album, "Sakihokoru Tokio Matsunowa," on May 27. It will be his first physical release in Japan in almost 2 1/2 years, after his third single "Not Nightmare Christmas." Ahead of the release of the physical album, he will unveil the new music on music platforms worldwide on Friday. The veteran idol helped write the lyrics for all

- [Renault Korea bets on hybrid Philante in EV transition](#) (2026-04-22 01:42)

Renault Korea's new flagship Philante sits at the center of its electrification strategy, as the carmaker accelerates its shift toward EV-era mobility. With consumers increasingly prioritizing connectivity, efficiency and quiet, smooth driving, the hybrid model is designed to deliver EV-like performance in a transitional format. Renault plans to launch its first fully electric vehicle in Korea by 2028. Until then, the carmaker says Philante serves as a bridge — offering a practical preview of el

- [Hyundai, Kia poised to report lackluster earnings on US tariffs, Korean won](#) (2026-04-22 01:42)

Local automotive industry leaders Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Corp. are expected to report lackluster first-quarter earnings compared with last year due to the effects of US tariffs and a weaker Korean won, a market analysis showed Wednesday. According to the analysis of earnings forecasts from securities firms compiled by Yonhap Infomax over the past three months, Hyundai Motor is estimated to report sales of 45.89 trillion won (\$30.4 billion) on average for the January-March period and an operat

- [Itzy bring out 12th EP 'Motto' in May](#) (2026-04-22 01:42)

Itzy announced through its label JYP Entertainment on Wednesday that it will make a comeback on May 18 with 12th EP, "Motto." The release comes about six months since the group's previous EP "Tunnel Vision." The eight-track EP will be released during the group's international tour. The five-member girl groupo began the tour in February and performed in Melbourne and Sydney last week. Next month, it will go live in Tokyo, and from mid-June, will perform in Hong Kong, Kaohsiung in Taiwan, Bangkok

- [LG AI Research, Nvidia join hands to jointly develop next-gen AI models](#) (2026-04-22 01:13)

LG Group said Wednesday it has joined forces with US chip giant Nvidia Corp. to jointly develop new artificial intelligence models and expand their ecosystems. During a meeting in Seoul on Tuesday, Lim Woo-hyung, co-chief of LG AI Research, the AI lab under LG Group, and Bryan Catanzaro, vice president of applied deep learning research at Nvidia, agreed to strengthen technological cooperation to expand the EXAONE AI ecosystem, the company said. EXAONE is LG AI Research's multimodal AI model base

- [Lee set for summit talks with Vietnam's To Lam to discuss economic ties](#) (2026-04-22 01:09)

President Lee Jae Myung was set Wednesday to hold a bilateral summit with Vietnam's top leader To Lam, with their discussions expected to focus on strengthening economic ties and coordination in supply chains amid global uncertainties. The South Korean president arrived here Tuesday on a state visit, becoming the first foreign leader to visit Vietnam since To Lam, general secretary of the Communist Party, was elected state president earlier this month, enhancing his authority by holding the coun

- [Producer prices post fastest rise in 4 yrs in March on oil cost surge: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 00:49)

South Korea's producer prices rose at the fastest pace in about four years in March, driven by higher petroleum and chemical product prices amid rising global oil costs, central bank data showed Wednesday. The producer price index, a key gauge of future consumer inflation, climbed 1.6 percent from a month earlier to 125.24 last month, according to the preliminary data from the Bank of Korea. It marked the sharpest monthly increase since April 2022, when the index also rose 1.6 percent, extending

- [Police seek arrest warrant for truck driver for fatally striking rallygoers in Jinju](#) (2026-04-22 00:36)

Police said Wednesday they have filed for an arrest warrant for the driver of a truck that ran into a group of rallygoers earlier this week, killing one and injuring two others. The 2.5-ton truck struck participants of a cargo worker rally under the Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union on Monday near a CU convenience store logistics center in Jinju, about 290 kilometers southeast of Seoul. Police have applied a murder charge against the driver, a non-union member in his 40s, after

- [Seoul shares start lower amid peace talks uncertainties](#) (2026-04-22 00:31)

South Korean stocks started a tad lower Wednesday following a record-breaking rally, amid lingering uncertainties over US-Iran peace talks. The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 11.05 points, or 0.17 percent, to 6,377.42 in the first 15 minutes trading. After opening 0.01 percent lower, the index hit an all-time intraday high of 6,399.05 around 9:02 a.m., but

soon turned lower again. With the end of a two-week ceasefire looming, investor sentiment weakened after Iran rejected a se

- [N. Korean, Russian public security chiefs discuss closer cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 00:28)

North Korea's public security minister and Russia's interior minister have held talks on boosting exchanges and cooperation on law enforcement, the North's state media said Wednesday, amid deepening bilateral ties between the two nations. Russian Internal Affairs Minister Vladimir Kolokoltsev and North Korea's Public Security Minister Pang Tu-sop shared their countries' experiences and accomplishments on law enforcement during their talks in Pyongyang the previous day, the Korean Central News Ag

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- [\(LEAD\) LG Electronics Q1 net income up 14.8 pct on robust home appliance sales](#) (2026-04-29 05:38)

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SEOUL, April 29 (Yonhap) -- The industry ministry will provide 53 billion-won (U...

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- [Park Ji-hoon returns as singer with 1st release in 3 years](#) (2026-04-29 02:07)

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- [Lottery sales expected to increase 4 pct on-year in 2027](#) (2026-04-28 02:14)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Lottery sales in South Korea are expected to increas...
- [Appeals court sentences Rep. Kweon to 2-yr prison term over funds from Unification Church](#) (2026-04-28 02:06)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Tuesday sentenced Rep. Kweon Seo...
- [\(URGENT\) Appeals court sentences Rep. Kweon Seong-dong to 2-yr prison term over funds from Unification Church](#) (2026-04-28 02:04)  
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- [Gov't discusses trade security issues with semiconductor, AI industries](#) (2026-04-28 02:00)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- The industry ministry held an inaugural public-priv...
- [S. Korea identifies remains of another soldier killed during Korean War](#) (2026-04-28 02:00)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's military has identified the remains of...
- [Gov't to offer 300 bln-won support for projects aimed at fostering AI, green transformation of industrial complexes](#) (2026-04-28 02:00)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- The industry ministry said Tuesday it will provide a...
- [Hyundai Rotem signs K2 battle tank production deal in Poland](#) (2026-04-28 01:57)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Rotem Co., the defense and rail systems unit...
- [Padres' Song Sung-mun sent back to minors](#) (2026-04-28 01:31)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Song Sung-mun of the San Diego Padres has been sent ...
- [BTS' 'Arirang' album certified platinum in France](#) (2026-04-28 01:26)  
SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- K-pop megastars BTS' latest album, "Arirang," has be...

- [S. Korean envoy calls N. Korea's nukes 'most urgent' challenge to nonproliferation regime](#) (2026-04-28 01:11)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's top nuclear envoy has stressed the nee...

- [Lee vows to prevent industrial deaths with all available means](#) (2026-04-28 01:07)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday pledged to mobili...

- [Seoul stocks briefly top 6,700 on tech rally, ahead of M7 earnings](#) (2026-04-28 01:04)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks briefly topped the 6,700-point level Tu...

- [\(URGENT\) KOSPI tops 6,700, set for another all-time high on tech rally](#) (2026-04-28 00:59)

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- [\(LEAD\) Samsung SDI swings to Q1 profit on ESS battery growth](#) (2026-04-28 00:35)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Samsung SDI Co., a major South Korean battery manufa...

- [N. Korea's executions over S. Korean cultural content surge after COVID-19 border closure: report](#) (2026-04-28 00:32)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Executions rose sharply in North Korea for offenses ...

- [\(LEAD\) Seoul stocks open at record high ahead of U.S. big tech earnings](#) (2026-04-28 00:31)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks opened at a record high on Tuesday ahea...

- [K-pop album exports top US\\$100 mln for first time in Q1](#) (2026-04-28 00:24)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's exports of K-pop albums hit a record h...

- [Seoul stocks open higher ahead U.S. big tech earnings](#) (2026-04-28 00:04)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks opened higher on Tuesday ahead of earni...

- [\(URGENT\) Seoul stocks open 0.48 pct higher ahead of earnings releases from big techs](#) (2026-04-28 00:01)

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- [Appeals court set to rule on ex-first lady's corruption charges](#) (2026-04-27 23:52)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court was set to rule Tuesday on corrupti...

- [Lee touts hunt for hidden overseas assets, calls for 'tax justice'](#) (2026-04-27 23:44)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Tuesday touted the tax of...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on April 28\)](#) (2026-04-27 22:04)

The number of brokers caught arranging fraudulent refugee applications for forei...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea Times on April 28\)](#) (2026-04-27 22:04)

In a democracy, the spoils, or "patronage system," have long been taken for gran...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea Herald on April 28\)](#) (2026-04-27 22:03)

The prosecution's April 22 announcement of how it handled the bribery case invol...

- [Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers](#) (2026-04-27 22:03)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South K...

- [Biz sentiment rebounds in April as Middle East crisis reduces inventories: BOK](#) (2026-04-27 21:00)

SEOUL, April 28 (Yonhap) -- Despite the ongoing Middle East crisis, business sen...

- [Over 80 ruling bloc lawmakers to send joint letter of protest against U.S. defense of Coupang](#) (2026-04-27 14:21)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- More than 80 lawmakers of the ruling bloc plan to se...

- [\(3rd LD\) Court begins ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-27 12:50)

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- [\(2nd LD\) Court begins ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-27 11:46)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court held the first preliminary hearing ...

- [Police launch probe into medical syringe hoarding amid war-related shortage](#) (2026-04-27 10:43)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Police said Monday they have launched an investigati...

- [Struggling Eagles reliever Kim Seo-hyeon demoted to minors](#) (2026-04-27 09:42)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Hanwha Eagles on Monday demoted their slumping r...

- [20-yr prison term sought for ex-justice minister in martial law case](#) (2026-04-27 09:39)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- A special counsel team on Monday sought a 20-year pr...

- [Twins lose closer You Young-chan to elbow fracture](#) (2026-04-27 09:05)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The LG Twins announced Monday their All-Star closer ...

- [Lee, Google DeepMind CEO discuss responsible use of AI](#) (2026-04-27 09:05)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Monday met with Demis Has...

- [Seoul's top envoy to U.S., FM Cho discuss N.K. intel controversy, Coupang issue](#) (2026-04-27 08:33)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- South Korean Ambassador to the United States Kang Ky...

- [\(LEAD\) End of Iran war, stabilization of fuel prices prerequisite for termination of price cap system: minister](#) (2026-04-27 08:33)

SEJONG, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The end of the war between the United States and Ir...

- [Yonhap News Summary](#) (2026-04-27 08:24)

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- [End of Iran war, stabilization of fuel prices prerequisite for termination of price cap system: minister](#) (2026-04-27 08:19)

SEJONG, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The end of the war between the United States and Ir...

- [Ex-MLB player Choi Ji-man determined to prove worth on S. Korean minor league team](#) (2026-04-27 08:18)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Former major leaguer Choi Ji-man said Monday he did ...

- [Ex-President Moon urges N. Korean leader to return to dialogue on summit anniv.](#) (2026-04-27 07:58)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Former President Moon Jae-in on Monday urged North K...

- [\(2nd LD\) Seoul stocks close at a new record high amid AI-led tech rally](#) (2026-04-27 07:41)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks shattered a new record Monday, to close...

- [U.S. restricts intelligence-sharing with S. Korea on N. Korea's nuclear facilities: sources](#) (2026-04-27 07:23)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The United States has restricted South Korea's acces...

- [S. Korea partners with Google DeepMind for AI-led science innovation project](#) (2026-04-27 07:19)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The government has partnered with Google DeepMind, a...

- [\(LEAD\) Seoul stocks close at a new record high amid AI-led tech rally](#) (2026-04-27 07:14)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks shattered a new record Monday, to close...

- [Ex-Unification Church official gets heavier prison term during appeal over gifts to ex-first lady](#) (2026-04-27 06:52)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Monday sentenced a former Unific...

- [NewJeans in prep for new music amid comeback speculation](#) (2026-04-27 06:35)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- K-pop girl group NewJeans is preparing to resume mus...

- [Seoul stocks close at a new record high amid AI-led tech rally](#) (2026-04-27 06:34)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks shattered a new record Monday, to close...

- [\(LEAD\) Hanwha Systems swings to Q1 loss on equity losses tied to U.S. shipyard](#) (2026-04-27 06:32)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Systems Co., the defense solutions arm of Han...

- [\(URGENT\) Seoul shares again set fresh record high of 6,615.03 on AI-led chip, power equipment rally](#) (2026-04-27 06:32)

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- [Samsung SDS, LG CNS secure sales rights for ChatGPT Edu in S. Korea](#) (2026-04-27 06:25)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Samsung SDS Co. and LG CNS Co. have secured respecti...

- [Major umbrella union to hold Labor Day rally over cargo worker's death in Jinju](#) (2026-04-27 06:17)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- A major umbrella union will hold a large-scale rally...

- [KOFIA launches forum aimed at boosting long-term capital market strategies](#) (2026-04-27 06:09)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Korea Financial Investment Association (KOFIA) a...

- [Lee reaffirms commitment to restoring inter-Korean trust, calls for Pyongyang's response](#) (2026-04-27 06:03)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Monday reaffirmed his com...

- [73 criminal suspects repatriated from Cambodia, Philippines since late Feb.](#) (2026-04-27 05:56)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Korean National Police Agency (KNPA) said Monday...

- [\(LEAD\) Top diplomats of S. Korea, Australia to hold talks this week amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-27 05:46)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The top diplomats of South Korea and Australia will ...

- [\(LEAD\) Hanwha Ocean's Q1 net more than doubles on LNG projects, improved profitability](#) (2026-04-27 05:44)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Ocean Co. said Monday its first-quarter net i...

- [Finance minister stresses big-small biz cooperation in bio sector](#) (2026-04-27 05:38)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Finance Minister Koo Yun-cheol on Monday emphasized ...

- [\(LEAD\) Navy, Marine Corps hold large-scale amphibious landing drills in Pohang](#) (2026-04-27 05:09)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Navy and Marine Corps launched a weeklong regula...

- [Today in Korean history](#) (2026-04-27 05:00)

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- [Gov't to expand supply of mid-rate loans for mid-credit borrowers](#) (2026-04-27 05:00)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The government will expand loans for mid-credit borr...

- [Yonhap News Summary](#) (2026-04-27 04:45)

The following is the first summary of major stories moved by Yonhap News Agency ...

- [Minor party candidate for Busan mayor injured in drink attack](#) (2026-04-27 03:02)

BUSAN, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The minor New Reform Party's candidate running for B...

- [Minister vows efforts to secure stable supplies of agricultural inputs amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-27 03:00)

SEJONG, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Agriculture Minister Song Mi-ryung said Monday the ...

- [FTC orders e-commerce platforms to revise unfair user terms](#) (2026-04-27 03:00)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's antitrust regulator on Monday ordered...

- [Market cap of S. Korean-listed companies surpasses 6,000 tln won for 1st time: data](#) (2026-04-27 02:49)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The total market capitalization of companies listed ...

- [\(LEAD\) N. Korea opens memorial honoring own troops killed in Russia's war with Ukraine](#) (2026-04-27 02:40)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Pyongyang has opened a memorial honoring North Korea...

- [Seoul stocks up sharply late Mon. morning on bullish corporate earnings expectations](#) (2026-04-27 02:39)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks were trading up sharply late Monday mor...

- [Ha Jung-woo, Son Suk-ku cast in Netflix's political film 'The Generals'](#) (2026-04-27 02:16)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Ha Jung-woo and Son Suk-ku have been cast in Netflix...

- [Carlyle acquires KFC Korea, eyes aggressive expansion](#) (2026-04-27 02:00)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- U.S. private equity firm The Carlyle Group has acqui...

- [Top diplomats of S. Korea, Australia to hold talks this week amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-27 01:43)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The top diplomats of South Korea and Australia will ...

- [Innospace, RSAT Space partner for satellite launch service cooperation in N. America](#) (2026-04-27 01:28)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Innospace Co., a South Korean space startup, said Mo...

- [CJ Cheiljedang signs MOU with Vietnam retailer to expand market presence](#) (2026-04-27 01:23)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- CJ Cheiljedang Corp. said Monday it has signed a mem...

- [Lions looking to snap season-worst 7-game slide in KBO](#) (2026-04-27 01:03)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Samsung Lions started last week in first place i...

- [\(LEAD\) Court set to begin ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-27 01:01)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court was set to hold the first prelimina...

- [N. Korea opens memorial honoring own troops killed in Russia's war with Ukraine](#) (2026-04-27 00:47)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Pyongyang has opened a memorial honoring North Korea...

- [Seoul stocks open sharply higher despite faltering hopes for U.S.-Iran peace talks](#) (2026-04-27 00:36)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Seoul stocks opened sharply higher Monday despite ho...

- [Industry minister vows active support to companies reshoring to S. Korea](#) (2026-04-27 00:34)

SEJONG, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan on Monday vowed the...

- [Gov't starts rolling out cash aid for vulnerable groups amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-27 00:28)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Cash assistance for basic livelihood security recipi...

- [Supernatural horror 'Salmokji' tops weekend box office](#) (2026-04-27 00:27)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The horror film "Salmokji: Whispering Water" has con...

- [Padres' Song Sung-mun makes MLB debut as pinch runner; Giants' Lee Jung-hoo has 4-hit game](#) (2026-04-27 00:13)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Song Sung-mun of the San Diego Padres has made his m...

- [Lee's approval rating falls to 62.2 pct: poll](#) (2026-04-27 00:12)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating stayed abo...

- [Court set to begin ex-President Yoon's insurrection appeals trial](#) (2026-04-26 23:41)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court was set to hold the first prelimina...

- [Navy, Marine Corps hold large-scale amphibious landing drills in Pohang](#) (2026-04-26 23:00)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The Navy and Marine Corps launched a weeklong regula...

- [TXT, BTS both land in Billboard 200's top 5](#) (2026-04-26 22:54)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- K-pop boy group Tomorrow X Together (TXT) debuted at...

- [LPGA sophomore posts 1st top-10 finish at major](#) (2026-04-26 22:48)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- Yoon Ina has enjoyed her first career top-10 finish ...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on April 27\)](#) (2026-04-26 21:59)

Korea's economic growth engine is cooling rapidly. The Organisation for Economic...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea Times on April 27\)](#) (2026-04-26 21:59)

Korean chipmaker SK hynix last week posted an unprecedented operating profit of ...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea Herald on April 27\)](#) (2026-04-26 21:59)

The numbers look reassuring, perhaps too reassuring. South Korea's economy grew ...

- [Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers](#) (2026-04-26 21:58)

SEOUL, April 27 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South K...

- [\(LEAD\) N.K.'s Kim meets visiting Russian defense minister, Duma speaker amid stronger military ties](#) (2026-04-26 13:09)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met with the speaker...

- [Lee to host luncheon with minor parties, independent lawmakers this week](#) (2026-04-26 11:57)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung plans to host a luncheon mee...

- [Data of 100,000 leaked from golf course; N. Korean hacking suspected](#) (2026-04-26 11:35)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- Personal information of around 100,000 customers has...

- [N. Korean leader meets visiting Russian Duma speaker in Pyongyang](#) (2026-04-26 09:00)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- North Korean leader Kim Jong-un met the speaker of R...

- [Lee says political violence 'threat' to democracy after White House correspondents' dinner shooting](#) (2026-04-26 07:20)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Sunday called political v...

- [Ex-sluggger Park Byung-ho feted in retirement ceremony at old stomping ground](#) (2026-04-26 06:47)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- Former MVP-winning slugger Park Byung-ho was feted i...

- [PPP nominates 3-term lawmaker Choo as Daegu mayor candidate](#) (2026-04-26 06:39)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- The main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Sund...

- [Padres call up Song Sung-mun from minors for Mexico City Series](#) (2026-04-26 06:19)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- The San Diego Padres have called up their new South ...

- [Today in Korean history](#) (2026-04-26 05:47)

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- [\(3rd LD\) Trump evacuated from White House correspondents' dinner; alleged shooter in detention](#) (2026-04-26 04:02)

WASHINGTON, April 26 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Saturday an al...

- [\(LEAD\) \(Yonhap Interview\) UNC deputy chief cautions against changes to 'proven framework' over DMZ control](#) (2026-04-26 03:03)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- The deputy commander of the U.N. Command (UNC) has s...

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- [Russian delegation visits N. Korea for opening of museum honoring soldiers killed in Ukraine war](#) (2026-04-26 01:53)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- A Russian delegation led by the country's Duma speak...

- [HD Hyundai Heavy wins 2 U.S. Navy research projects](#) (2026-04-26 01:52)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- HD Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea's leading s...

- [OECD forecast S. Korea's potential growth outlook to hit record low 1.52 pct in late 2027](#) (2026-04-26 01:37)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's potential growth rate is projected to ...

- [Trump evacuated from White House correspondents' dinner following loud bangs](#) (2026-04-26 01:11)

WASHINGTON, April 25 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump and other senior of...

- [\(Yonhap Interview\) UNC deputy chief cautions against changes to 'proven framework' over DMZ control](#) (2026-04-25 21:00)

SEOUL, April 26 (Yonhap) -- The deputy commander of the U.N. Command (UNC) has s...

- [\(2nd LD\) Lee Jin-sook says will not run for Daegu mayor](#) (2026-04-25 12:03)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- Lee Jin-sook, a former broadcasting watchdog chief u...

- [KBO tops 2 mln fans in fewest games in history](#) (2026-04-25 11:50)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean baseball league surpassed 2 million...

- [Russia's Duma speaker visits N. Korea for opening of museum honoring soldiers killed in Ukraine war](#) (2026-04-25 08:21)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of Russia's lower house ...

- [N. Korea appoints new ambassador to Sweden](#) (2026-04-25 07:48)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- North Korea has named a new ambassador to Sweden, th...

- [Senior N. Korean diplomat reaffirms strengthening ties with Russia on anniv. of 2019 Kim-Putin summit](#) (2026-04-25 07:24)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- A senior North Korean diplomat on Saturday reaffirme...

- [Giants' Lee Jung-hoo belts 2nd homer, logs 3-hit game](#) (2026-04-25 06:25)

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- [\(Yonhap Interview\) Canada's army chief sees war-forged ties with S. Korea grow 'stronger'](#) (2026-04-25 03:00)

GAPYEONG, South Korea, April 25 (Yonhap) -- Partnership between South Korea and ...

- [Oxford University to launch center for Korean studies](#) (2026-04-25 02:54)

LONDON, April 25 (Yonhap) -- Oxford University plans to launch a center for Kore...

- [Yoon Ina climbs into tie for 3rd after 2nd round of Chevron Championship](#) (2026-04-25 02:45)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's Yoon Ina climbed into a tie for third ...

- [N. Korea slams Japan PM's offering to war shrine](#) (2026-04-25 00:57)

SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Saturday criticized Japanese Prime Mi...

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SEOUL, April 25 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South K...

- [\(2nd LD\) Trump says Iran will make offer aimed at meeting U.S. demands: Reuters](#) (2026-04-24 20:40)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday that Ir...

- [\(LEAD\) Key U.S. negotiators to depart for Pakistan Saturday for talks with Iran: White House](#) (2026-04-24 18:17)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Key U.S. negotiators will leave for Pakistan th...

- [Key U.S. negotiators to depart for Pakistan Saturday for talks with Iran: White House](#) (2026-04-24 17:51)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Key U.S. negotiators will leave for Pakistan th...

- [\(LEAD\) S. Korea, U.S. making efforts toward 'normalization' amid U.S. intel curb controversy: Seoul official](#) (2026-04-24 17:04)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- A senior South Korean diplomat said Friday that...

- [\(LEAD\) Hegseth calls for allies' role in Strait of Hormuz, says 'time for free riding is over'](#) (2026-04-24 16:10)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth reiterated ...

- [Senior S. Korean, U.S. diplomats meet amid reported U.S. intel curb controversy](#) (2026-04-24 16:01)

WASHINGTON, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Senior South Korean and U.S. diplomats met in W...

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- [\(LEAD\) Lee returns from trip to India, Vietnam focused on economic ties, supply chain cooperation](#) (2026-04-24 13:16)

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SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung returned home Friday from hi...

- [Kidnapped S. Korean man rescued in Malaysia; 3 suspects also Koreans](#) (2026-04-24 11:16)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- A South Korean man who was kidnapped in Malaysia has...

- [\(LEAD\) Prosecution rejects arrest warrant request for Hybe chairman, calls for further review](#) (2026-04-24 10:26)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Prosecutors said Friday they have rejected a police ...

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- [\(2nd LD\) Seoul shares take breather amid Middle East tensions](#) (2026-04-24 07:38)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Seoul shares ended flat Friday, as investors scooped...

- [Finance chief calls for biz sector innovation to sustain economic growth](#) (2026-04-24 07:16)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Finance Minister Koo Yun-cheol on Friday urged South...

- [\(LEAD\) Woori Financial Q1 net falls 2.9 pct](#) (2026-04-24 07:13)

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- [S. Korea secures over 74 mln barrels of crude oil for May: presidential aide](#) (2026-04-24 07:03)

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- [Nearly 6 in 10 nationals support Lee's 'peaceful coexistence' policy with N. Korea](#) (2026-04-24 06:57)

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- [\(LEAD\) Hyundai unveils 1st Ioniq model for China market](#) (2026-04-24 06:21)

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- [\(LEAD\) Hana Financial Q1 net hits record high in Q1](#) (2026-04-24 06:10)

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- [Vice trade minister discusses cooperation in supply chain, strategic industries with Polish counterpart](#) (2026-04-24 06:00)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Vice Trade Minister Park Jung-sung met with his Poli...

- [\(LEAD\) Kia Q1 net profit drops 23.5 pct on U.S. tariffs, weak currency](#) (2026-04-24 05:50)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Kia Corp., South Korea's second-largest automaker, s...

- [Coupang denies lobbying U.S. to pressure S. Korea](#) (2026-04-24 05:32)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- E-commerce firm Coupang Inc. on Friday denied allega...

- [\(LEAD\) Hyundai Rotem Q1 net income up 29 pct to 202.7 bln won](#) (2026-04-24 05:25)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Rotem Co., the defense and train subsidiary ...

- [S. Korea to seek arms industry cooperation with Commonwealth nations](#) (2026-04-24 05:17)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The chief of the state arms procurement agency on Fr...

- [\(Yonhap Interview\) Dinos pitcher VerHagen on potential grudge match: 'I don't like any opponents'](#) (2026-04-24 05:17)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- NC Dinos starter Drew VerHagen is an equal opportuni...

- [\(News Focus\) Lee's India, Vietnam tour underscores push for energy security, supply chain resilience](#) (2026-04-24 05:14)

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- [Number of beef cattle at S. Korean farms down in Q1](#) (2026-04-24 03:00)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The number of beef cattle fell on-year in the first ...

- [S. Korea, U.S. in close communication to resolve intel sharing misunderstanding: security adviser](#) (2026-04-24 03:00)

HANOI, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and the United States have been in close...

- [Hyundai unveils 1st Ioniq model for China market](#) (2026-04-24 02:59)

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- [S. Korea, Vietnam expand cooperation in urban, transport development](#) (2026-04-24 02:31)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Vietnam have agreed to expand cooper...
- [S. Korea, U.S. discuss energy supply chain cooperation at G20 level](#) (2026-04-24 02:28)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Diplomats of South Korea and the United States have ...
- [Lee's approval rating hits previous high of 67 pct](#) (2026-04-24 02:14)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating rose back ...
- [BLACKPINK's Jisoo wins rising star award at Canneseries](#) (2026-04-24 02:12)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Jisoo of BLACKPINK received the Madame Figaro Rising...
- [S. Korean firms sign MOUs worth US\\$27 mln with foreign buyers for food exports](#)  
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SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korean companies have signed memorandums of un...
- [\(LEAD\) Gov't to designate 10 cities to serve as startup hubs by 2027 to promote balanced growth](#) (2026-04-24 01:48)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The government will designate 10 cities to serve as ...
- [SK Group partners with Vietnam to foster AI ecosystem](#) (2026-04-24 01:38)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- SK Group said Friday it has partnered with a Vietnam...
- [\(LEAD\) Hyundai Mobis Q1 net falls 14 pct on weaker vehicle demand amid Middle East tensions](#) (2026-04-24 01:36)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Mobis Co., South Korea's leading auto parts ...
- [S. Koreans in early contention at 1st LPGA major of season](#) (2026-04-24 01:00)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- A few South Korean players found themselves in early...
- [S. Korea, Japan's customs agency chiefs hold meeting to discuss implementation of RCEP](#)  
(2026-04-24 00:56)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Japan's customs agency chiefs held a...
- [\(LEAD\) Seoul stocks open tad lower amid little progress in peace talks](#) (2026-04-24 00:45)  
SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started a tad lower Friday, retr...

- [S. Korea, Australia to launch joint war remains search next week](#) (2026-04-24 00:40)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Australia will begin a monthlong pro...

- [Le Sserafim to prerelease lead single of new studio album](#) (2026-04-24 00:39)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- K-pop girl group Le Sserafim on Friday will prerelea...

- [The Boyz members granted court injunction to suspend contracts with agency](#) (2026-04-24 00:39)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- A court has granted an injunction sought by members ...

- [Gov't to designate 10 cities to serve as startup hubs by 2027 to promote balanced growth](#) (2026-04-24 00:36)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The government will designate 10 cities to serve as ...

- [New Japanese closer for Heroes dreams big](#) (2026-04-24 00:18)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Yuto Kanakubo, the new Japanese pitcher for the Kiwo...

- [Seoul stocks open higher after 3-week ceasefire extension in Israel-Lebanon conflict](#) (2026-04-24 00:09)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks opened higher Friday, bucking ov...

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- [S. Korea-Moldova economic cooperation pact takes effect](#) (2026-04-23 23:43)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- A bilateral economic cooperation agreement between S...

- [Foreign patients top 2 mln for 1st time in 2025](#) (2026-04-23 23:41)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The number of foreign patients topped 2 million for ...

- [Dodgers' Kim Hye-seong enjoys multihit game; Giants' Lee Jung-hoo held hitless](#) (2026-04-23 23:16)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Kim Hye-seong of the Los Angeles Dodgers put up his ...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on April 24\)](#) (2026-04-23 22:08)

Samsung Electronics and SK hynix both posted record results for the first quarte...

- [\(EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on April 24\)](#) (2026-04-23 22:08)

The sale of the El Boleo copper mine in Mexico for a nominal \$1 is more than a f...

- [\(EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on April 24\)](#) (2026-04-23 22:08)

Alliances rarely fracture in a single dramatic moment. More often, they erode th...

- [Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers](#) (2026-04-23 22:07)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South K...

- [\(2nd LD\) Trump says he won't use nuclear weapon in Iran war](#) (2026-04-23 21:42)

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- [Army troops of S. Korea, Canada launch 1st high-tech military training this week](#) (2026-04-23 21:00)

SEOUL, April 24 (Yonhap) -- Army troops of South Korea and Canada launched joint...

- [PPP leader met aide to senior U.S. diplomat during Washington visit last week: State Dept.](#) (2026-04-23 19:32)

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's main opposition leader met a top ...

- [\(2nd LD\) Trump says Strait of Hormuz 'sealed up tight' until deal, orders Navy to shoot vessels laying mines](#) (2026-04-23 19:31)

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Thursday the S...

- [\(LEAD\) Coupang lobbying disclosure reports show activities involving White House, vice president, Congress](#) (2026-04-23 17:55)

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Yonhap) -- U.S. lobbying reports showed Thursday that e-co...

- [Coupang lobbying disclosure reports show activities involving White House, vice president, Congress](#) (2026-04-23 16:47)

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Yonhap) -- U.S. lobbying reports showed Thursday that e-co...

- [Vietnam approves POSCO Future M's artificial graphite anode plant](#) (2026-04-23 14:12)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- POSCO Future M Co. said Thursday it has received app...

- [\(LEAD\) Lee calls for closer cooperation on raw material supply chains with Vietnam](#) (2026-04-23 14:10)

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- [\(LEAD\) Trump says Strait of Hormuz 'sealed up tight' until deal, orders Navy to shoot vessels laying mines](#) (2026-04-23 13:59)

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- [\(LEAD\) Vietnam's top leader welcomes Korean firms' participation in nuclear power plans: security adviser](#) (2026-04-23 13:52)

HANOI, April 23 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung and Vietnam's top leader To ...

- [Trump orders U.S. Navy to 'shoot and kill' any boat putting mines in Strait of Hormuz](#) (2026-04-23 13:42)

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Thursday he ha...

- [Lee's policy chief hopes Samsung averts possible strike through dialogue](#) (2026-04-23 13:41)

HANOI, April 23 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's policy chief on Thursday e...

- [Imagination turns into reality on memorable night for Dinos rookie](#) (2026-04-23 13:31)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The night before making his first start in the Korea...

- [Rookie powers Dinos past Heroes with 1st home run](#) (2026-04-23 12:47)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Teen rookie Ko Jun-hwi launched his first career hom...

- [\(LEAD\) First lady visits Hanoi museum with wife of Vietnam's top leader](#) (2026-04-23 12:44)

HANOI, April 23 (Yonhap) -- First lady Kim Hea Kyung and Ngo Phuong Ly, the wife...

- [S. Korea, 4 Commonwealth army chiefs discuss expanding military cooperation](#) (2026-04-23 12:32)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's Army chief met his counterparts from f...

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HANOI, April 23 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday underscored the ...

- [Gov't freezes price caps on fuel products for another 2 weeks](#) (2026-04-23 10:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The government said Thursday it will maintain the cu...

- [Hyundai Rotem wins 491 bln-won unmanned train deal from Vietnam](#) (2026-04-23 09:53)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Hyundai Rotem Co. said Thursday it has won a 491 bil...

- [Dinos manager implores players to hold heads high amid slow start](#) (2026-04-23 09:52)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- After squeaking into the postseason in 2025, the NC ...

- [\(LEAD\) Court backs sports ministry on disciplinary action for football chief](#) (2026-04-23 09:32)

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- [Hyundai, Kia's March sales rise 5.5 pct in Europe](#) (2026-04-23 09:14)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Sales of South Korea's leading automaker Hyundai Mot...

- [Illegal fishing by foreign vessels to face tougher punishment](#) (2026-04-23 09:05)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Illegal fishing by foreign vessels in South Korean w...

- [\(LEAD\) KB Financial Q1 net hits record high](#) (2026-04-23 08:45)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- KB Financial Group said Thursday its net profit spik...

- [Heroes manager willing to give long look at top draft pick](#) (2026-04-23 08:41)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Still about four months shy of his 19th birthday, ri...

- [Yonhap News Summary](#) (2026-04-23 08:27)

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- [Court issues arrest warrant for truck driver for running into people at rally](#) (2026-04-23 08:10)

JINJU, South Korea, April 23 (Yonhap) -- A district court on Thursday issued an ...

- [\(2nd LD\) S. Korean special envoy calls for safe Hormuz transit in meeting with Iran's FM](#) (2026-04-23 08:01)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's special envoy to Iran has met with Ira...

- [Online sales of liquid e-cigarettes to be banned; warning labels mandatory](#) (2026-04-23 07:58)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Online sales of liquid electronic cigarettes made wi...

- [PPP Rep. Joo Ho-young says will not run for Daegu mayor after court upholds party cutoff](#) (2026-04-23 07:54)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Rep. Joo Ho-young, a six-term lawmaker of the main o...

- [\(2nd LD\) Seoul stocks set fresh record high on tech gains, U.S. ceasefire extension](#) (2026-04-23 07:49)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks closed at a fresh record high Th...

- [\(LEAD\) Ex-MLB player Choi Ji-man signs with S. Korean minor league club](#) (2026-04-23 07:46)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Former major league first baseman Choi Ji-man has si...

- [Vice minister calls for steel industry's cooperation for supply chain stabilization amid Mideast crisis](#) (2026-04-23 07:37)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Vice Industry Minister Moon Shin-hak on Thursday cal...

- [USFK eyes making S. Korea into 'regional sustainment hub' to expedite MRO of assets](#) (2026-04-23 07:34)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) aims to position South ...

- [Mother sentenced to life for brutal abuse, murder of 4-month-old son](#) (2026-04-23 07:29)

SUNCHEON, South Korea, April 23 (Yonhap) -- A woman who brutally beat her four-m...

- [\(LEAD\) Honda to exit S. Korean car market after 23 yrs](#) (2026-04-23 07:22)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Honda Korea, the South Korean sales unit of Japan's ...

- [Ex-husband of Samsung's Lee Boo-jin serving prison term in deception case](#) (2026-04-23 07:13)

YEONCHEON, South Korea, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The ex-husband of Lee Boo-jin, the ...

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- [\(URGENT\) Seoul shares again hit fresh high of 6,475.81 on tech gains, U.S. ceasefire extension](#) (2026-04-23 06:35)

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- [\(LEAD\) Prosecution raided over ex-prosecutor general's alleged role in martial law bid](#) (2026-04-23 06:34)

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- [\(LEAD\) Shinhan Financial's net profit hits record high in Q1](#) (2026-04-23 05:54)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Shinhan Financial Group said Thursday its net profit...

- [Unification minister rejects criticism of N.K.-related intel leak as 'political trick'](#) (2026-04-23 05:53)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Unification Minister Chung Dong-young on Thursday re...

- [Prosecution raided over ex-prosecutor general's alleged role in martial law bid](#) (2026-04-23 05:51)

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- [\(LEAD\) New BOK chief, finance minister vows enhanced policy coordination during 1st meeting](#) (2026-04-23 05:41)

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- [Samsung Electronics, POSTECH's joint research on 2D-3D switchable display published in Nature](#) (2026-04-23 05:34)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Electronics Co. said Thursday that its joint...

- [\(LEAD\) LG Display's Q1 operating profit jumps over fourfold on OLED sales](#) (2026-04-23 05:03)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- LG Display Co. said Thursday its first-quarter opera...

- [Giants' Lee Jung-hoo picks up hit, Dodgers' Kim Hye-seong silenced in Korean duel](#) (2026-04-23 05:02)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Lee Jung-hoo of the San Francisco Giants picked up a...

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SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The data protection regulator said Thursday it has f...

- [\(Yonhap Interview\) Wellness startup The Future eyes U.S. expansion in 2027](#) (2026-04-23 02:47)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The Future, a South Korean wellness solutions startu...

- [Lee's approval rating remains at record high of 69 pct: poll](#) (2026-04-23 02:44)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung's approval rating remained a...

- [25 entities indicted in 10 tln-won starch sugar price-fixing case](#) (2026-04-23 02:44)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Prosecutors said Thursday they have indicted 25 enti...

- [Seoul shares up late Thurs. morning on chip gains, U.S. ceasefire extension](#) (2026-04-23 02:42)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks rose Thursday, led by gains in l...

- [S. Korean special envoy meets Iran's foreign minister amid Middle East tensions](#) (2026-04-23 02:40)

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- [Timeline for OPCON transfer to be set in annual defense talks in Oct.: Seoul](#) (2026-04-23 02:39)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- A timeline for the handover of wartime operational c...

- [\(3rd LD\) SK hynix logs record profit in Q1 on AI chip boom](#) (2026-04-23 02:06)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- SK hynix Inc. said Thursday its revenue and profits ...

- [S. Korea says 'fully implementing' non-discrimination pledge for U.S. firms after Republican letter](#) (2026-04-23 02:04)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea is fully implementing its pledge not to ...

- [Duty-free shopping festival to kick off Saturday in S. Korea](#) (2026-04-23 02:04)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea is set to launch a nationwide shopping f...

- [S. Korea to accept record 93,500 foreign seasonal workers for agriculture sector in H1](#) (2026-04-23 02:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea will accept a record 93,500 foreign seas...

- [\(2nd LD\) S. Korea logs fastest GDP growth in 5 1/2 yrs on strong semiconductor exports](#) (2026-04-23 01:58)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the S...

- [S. Korea, Thailand, Cambodia seize over 650 kg of narcotics in Q1 in joint crackdowns](#) (2026-04-23 01:46)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's customs authorities said Thursday it s...

- [Nmixx to return with new album next month](#) (2026-04-23 01:28)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- K-pop girl group Nmixx will drop a new album titled ...

- [\(LEAD\) Samsung SDS Q1 net profit down 57.8 pct due to one-off factor](#) (2026-04-23 01:28)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Samsung SDS Co., the information technology (IT) ser...

- [Kia showcases EV concepts, design philosophy at Milan Design Week](#) (2026-04-23 01:18)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Kia Corp. said Thursday it has participated in the 2...

- [N. Korea, Russia boost high-level exchanges to unprecedented level ahead of Kursk recapture anniv.](#) (2026-04-23 01:15)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- North Korea and Russia are dramatically expanding hi...

- [6 paper manufacturers fined 338.3 bln won for price fixing](#) (2026-04-23 01:13)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The head of the antitrust watchdog said Thursday the...

- [Watchdog recommends higher insurance payouts for sinkhole-related deaths](#) (2026-04-23 01:11)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The state civil rights watchdog has recommended revi...

- [Foreigners net purchase 8.5 tln won in treasury bonds since S. Korea's WGBI inclusion](#) (2026-04-23 01:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Foreign investors net purchased 8.5 trillion won (US...

- [\(LEAD\) Seoul stocks open at new high amid U.S. ceasefire extension with Iran](#) (2026-04-23 00:33)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks opened at a record high Thursday...

- [\(LEAD\) Gov't to expand tax cuts on LPG butane next month; review stronger punitive measures against collusion](#) (2026-04-23 00:31)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The government announced Thursday it will more than ...

- [Samsung SDS partners with Google Cloud on AI, cloud collaboration](#) (2026-04-23 00:25)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Samsung SDS Co., the information technology (IT) ser...

- [Seoul stocks open at new high amid U.S. ceasefire extension with Iran](#) (2026-04-23 00:11)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks opened at a record high Thursday...

- [Long-time minor leaguer trying to make most of KBO opportunity](#) (2026-04-23 00:03)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Since the start of his professional career in 2018, ...

- [\(URGENT\) Seoul stocks open at record high of 6,488.83](#) (2026-04-23 00:03)

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- [Gov't to expand tax cuts on LPG butane next month to reduce fuel cost burdens](#) (2026-04-23 00:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The government announced Thursday it will more than ...

- [BOK chief, finance minister vows enhanced policy coordination during 1st meeting](#) (2026-04-23 00:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- New Bank of Korea (BOK) Gov. Shin Hyun-song and Fina...

- [\(2nd LD\) SK hynix logs record profit in Q1 on AI chip boom](#) (2026-04-22 23:59)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- SK hynix Inc. said Thursday its revenue and profits ...

- [S. Korea secures approval for Vietnamese exports of heat-treated poultry products](#) (2026-04-22 23:55)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea has secured approval to export heat-trea...

- [\(LEAD\) S. Korea's GDP expands 1.7 pct in Q1, fastest growth in 5 1/2 yrs: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 23:39)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the S...

- [Lee set to meet Vietnamese PM, attend biz forum](#) (2026-04-22 23:32)

HANOI, April 23 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung was set to meet Vietnamese P...

- [S. Korea's GDP expands 1.7 pct in Q1, fastest growth in 5 1/2 yrs: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 23:06)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the S...

- [Biz sentiment for May pessimistic due to Middle East crisis: poll](#) (2026-04-22 23:02)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's business sentiment remains pessimistic...

- [\(URGENT\) S. Korea's GDP expands 1.7 pct in Q1, fastest growth in 5 1/2 yrs: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 23:00)

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- [N. Korea slams Japan's launch of military drone offices](#) (2026-04-22 22:53)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- North Korea on Thursday slammed Japan's establishmen...

- [Top headlines in major S. Korean newspapers](#) (2026-04-22 22:16)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- The following are the top headlines in major South K...

- [\(EDITORIAL from Korea JoongAng Daily on April 23\)](#) (2026-04-22 22:13)

A meeting of the People Power Party's (PPP) leadership in a village hall in Yang...

- [\(EDITORIAL from The Korea Times on April 23\)](#) (2026-04-22 22:12)

As international conflict in the Middle East and the upcoming June 3 local elect...

- [\(EDITORIAL from The Korea Herald on April 23\)](#) (2026-04-22 22:12)

A member of a subcontractor union, who had been demanding collective bargaining ...

- [\(Yonhap Interview\) Ethiopia seeks 'climate-resilient, inclusive' development cooperation with S. Korea: top envoy](#) (2026-04-22 22:01)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Ethiopia hopes for strong cooperation with South Kor...

- [\(2nd LD\) Trump has not set deadline to receive 'unified' proposal from Iran: White House](#) (2026-04-22 21:14)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump has not set a firm ...

- [Consumer sentiment falls to 1-yr low in April amid Middle East crisis](#) (2026-04-22 21:00)

SEOUL, April 23 (Yonhap) -- Consumer sentiment fell to its lowest level in a yea...

- [\(LEAD\) Trump has not set deadline to receive 'unified' proposal from Iran: White House](#) (2026-04-22 20:37)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump has not set a firm ...

- [USTR voices hopes for 'outcomes' from S. Korea, Australia, EU regarding digital regulation](#) (2026-04-22 19:18)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer...

- [\(LEAD\) S. Korea, U.S. aim to meet OPCON transfer conditions no later than 1Q of 2029: USFK commander](#) (2026-04-22 17:34)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and the United States aim to meet c...

- [S. Korea, U.S. aim to meet conditions for OPCON transfer no later than 2Q of FY 2029: USFK commander](#) (2026-04-22 16:55)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The top U.S. general in South Korea said Wednes...

- [Trump says U.S.-Iran talks 'possible' within 36 to 72 hours: report](#) (2026-04-22 16:18)

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Yonhap) -- U.S. President Donald Trump said Wednesday a ne...

- [U.S. Republicans urge S. Korea to stop 'targeted' discrimination against American companies](#) (2026-04-22 14:47)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- More than 50 U.S. Republicans have urged South Korea...

- [\(LEAD\) Twins ace puts team first after narrowly missing 1st shutout](#) (2026-04-22 12:59)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- With only 84 pitches thrown through eight shutout in...

- [\(3rd LD\) S. Korea, Vietnam agree to expand cooperation in energy, supply chains](#) (2026-04-22 12:54)

HANOI, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Vietnam agreed Wednesday to closely ...

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SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- With only 84 pitches thrown through eight shutout in...

- [Twins blank Eagles behind starter's gem](#) (2026-04-22 12:25)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Starter Lachlan Wells fired eight innings of one-hit...

- [\(2nd LD\) S. Korea, Vietnam agree to expand cooperation in energy, supply chains](#) (2026-04-22 12:05)

HANOI, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and Vietnam agreed Wednesday to closely ...

- [\(LEAD\) N. Korea's Kusong comes into spotlight as little-known but long-suspected nuclear facility site](#) (2026-04-22 10:53)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's western city of Kusong, which came int...

- [\(LEAD\) Appeals court upholds PPP's exclusion of lawmaker from Daegu mayoral primary](#) (2026-04-22 10:24)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday dismissed an injunctio...

- [\(LEAD\) Lee, Vietnam's To Lam hold summit talks to discuss energy, supply chains](#) (2026-04-22 10:11)

HANOI, April 22 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung held a bilateral summit with...

- [Deputy FM stresses cooperation with EU on supply chains in meeting with envoys](#) (2026-04-22 09:16)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Deputy Foreign Minister Chung Eui-hae met Wednesday ...

- [Appeals court upholds PPP's exclusion of lawmaker from Daegu mayoral primary](#) (2026-04-22 08:58)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday dismissed an injunctio...

- [Defense minister denies reports USFK commander protested over alleged leak of U.S. intel on N.K. nuke facility](#) (2026-04-22 08:51)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Defense Minister Ahn Gyu-back on Wednesday denied re...

- [Eagles manager trying not to dwell on losses](#) (2026-04-22 08:35)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- As losses pile up for his club, Hanwha Eagles manage...

- [Yonhap News Summary](#) (2026-04-22 08:00)

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- [Twins starter Chirinos sidelined with elbow injury](#) (2026-04-22 07:56)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The LG Twins announced Wednesday their starting pitc...

- [\(LEAD\) Appeals court cuts battery maker CEO's prison term to 4 yrs over deadly plant fire](#) (2026-04-22 07:48)

SUWON, South Korea, April 22 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday reduced t...

- [N. Korea's Kusong comes into spotlight as little-known but long-suspected nuclear facility site](#) (2026-04-22 07:36)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's western city of Kusong, which came int...

- [\(2nd LD\) KOSPI lands above 6,400 at fresh peak on earnings prospect](#) (2026-04-22 07:35)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks rose to a fresh record high Wedn...

- [\(LEAD\) Samsung Biologics' Q1 net profit gains 41.6 pct on robust production operations](#) (2026-04-22 07:16)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Samsung Biologics Co., the biotech arm of Samsung Gr...

- [Special counsel seeks 15-yr prison term for ex-interior minister in insurrection appeal](#) (2026-04-22 07:12)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- A special counsel team on Wednesday sought a 15-year...

- [Appeals court cuts battery maker CEO's prison term to 4 yrs over deadly plant fire](#) (2026-04-22 07:04)

SUWON, South Korea, April 22 (Yonhap) -- An appeals court on Wednesday reduced t...

- [LIG D&A; wins 1st deal to export 'Haegung' missiles to Malaysia](#) (2026-04-22 07:00)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap-Joint Press Corps) -- LIG Defense & Aerospace, a Sou...
- [\(LEAD\) KOSPI lands above 6,400 at fresh peak on earnings prospect](#) (2026-04-22 06:58)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks rose to a fresh record high Wedn...
- [Commonwealth veterans of Korean War to visit S. Korea this week](#) (2026-04-22 06:43)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Veterans and bereaved families from four Commonwealt...
- [\(LEAD\) S. Korean currency retreats from 1-month high as peace talks falter](#) (2026-04-22 06:39)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean won fell against the U.S. dollar We...
- [KOSPI lands above 6,400 at fresh peak on earnings prospect](#) (2026-04-22 06:34)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks rose to a fresh record high Wedn...
- [\(URGENT\) Seoul shares again set fresh record high of 6,417.93 on strong earnings prospects](#) (2026-04-22 06:33)  
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- [Yoon's constitutional petition against insurrection tribunal law referred to formal review](#) (2026-04-22 06:30)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- A constitutional petition filed by former President ...
- [Lee vows closer cooperation with Vietnam in nuclear energy, supply chains](#) (2026-04-22 06:30)  
HANOI, April 22 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung said Wednesday that South Ko...
- [\(LEAD\) Giants' Lee Jung-hoo takes upper hand over Dodgers' Kim Hye-seong](#) (2026-04-22 06:28)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Lee Jung-hoo of the San Francisco Giants collected t...
- [MMCA Cheongju to revisit Bang Hai-ja's luminous works](#) (2026-04-22 06:20)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The lifelong works of Bang Hai-ja (1937-2022), whose...
- [Notorious drug kingpin indicted month after repatriation from Philippines](#) (2026-04-22 06:20)  
SUWON, South Korea, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Investigators indicted an infamous drug...
- [S. Korea, India to launch cross-border QR code-based payment system this year: FSC chief](#) (2026-04-22 06:17)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea and India plan to launch a QR code-based...

- [Celltrion to buy back 100 bln won in shares to boost shareholder value](#) (2026-04-22 06:07)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Celltrion Inc., a leading South Korean biopharmaceut...

- [Prime minister honors late independence fighter at repatriation ceremony](#) (2026-04-22 05:56)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Kim Min-seok on Wednesday reaffirmed ...

- [Power demand forecast to increase nearly 30 pct by 2040](#) (2026-04-22 05:50)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea's annual electricity demand is expected ...

- [\(LEAD\) S. Korea returns remains of 12 Chinese troops killed in Korean War](#) (2026-04-22 05:48)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korea on Wednesday handed over the remains of ...

- [World IT Show 2026 opens in Seoul with AI-driven innovation in focus](#) (2026-04-22 05:40)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The annual World IT Show 2026 kicked off Wednesday i...

- [AMCHAM, San Francisco inks MOU to boost S. Korea-U.S. business ties](#) (2026-04-22 05:24)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The American Chamber of Commerce in Korea (AMCHAM) o...

- [Giants' Lee Jung-hoo takes upper hand over Dodgers' Kim Hye-seong](#) (2026-04-22 05:13)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Lee Jung-hoo of the San Francisco Giants collected t...

- [Today in Korean history](#) (2026-04-22 05:00)

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- [Yonhap News Summary](#) (2026-04-22 04:30)

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- [HD Hyundai Heavy wins 627 bln-won power equipment order in U.S.](#) (2026-04-22 03:01)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- HD Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea's leading s...

- [Foreign currency deposits post record drop in March amid weakening won: BOK](#) (2026-04-22 03:00)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Resident foreign currency deposits in South Korea fe...

- [Childbirths grow at record high pace in Feb.: data](#) (2026-04-22 03:00)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The number of babies born rose at a record high pace...

- [2 firms fined 2.6 bln won for colluding in Hyundai, Kia bids](#) (2026-04-22 03:00)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The antitrust regulator said Wednesday it has decide...
- [Population mobility hits 5-yr high in March: data](#) (2026-04-22 03:00)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The number of South Koreans relocating to new homes ...
- [Agriculture minister explores K-food export opportunity in meeting with Vietnamese counterpart](#) (2026-04-22 02:58)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Agriculture Minister Song Mi-ryung has discussed exp...
- [Chinese national sent to prosecution over deadly warehouse fire](#) (2026-04-22 02:42)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- A Chinese national arrested for causing a fire at a ...
- [Seoul shares down late Wed. morning amid peace talks uncertainty](#) (2026-04-22 02:30)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks traded lower late Wednesday morn...
- [\(LEAD\) N. Korean, Russian public security chiefs discuss closer cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 02:28)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's public security minister and Russia's ...
- [Hanwha forges partnerships at U.S. defense expo for naval, rocket development collaborations](#) (2026-04-22 02:14)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Group said Wednesday it has forged partnershi...
- [Loss rate for auto insurance up in Q1](#) (2026-04-22 02:07)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Non-life insurers' loss rate for their auto insuranc...
- [KOTRA hosts future mobility partnership event for S. Korean, U.S. companies](#) (2026-04-22 02:00)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) ...
- [U.S. Indo-Pacific hosts workshop to strengthen civil-military crisis response on Korean Peninsula](#) (2026-04-22 01:42)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean and U.S. service members attended a wor...
- [Hanwha Group signs MOU with Canada's Alberta province to expand energy, defense cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 01:25)  
SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Hanwha Group said Wednesday it has signed a memorand...
- [Fuel price cap system lowered consumer prices by up to 0.8 pp in March: report](#) (2026-04-22 01:00)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The fuel price cap system helped consumer prices dro...

- [LG AI Research, Nvidia join hands to jointly develop next-gen AI models](#) (2026-04-22 01:00)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- LG Group said Wednesday it has joined forces with U...

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SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- The South Korean won fell sharply against the U.S. d...

- [HD Hyundai Heavy wins \\$350 mln icebreaker order from Sweden](#) (2026-04-22 00:44)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- HD Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea's leading s...

- [Police seek arrest warrant for truck driver for fatally striking rallygoers in Jinju](#) (2026-04-22 00:29)

CHANGWON, South Korea, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Police said Wednesday they have file...

- [PM says will decide whether to keep fuel price caps after review](#) (2026-04-22 00:28)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Prime Minister Kim Min-seok said Wednesday the gover...

- [\(LEAD\) Seoul shares start lower amid peace talks uncertainties](#) (2026-04-22 00:25)

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- [N. Korean, Russian public security chiefs discuss closer cooperation](#) (2026-04-22 00:24)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- North Korea's public security minister and Russia's ...

- [Hyundai, Kia poised to report lackluster earnings on U.S. tariffs, Korean won](#) (2026-04-22 00:08)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- Local automotive industry leaders Hyundai Motor Co. ...

- [Lee set for summit talks with Vietnam's To Lam to discuss economic ties](#) (2026-04-22 00:04)

HANOI, April 22 (Yonhap) -- President Lee Jae Myung was set Wednesday to hold a ...

- [Seoul shares open nearly flat amid peace talks uncertainties](#) (2026-04-22 00:04)

SEOUL, April 22 (Yonhap) -- South Korean stocks started almost flat Wednesday fo...

- [\(URGENT\) Seoul shares open 0.01 pct lower amid uncertainties surrounding U.S.-Iran peace talks](#) (2026-04-22 00:01)

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