



S. Korea 'won't be defeated again' by Japan: Moon

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Japan announced its intention to remove South Korea from a list of trading partners that enjoy easy-trade access to the country, with South Korea decrying the news, and President Moon Jae-in saying that his country will 'not be defeated again' by Japan, a reference to Japan's occupation of Korea before World War II.

1-1. An escalating row between South Korea and Japan Friday, as _____

1-2. that enjoy _____

2. It would potentially slow down exports of a wide range of goods _____

3. Japan said the decision was made on the grounds _____

JAPANESE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY, YOSHIHIDE SUGA, SAYING:

"This revision was necessary to manage Japan's export system properly... Based on our stance on various topics, we will remain consistent and firmly await South Korea's appropriate response."

4-1. The decision comes _____

4-2. of materials _____

4-3. and would be the first time _____

5. South Korea's foreign minister _____

SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER, KANG KYUNG-WHA, SAYING:

"We are gravely concerned by this decision to say the least."

6. With South Koreans _____

7-1. Also drawing the ire of President Moon Jae-in, who _____

7-2. referencing the Japanese occupation of Korea before World War II.

SOUTH KOREA'S PRESIDENT, MOON JAE-IN, SAYING:

"We won't be defeated by Japan again... If Japan attempts to harm our economy, the Korean Government also has countermeasures with which to respond."

8. Relations between the two countries began to deteriorate last year _____

9. The rift between the two U.S. allies comes _____

10-1. According _____

10-2. Washington has urged Seoul and Tokyo to consider _____

[Vocabulary]

row: a noisy argument; a serious disagreement about an issue between people, organizations, or countries

- *I had a row with my boyfriend last night.*
- *a row between London and Paris over a trade deal with the U.S.*

strike something from something: to remove something from something

- *Their names should be struck from the list of candidates.*

enjoy: to have something as a benefit or advantage

fast-track: happening, developing, or progressing more quickly than usual

- *fast-track legislation*

minimal: extremely small in amount or degree, or as small as possible

- *If there is any delay, that delay will be minimal.*

minimal control:

potentially: possibly true in the future, but not true now

- *a potentially harmful drug*
- *The conflict is a potentially serious situation.*

slow down: to reduce the speed of

- *The new government is slowing down the pace of reform.*

grounds: a good reason for doing, believing, or saying something

- *'You're under arrest.' 'On what grounds?'*

on the grounds of: for the purpose of; because of

- *The building was closed on the grounds of safety.*

national security: the protection or the safety of a country's secrets and its citizens

bilateral: a bilateral agreement or activity is one that involves two groups or countries

- *The U.S. will use bilateral negotiations to continue pressing Japan to open its markets.*
- *The two countries signed a bilateral agreement for peace.*

bilateral relation:

revision: the process of changing, improving, or making additions to something such as a plan, law, or piece of writing

- *Some revisions in the plans are likely.*

- *This group is appealing to the government for revisions to the Copyright Act.*
- stance**: an attitude or view about an issue that you state clearly
 - *Tell us what your stance is on capital punishment.*
- stance on**:
 - consistent**: not changing in behavior, attitudes, or qualities
 - *Since joining the team last year, he has become our most consistent performer.*
- remain consistent**:
 - tighten**: to make a set of rules stricter or harder to avoid
 - *a bill that will tighten trading rules*
- memory chip**: a RAM microchip that can be plugged into a computer to provide additional memory
- display panel**: a board on which information can be displayed to public view
- arbitrary**: not based on any particular plan, or not done for any particular reason; used about actions that are considered to be unfair
 - *an arbitrary decision*
 - *The selection of the 100 participants was completely arbitrary.*
- gravely**: in a grave and sober manner; to a severe or serious degree
 - *He doesn't seem gravely threatened by trade disputes.*
- concerned**: worried about something
 - *The police said they were very concerned about the boy's safety.*
 - *She was concerned that her address might be broadcast over the radio.*
- to say the least**: Without any exaggeration; to put it plainly or mildly; to show that their real opinion is even stronger than what they have just said.
 - *We were not at all pleased with her work—to say the least.*
- ire**: intense and usually openly displayed anger
 - *The plans provoked the ire of conservationists.*
- Moon Jae-in**: (born January 24, 1953) a South Korean politician serving as President of South Korea since 2017. He was elected after the impeachment of Park Geun-hye as the candidate of the Democratic Party of Korea.

A former student activist, human rights lawyer and chief of staff to then-president Roh Moo-hyun, Moon served as leader of Democratic Party of Korea (2015–2016) and a member of the 19th National Assembly (2012–2016). He was also a candidate for the Democratic United Party in the 2012 presidential election in which he lost narrowly to Park Geun-hye.

As President, Moon Jae-in has met with North Korean chairman Kim Jong-un at inter-Korean summits in April, May, and September 2018. On June 30, 2019, Moon met with both North Korean chairman Kim Jong-un and United States president Donald Trump at the Korean Demilitarized Zone, making him the third South Korean president to meet their North Korean counterpart.
- fire back**: to quickly react to something that has been said or done; to quickly and angrily answer a question or remark
 - *President Bush has fired back at his critics.*
- television broadcast**: a transmission or programme on television
- reference**: to mention or refer to
- countermeasures**: actions taken to stop something else from happening or having a negative effect; an action that you take in order to weaken the effect of another action or a situation, or to make it harmless

- **deteriorate**: to become worse
 - *The weather deteriorated rapidly so the game was abandoned.*
 - *The economic situation could quickly deteriorate into social unrest.*
- **dispute**: a serious disagreement, especially one between groups of people that lasts for a long time; a disagreement or argument about something important
 - *He had a dispute with his wife.*
 - *a territorial dispute between rival gangs*
- **forced labor**: *hard physical work that someone is made to do*
- **rift**: a disagreement between two people or groups
 - *After the war a serious rift developed between the two former allies.*
- **ally**: a country that makes an agreement with another country that they will work together to help each other, especially in a war
 - *Turkey is a key U.S. ally.*
 - *the United States and its European allies*
- **work together**: to cooperate or function together
 - *Come now! Let's all work together and get this done on time!*
- **senior**: with a high rank or position
 - *a senior officer/teacher/manager*
- **standstill agreement**: an agreement providing for the preservation of the status quo for a specified or indefinite period
- **for the time being**: at the present moment; for now; for the present; until some other arrangement is made
 - *Let's just stay focused on this for the time being. We can address other issues later in the meeting.*
 - *He can stay with us for the time being until he finds a place of his own.*