
SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT REITERATES THAT SEOUL WILL NOT SEEK ITS OWN NUCLEAR DETERRENT

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South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol reiterated that the country would not seek its own nuclear deterrent in the face of threats from nuclear-armed North Korea as he vowed further efforts to sharpen nuclear deterrence strategies with ally United States.

In a pre-recorded interview with KBS television that aired Wednesday night, Yoon insisted that South Korea clearly has the technology to quickly acquire nuclear weapons capabilities if it ever decides to do so. But taking that step isn't a realistic option as it would ruin a trade-dependent economy, he said.

If we develop nuclear weapons, we will receive various economic sanctions like North Korea does now, and our economy will be dealt a serious blow, Yoon said, while emphasizing Seoul's commitment to the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

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