
SOUTH KOREA'S TOP DIPLOMAT AVOIDS COMMENTING ON US REQUEST FOR WARSHIP DEPLOYMENT IN MIDDLE EAST

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South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun sidestepped questions Tuesday about whether the US had formally asked his country to send warships to the Middle East, Yonhap News Agency reported.

During a parliamentary session, Cho gave vague responses when lawmakers asked whether Seoul had received any formal or informal request from Washington to deploy troops in support of US operations against Iran.

"It may or may not be considered a request," he said. "As for whether there have been discussions with the US about troop deployment itself, it is difficult for me to comment at this time."

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