
South Korea Reports Complete Breakdown in DPRK Contacts



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SEOUL, June 19— South Korean President Lee Jae Myung said on Friday that all communication channels between South Korea and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) have been cut off, highlighting continued tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Speaking at a briefing on the outcomes of the Group of Seven (G7) Summit and his recent visits to several European countries, Lee said inter-Korean emergency hotlines and all other official communication links were no longer functioning.

The South Korean leader noted that occasional small-scale clashes continue to occur along the

border, describing the current situation as concerning despite efforts to reduce tensions.

Lee said his administration remains committed to a conciliatory approach toward the DPRK, aimed at promoting dialogue and stability. However, he acknowledged that deep-rooted distrust and hostile sentiments persist on both sides.

According to Lee, criticism and confrontational rhetoric remain widespread, creating obstacles to improved relations and meaningful engagement between the two Koreas.

He warned that the current atmosphere is unlikely to change quickly and suggested that tensions and limited communication could continue for an extended period, posing challenges for future inter-Korean cooperation and regional stability.