

# **North Korean household photovoltaic energy storage**





## Overview

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Does North Korea still use solar power?

In this installment of our series on North Korea's energy sector, we move away from official and commercial uses of solar and seek to understand the growing use of solar power for personal energy consumption in a country where its people still suffer from an unreliable power supply nationwide.

Can solar power solve North Korea's energy problems?

Jeong-hyeon, a North Korean escapee, told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung, the second-most populous city, "relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television". But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country's energy woes.

Does North Korea have a two-tier energy system?

Under North Korea's two-tier energy system, which prioritises industrial facilities, the only way for many citizens to access electricity is to pay state functionaries to allow them to install cables to siphon off power from local factories.

How much power does North Korea produce?

According to Statistics Korea, a South Korean government body, North Korea's total power generation capacity in 2021 was 8,225 megawatts. The equivalent figure for South Korea, which has a population approximately twice that of the North, was 134,000MW.

Does North Korea have a ramshackle electricity grid?

"We would turn the light on when we ate and then we turned it off right away." North Korea's ramshackle electricity grid draws on ageing hydro and coal-fired thermal power stations, many of them built during the cold war with Chinese and Soviet assistance. UN sanctions restrict the regime's imports of



refined oil and petroleum products.

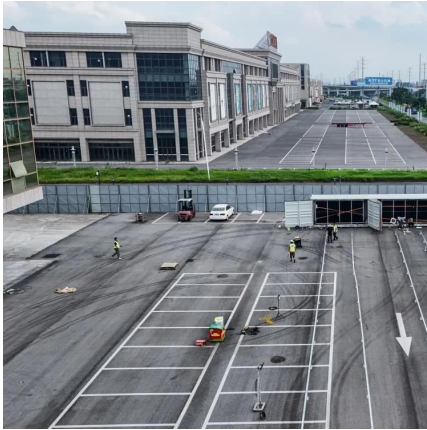
How much electricity did North Korean defectors expect?

(Source: KCNA) North Korean defectors who had left the country within the last five years stated they could only expect a few hours of electricity a day, and the power came and went with no notice making planning impossible and supplemental sources essential. [The electricity supply] wasn't regular, and they didn't tell you beforehand.



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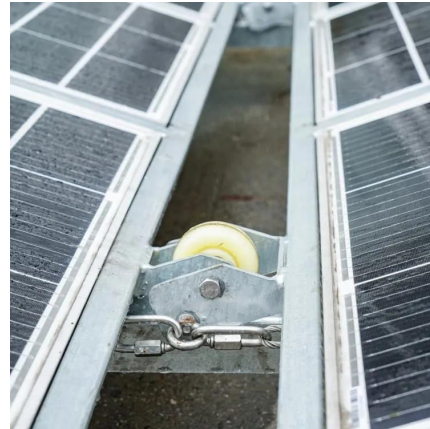
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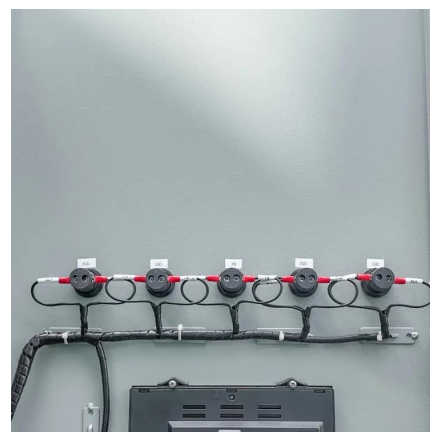
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