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By Scott Snyder

KEI President and CEO Scott Snyder spoke with *The New York Times* about President Donald Trump's renewed outreach to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his use of the security relationship as leverage over Seoul.

"Trump defaults back to the complaint about South Korean free-riding … and he uses the security relationship as a lever to put more pressure on the South Korean government," President Snyder says.

Read the full article, "Facing Quagmire in Iran, Trump Turns to a Familiar Face: North Korea's Kim Jong-un," published August 17, 2026, by clicking here.

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Scott Snyder on Trump’s Snub of Seoul and Overtures to Pyongyang

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"Essentially, here we go again. We saw something very similar in the first Trump administration in the context of efforts by President Trump to engage with North Korea," Scott Snyder says.

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"The investments that the Trump administration wants to have made have just not happened yet," Scott Snyder says.

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Troy Stangarone on Trump's Weakened Hand Going into North Korea Talks

KEI Visiting Senior Fellow Troy Stangarone spoke with the South China Morning Post about why President Trump enters any talks with North Korea from a weakened negotiating position.

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KEI Visiting Senior Fellow Troy Stangarone spoke with the *South China Morning Post* about why President Trump enters any talks with North Korea from a weakened negotiating position.

"In reducing the US-Korea military exercises, Trump has gone off his own playbook of seeking leverage and instead given it away," Troy Stangarone says.

Read the full article, "Why China may have little to lose as 'weakened' Trump seeks North Korea talks," published August 22, 2026, by clicking here.

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Financial News drew on KEI Visiting Senior Fellow Troy Stangarone's analysis of why Kim Jong Un no longer depends on talks with the United States, even as President Trump moves to restart summit diplomacy.

Read the full article, “이란서 막힌 트럼프, 北 통해 돌파… 강해진 김정은, 대화할까” (“Blocked in Iran, Trump Breaks Through via the North”), published August 18, 2026, by clicking here. The article is Korean.

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Troy Stangarone on Trump's Diminished Leverage over North Korea

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summits with Kim Jong Un, and what it would take to restart nuclear talks.

"A single gesture, however dramatic, will not bring the two sides back together," Troy Stangarone writes.

Read the full op-ed, "Is Trump's Kim Jong Un Love Affair One-Sided?," published August 25, 2026, by clicking here.

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