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NASA photo shows North Korea is in the dark



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While you were sleeping, North Korea disappeared.

Well, not exactly. But a recent image taken from the International Space Station shows the mysterious, dictator-ruled country almost completely in the dark.

"The darkened land appears as if it were a patch of water joining the Yellow Sea to the Sea of Japan," [NASA noted of the image](#), taken by a member of NASA's Expedition 38 as the space station flew over East Asia.

Even the capital of Pyongyang (population: 3.26 million) is a relatively dark, compared with smaller cities in neighboring South Korea and China.

The reason? According to [a recent report by the Korea Institute for National Unification](#), electricity in North Korea is "sporadic and unreliable, with homes that have electricity often receiving just a few hours per day." About half of North Korea's 24 million people live in extreme poverty, with most homes and apartments "heated by open fireplaces burning wood or briquettes." And many "lack flush toilets."

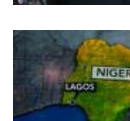
According to World Bank data, power consumption per capita in North Korea is just 739 kilowatt hours, compared with 10,162 kilowatt hours in South Korea.

"What is even more startling," [Marketwatch points out](#), "is the lack of progress when the latest image is compared with the one taken 20 years ago. Even as areas in South Korea and China are awash in light, the darkness that envelops North Korea remains untouched. Time has come to a standstill in North Korea."

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Tiger tees off near home but thinking of Masters

Palm Beach Gardens (United States) (AFP) - World number one Tiger Woods makes his third start of the year Thursday at the US PGA Tour Honda Classic near his home but his thoughts are already on the Masters. Reigning Masters champion Adam Scott of Australia, reigning British Open champion [AFP](#) 36 mins ago



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Gunshots rattle Thai capital as PM flies out

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China smog drives masks out of stock

China's biggest online face-mask sellers were running out of stock Wednesday as consumers rushed to protect themselves from smog that has shrouded large swathes of northern China for an entire week. Beijing's official reading for PM 2.5 -- small airborne particles which easily penetrate the

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Farrow makes splash with US TV debut

At just 26, Ronan Farrow is already a high achiever even among the offspring of celebrity parents -- an activist and Twitter darling made famous by the soap opera of family scandal. On Monday, the child of Mia Farrow and Woody Allen -- or "possibly" of Frank Sinatra -- kicked off his latest...

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Blood tests would later come back negative, as well.

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Fast Food Breakfast Wars: What's Your Favorite Morning Meal?

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Giant pandas get a celebrity welcome in Belgium (11 photos)

Two giant pandas arrived in Belgium on a 15-year loan on Sunday, and they got the kind of welcome usually reserved for visiting dignitaries or celebrities. The male and female pair, Xing Hui and Hao Hao, showed no signs of stress from

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