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# North Korea's solar panels and solar panels





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Does North Korea have solar energy?

In this second installment of our series on North Korea's energy sector, we will examine the evolution of solar energy in the state's energy plans and policies. Hydropower still makes up the bulk of the country's renewable energy generation, but solar has become increasingly important over the past decade.

How many solar panels are there in North Korea?

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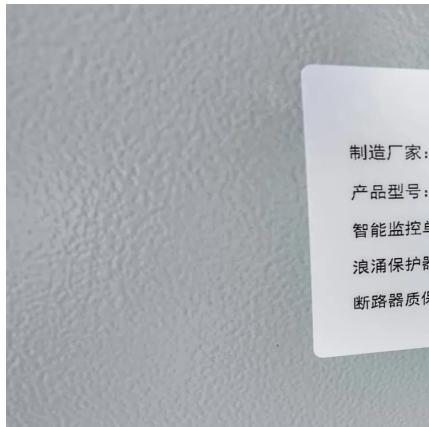
Jeong-hyeon, a North Korean escapee, told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung, the second-most populous city, "relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television". But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country's energy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

Are solar panels a real thing in North Korea?

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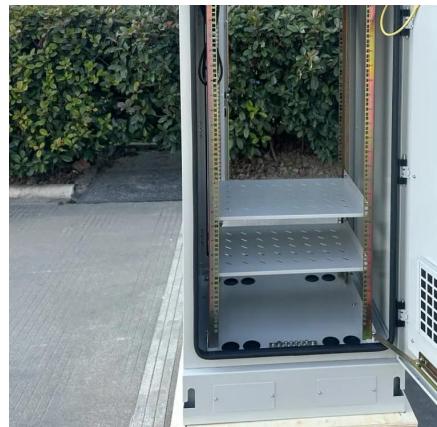
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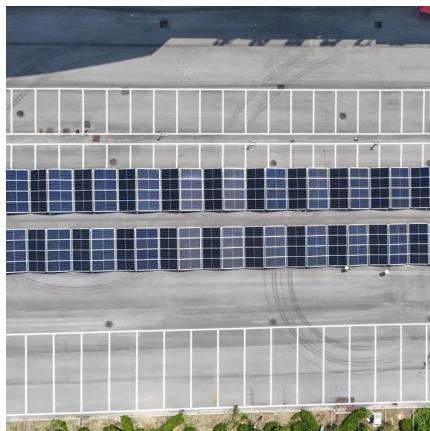


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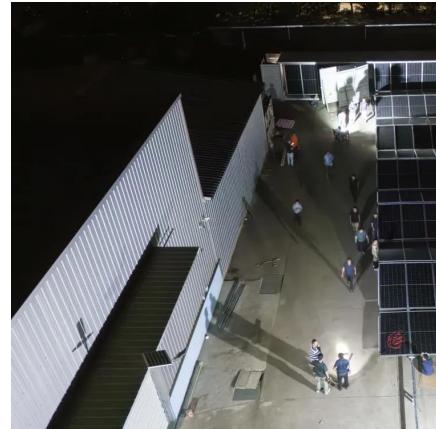
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