

East Asia's Shifting Dynamics: Political Crises, Economic Trends, and Security

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1. In April 2026, a South Korean appeals court sentenced former President Yoon Suk Yeol to how many years in prison for obstructing justice?

- A) Five years
- B) Seven years
- C) Ten years
- D) Life imprisonment

2. What significant action did Japanese authorities take in early May 2026 to stabilize the value of the yen against the dollar?

- A) Increased interest rates
- B) Sold foreign currency reserves
- C) Intervened in the foreign exchange market
- D) Negotiated a trade agreement with the US

3. As of early May 2026, how many Chinese military aircraft and ships had Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense tracked in a single day?

- A) 15 aircraft and 6 ships
- B) 29 aircraft and 8 ships
- C) 10 aircraft and 12 ships
- D) 8 aircraft and 7 ships

4. What is identified as the 'biggest risk point' in China-U.S. relations, according to China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a call with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in April 2026?

- A) Trade disputes
- B) Cybersecurity concerns
- C) The Taiwan question
- D) Maritime territorial claims

5. North Korea has been developing which type of advanced missile payload, potentially capable of carrying multiple warheads?

- A) Cruise missiles
- B) Ballistic missiles with cluster munition warheads
- C) Multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs)
- D) Hypersonic glide vehicles (HGVs)

6. According to a report from June 2025, China's GDP growth in Q1 2025 was supported by policy measures including reviving consumption and aiding which other sector?

- A) The technology sector
- B) The automobile industry
- C) The ailing housing market
- D) The renewable energy sector

7. What natural phenomenon is pushing storms away from land and intensifying rainfall over the ocean in Southeast Asia, according to a December 2025 study?

- A) Increased solar activity
- B) Rising pollution levels
- C) Changes in ocean currents
- D) Volcanic eruptions

8. In a December 2025 report, it was stated that Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lost its parliamentary majority for the first time since which year?

- A) 2005
- B) 2009
- C) 2013
- D) 2017

9. A former U.S. intelligence chief urged Taiwan's Legislature to pass a supplementary defense budget, referencing a timeframe known as the 'Davidson window' which indicated capabilities for a takeover of Taiwan by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2030

10. What technological advancement is transforming jobs and labor markets across East Asia and the Pacific, according to a World Bank report from August 2025?

- A) 3D Printing
- B) Quantum Computing
- C) Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- D) Virtual Reality (VR)

11. In April 2026, South Korean prosecutors sought a 30-year prison sentence for ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol on charges of 'benefiting the enemy' for allegedly ordering the dispatch of military drones over which capital city in 2024?

- A) Seoul
- B) Tokyo
- C) Pyongyang
- D) Beijing

12. Japan's manufacturing activity grew at its strongest pace in over four years in April 2026, driven by increased production and stockpiling due to what kind of disruptions?

- A) Labor strikes
- B) Natural disasters
- C) Supply chain disruptions
- D) Energy shortages