

ST News, South Korean newspaper hit by major cyber-attack (6.14.12)

SEOUL (AFP) - A conservative South Korean newspaper said on Monday it had been the victim of a major cyber attack, less than a week after North Korea threatened the paper and other Seoul media over their reports.

Police are investigating Pyongyang's possible involvement in the hacking of the Internet news site and database server at the JoongAng Ilbo and sister paper the Korea JoongAng Daily, the Daily reported.

The English-language Daily said both papers lost the databases for articles and photos. The editing system that moves copy was also destroyed, disrupting production, by the cyber attack on Saturday evening.

The paper, in a news report, said the connection to the site www.joongang.co.kr was cut off. A photo of a white cat and the statement Hacked by IsOne was posted instead.