

Treasury Sanctions Facilitators of DPRK IT Worker Fraud Targeting U.S. Businesses

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned six individuals and two entities for their roles in Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) government-orchestrated information technology (IT) worker schemes that systematically defraud U.S. businesses and generate revenue to fund the DPRK's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs, including nearly \$800 million in 2024.

"The North Korean regime targets American companies through deceptive schemes carried out by its overseas IT operatives, who weaponize sensitive data and extort businesses for substantial payments," said **Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent**. "Under President Trump's leadership, Treasury will continue to follow the money in order to protect U.S. businesses from these malicious activities and ensure those responsible are held accountable."

KEY ENABLERS OF GLOBAL DPRK IT WORKER NETWORKS

OFAC's action today targets several DPRK IT worker networks by designating facilitators based in the DPRK, Vietnam, Laos, and Spain.

Amnokgang Technology Development Company (Amnokgang) is a DPRK IT company managing delegations of overseas IT workers and conducting other illicit procurement activities to obtain and sell military and commercial technology through their overseas networks. **Nguyen Quang Viet** (Nguyen) is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Quangvietdnbg International Services Company Limited** (Quangvietdnbg), a company based in Vietnam. Nguyen facilitates currency conversion services for North Koreans through his company. Between mid-2023 and mid-2025, Nguyen converted approximately \$2.5 million into cryptocurrency for North Koreans, which included converting illicit earnings from IT workers associated with Amnokgang.

Do Phi Khanh (Do) is an associate of U.S.-sanctioned DPRK nuclear procurement facilitator **Kim Se Un** (Kim), who acts as Kim's proxy and likely allows Kim to use his identity to open bank accounts and launder proceeds from DPRK IT workers. **Hoang Van Nguyen** (Hoang) also assists Kim in opening bank accounts, as well as enabling cryptocurrency transactions for Kim. Hoang has worked with Kim to procure foreign currency for the DPRK regime; in 2022, Hoang facilitated a counterfeit goods cigarette deal exceeding \$200,000 on Kim's behalf.

Since at least 2023, DPRK national **Yun Song Guk** (Yun) led a group of North Korean IT workers that conduct freelance IT work operating out of Boten, Laos. Yun coordinated several dozen financial transactions totaling more than \$70,000 with **Hoang Minh Quang** (Minh) relating to IT services performed by Yun. Since at least 2024, Yun also worked with **York Louis Celestino Herrera** (Celestino) to develop freelance IT service contracts for Yun.

As a result of today's action, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked persons described above that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

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