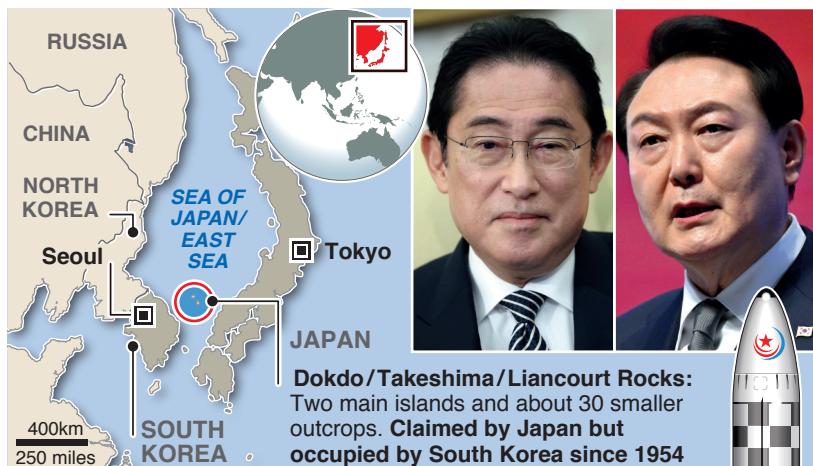


South Korea-Japan issues

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol have met in Tokyo, the first summit in 12 years – amid threats from nuclear-armed North Korea



Dokdo/Takeshima/Liancourt Rocks: Two main islands and about 30 smaller outcrops. **Claimed by Japan but occupied by South Korea since 1954**

Fumio Kishida (above left) and Yoon Suk Yeol (above right)

■ **Aug 2012:** South Korean President **Lee Myung Bak** visits Dokdo island chain, causing relations to deteriorate

■ **Feb 2015:** Japan-South Korea currency swap – which enables each country to secure dollars in exchange for its currency during financial emergencies – expires

■ **Nov 2016:** Seoul, Tokyo and U.S. sign intelligence-sharing **General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)** amid series of nuclear tests by North Korea

■ **Jan 2017:** Talks to restart swap accord suspended following row over “comfort women” forced to work in Japan’s wartime brothels

■ **Jul 2019:** Japan restricts export of semiconductor materials to South Korea after row over compensation to forced labourers during Japan’s occupation of Korea

■ **Nov:** Seoul agrees to continue GSOMIA with Tokyo after threat to scrap pact

■ **Mar 13, 2023:** President Yoon announces solution to wartime labour compensation dispute with Japan

■ **Mar 16:** North Korea fires suspect **Hwasong-17** ICBM into East Sea/Sea of Japan ahead of summit

Hwasong-17 intercontinental ballistic missile

