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## **SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT URGES CHINA TO MEDIATE WITH NORTH KOREA**

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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has urged China to play a mediator role with North Korea amid rising tensions on the Korean Peninsula, local media reported on Wednesday.

Lee said he made the request during his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday, asking Beijing to help facilitate dialogue on peninsula-related issues, including North Korea's nuclear program, according to Yonhap News.

"There's something I asked for from the Chinese side," Lee told reporters in Shanghai. "I would like (China) to play the role of a mediator on Korean Peninsula issues, including on the North Korean nuclear issue."

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