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**Khalilzad, United States ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, and the UN during Bush’s Presidency, 11**

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**Wilson, River Network's program on water and energy director, 12**

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**Link turns the case – won’t be able to run reactors**

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**US won’t cave to South Korea on reprocessing now**

**Yonhap 2012**

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**Sagan, Stanford political science professor, 2011**

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**Keck, Diplomat assistant editor, 2012**

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**Lyon, former Queensland IR lecturer, 2009**

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