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Summary:

A Hungarian diplomat learns of the North Korean Minister of Public Security's activities in light of the Gwangju Uprising in South Korea.

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In the course of the conversation, the Deputy Minister [of Public Security] told me that Minister [of Public Security] Ri Jin-su [Yi Chin Su] was currently in the countryside in order to provide on-the-spot guidance to the security operations related to the situation that emerged after the South Korean events.

I consider it remarkable that in response to my question, he stated that his minister was not in the vicinity of the armistice zone but in the provinces located along the Sino-Korean border.

He told me that since the latest South Korean disturbances, [the DPRK authorities] have been troubled primarily by the subversive activity of the hostile elements who had been resettled to the northern part of the Republic, rather than by the diversionary actions that were launched by the southern side against the North.

A substantial part of the ministry's staff is involved in the work of rice planting, and at the same time they also maintain security.

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