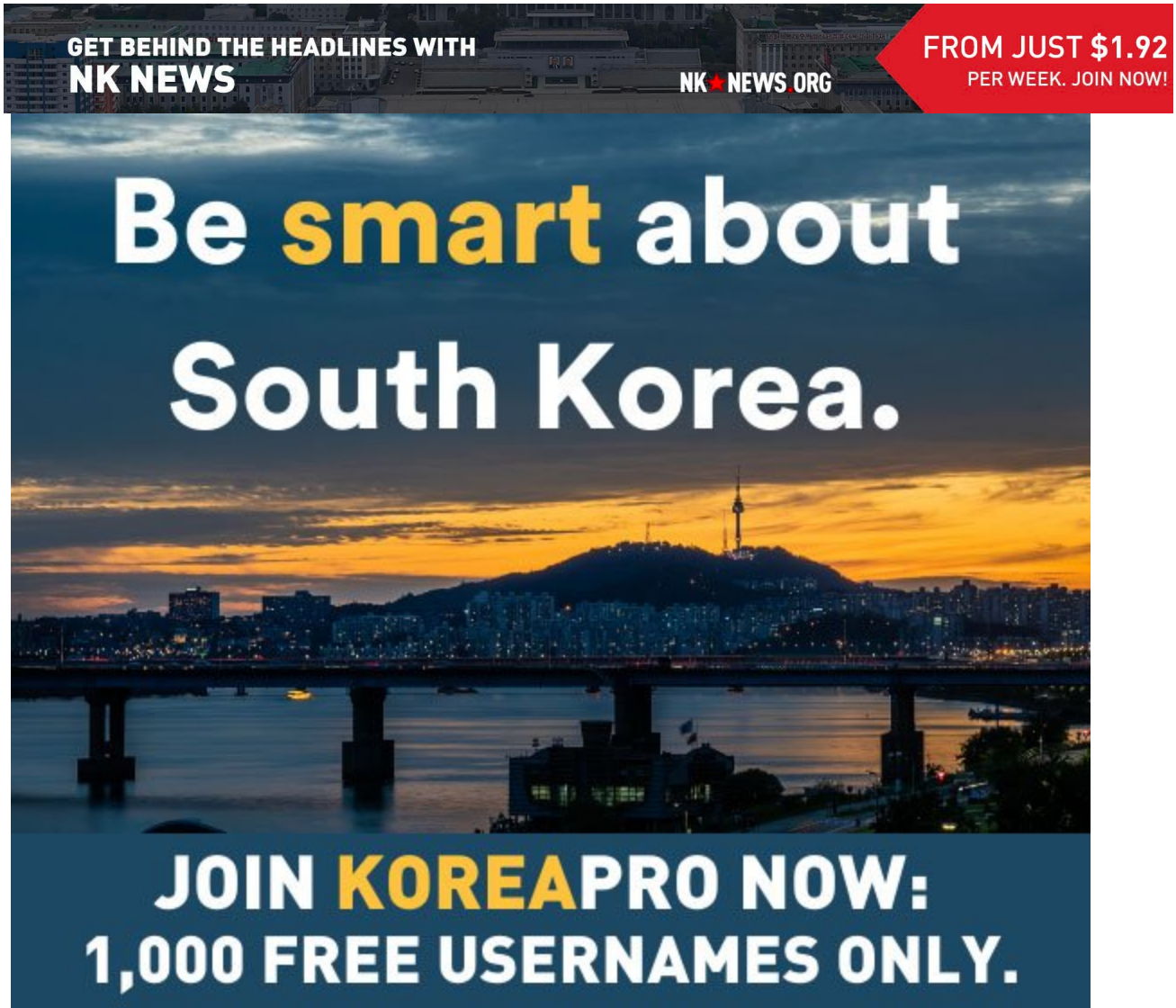


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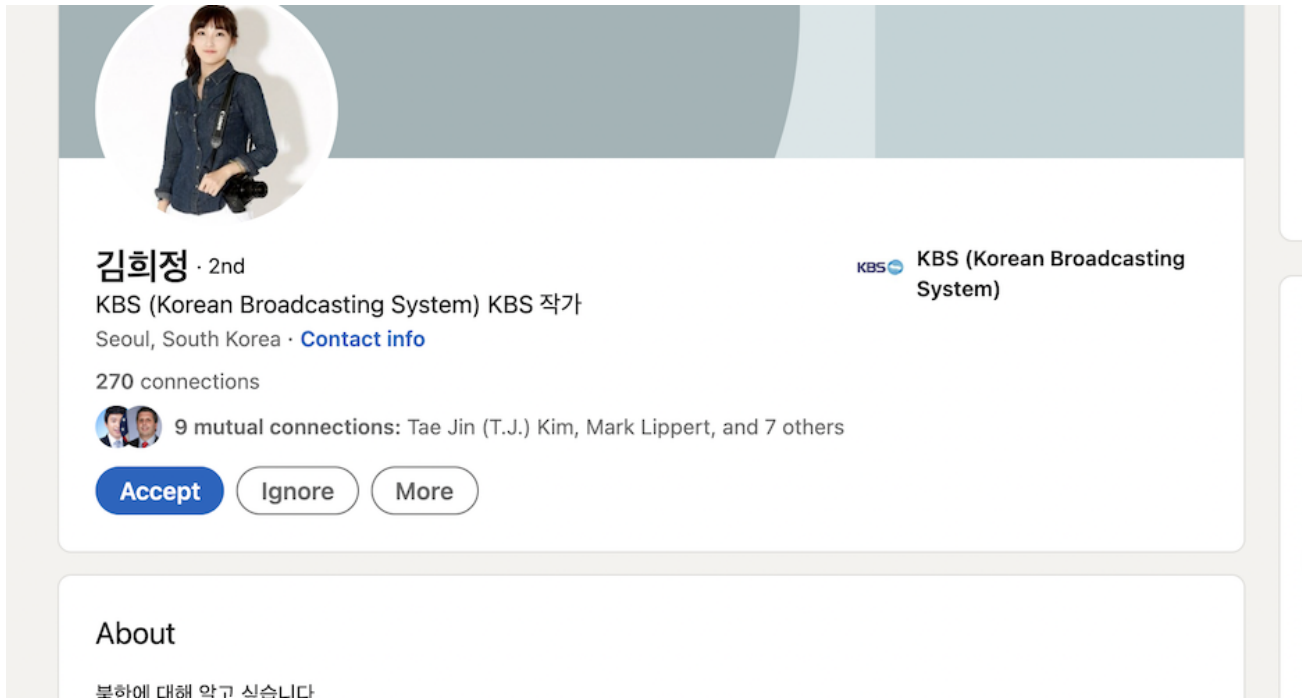
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An *NK News* investigation has uncovered connections between the North Korea-linked phishing scam against DPRK defector Kang Mi-jin earlier this month and at least two other attacks, suggesting the extent of the sophisticated social-engineering scheme is larger than previously understood.

Late last month, an account under the name Kim Hui-jung (김희정) attempted to add several *NK News* journalists as friends on various social media platforms. On LinkedIn, Kim claimed she was a scriptwriter for the Seoul-based Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) and needed help on an upcoming piece pertaining to North Korea.

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