



South Korea To Probe Crypto Exchanges, Tighten Regulations After Bithumb \$40B Bitcoin Error



South Korean regulators have announced an inspection of local crypto exchanges and improved measures to address regulatory “blind spots” following Bithumb’s \$40 billion Bitcoin (BTC) payment error. On Monday, South Korean financial authorities announced they will step up their efforts to regulate the crypto industry and foster a trustworthy trading environment for digital assets, local news outlets reported.

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Why Japan’s “Takaichi Trade” Could Pressure the Crypto Market Despite Post-Election Rebound



Japan’s snap election delivered a decisive mandate for Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, triggering an immediate rally across equities, foreign exchange, and crypto markets. The Nikkei 225 surged to record highs above 57,000, the yen weakened sharply, and Bitcoin briefly climbed past \$72,000 during Asian trading hours. Related Reading: Arthur Hayes Puts \$100K On Hyperliquid (HYPE) Outrunning Every \$1B+ Altcoin At first glance, the reaction looked like a classic risk-on move driven by expectations of fiscal stimulus and policy continuity.

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Vitalik Buterin, the co-founder of Ethereum, shared his updated vision on the intersection of Ethereum and Artificial Intelligence (AI). In his statement, Buterin emphasized avoiding “accelerationist AGI” and instead focusing on human empowerment, privacy, and safety. He proposed that Ethereum could play a key role in building trust-minimized tools for secure AI interactions and integrating these technologies with crypto. Buterin advocates for the development of tools that prioritize privacy and trust in AI systems.

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FY Energy Coingapestaff Highlights The White House is set to host an important meeting on February 10. It will focus on resolving the dispute between banks and crypto firms over stablecoin regulations. The meeting will play a crucial role in deciding whether crypto companies need to be permitted to charge interest on stablecoins.

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Phase II will activate the resale of real estate tokens in a controlled framework to evaluate market efficiency, operational readiness, transparency, governance, and investor protection. Share Dubai Land Department (DLD), which oversees the emirate’s real estate market, has initiated the second phase of the Real Estate Tokenization Project, enabling secondary-market trading of roughly 7.8 million property tokens beginning February 20, according to a recent announcement.

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A Nigerian court has delayed Binance’s tax evasion trial once again, this time because the presiding judge failed to appear due to other commitments. The case, already mired in delays, has now been adjourned until October 14 following the non-appearance of Justice Emeka Nwite. Binance continues to face mounting legal pressure in the country, including a multi-billion-dollar tax claim and a separate money laundering case, with the trial now extended by three months.

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A newly advertised cloud mining platform, BlockchainCloudMining.com, has proven that crypto mining scams are far from over, advertising returns of almost \$10,000 per day through the mining of XRP, among other cryptocurrencies. Of course, those with knowledge of the blockchain space will recognize two rather large red flags regarding such claims, but this scam is obviously aimed at those fresh to the space.

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Jim Cramer claimed on CNBC that the Trump administration plans to purchase Bitcoin for a proposed U.S. Strategic Reserve amid ongoing market volatility. “I heard at \$60,000 the President is gonna fill the Bitcoin Reserve,” Cramer said on Friday’s Squawk on the Street segment. The remark coincided with a sharp Bitcoin sell-off earlier in the week, which saw BTC briefly approach \$60,000 before rebounding above \$70,000. If the purchase occurs at the cited price,

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Advertisement Eurozone finance ministers are set to meet on Feb. 16 to explore the integration of euro-denominated stablecoins and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) to enhance the euro’s global standing, Reuters has learned. The European Commission is preparing a set of proposals aimed at strengthening the euro’s role in the international monetary system. These proposals are expected to include the issuance of euro-denominated stablecoins, tokenized deposits, and CBDCs.

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Advertisement Circle, announced on Thursday, Feb. 5, that it has partnered with Polymarket, the largest on-chain prediction market by trading volume, to provide its U.S. dollar stablecoin settlement infrastructure. The partnership focuses on integrating Circle’s stablecoin USDC as the primary collateral currency for trading on Polymarket. The prediction market, which operates on Polygon, currently uses Polygon Bridged USDC (USDC.E), but will move to native USDC “in the coming months.”

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