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Poor condition of the Roads



by Giorgio

In the last months, a significant deterioration in the road network of Jeju and Gapa has been observed, with potholes, outdated signage, and even loss of grip.

About 60% is in bad condition and 15% of the road network is critical; this leads to urgent maintenance of the transport infrastructure.

While the drivers are suffering the consequences of the status of the roads, being forced to narrowly avoid potholes and sometimes invading the opposite lane, putting lives at risk, the road authorities blame the trucks for excessive overweight.

A recent study confirms that, on average, each driver spends between 2,000€ and 5,000€ annually on tires and suspension repairs.

Every day that passes results in tens of thousands lost due to damage and reduced speed; the citizens wonder why we pay taxes if the roads are not maintained and are no longer safe.

New 41 Race Club Promises Speed, Debt, and Questionable Life Choices

A new club has arrived on the island, and it is already making more noise than a race engine with no sense of shame.

The freshly founded 41 Race Club is now recruiting drivers who are tired of slow cargo hauling, cautious driving, and financially responsible life choices. Their pitch is simple: fast cars, organized events, driver training, internal ranks, and one very necessary tow operator for those who discover too late that confidence is not a braking system.

According to the club, members will gain access to fourteen company race cars, freshly tuned by people described as masters of their craft. The club also promises experienced drivers willing to train newcomers, helping rookies learn how to drive fast without immediately becoming part of the roadside scenery.

Supporters see the 41 Race Club as a serious step toward a more organized racing scene. Critics see it as a loud, tire-smoking insurance disaster waiting for its first official meeting.

Despite the aggressive advertising, the club insists that safety remains a core value. Their goal is not to fill the roads with reckless drivers, but to train fast ones who know how to control their vehicles before the first corner makes that decision for them.

Applications are now open for skilled racers, ambitious rookies, and anyone brave enough to sit passenger in a car driven by someone chasing a 0.01 second personal best.

The Forty-One Times will continue watching the lap times, the debt levels, and the local pole survival rate.

Jeju Property Market Shaken by Rising Rents and Sudden Japan Fever

The local property market on Jeju Island is facing new turbulence, as several tenants have recently given up their rented homes or lost them due to rising prices.

Some residents were no longer able to keep up with increasing rent costs, while others ended their rental contracts voluntarily. The reason: attractive job offers in Japan, where a booming automotive industry has suddenly made permanent housing on Jeju feel far less practical.

Local observers describe the situation as a strange mix of economic pressure and sudden wanderlust. Houses once considered long-term homes are now being handed back, left empty, or listed again before the previous tenant's tire marks have even faded from the driveway.

Some landlords see the shift as a chance to raise prices further, arguing that demand for good locations remains strong. Critics warn that if rents continue to climb, Jeju may soon be full of empty houses waiting for tenants who can still afford fuel, repairs, and a roof over their head.

Whether this is a temporary shake-up or the beginning of a larger housing problem remains unclear. For now, Jeju's property market is moving fast — just not always in the direction local residents hoped for.



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New Atlas Garbage Trucks Face Unexpected Trouble on Oji Island

The long-awaited rollout of the new Atlas 6x2 Garbage Trucks has hit an unexpected roadblock. While the modern European-style garbage trucks have already started appearing on Jeju Island, city officials have confirmed that their deployment on Oji Island has been temporarily paused.

According to the city's waste management department, early road tests showed that the Atlas trucks are currently not well suited for certain southern routes. The combination of damaged roads, high temperatures near the desert region, dust-heavy conditions, and longer uphill sections appears to put unusual stress on the vehicle's cooling and hydraulic systems. "This is not a failure of the program," one city official stated. "The trucks perform well under normal urban conditions, but Oji Island is not normal urban conditions. We would rather delay the rollout than risk breakdowns in the middle of collection routes."

For now, the older Compacty garbage trucks will continue to serve the southern island. Residents of Oji Island may therefore have to wait a little longer before seeing the new trucks in their neighborhoods. Whether this delay becomes a minor adjustment or an embarrassing chapter for Atlas remains to be seen.



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Gangjung Police Department Victim of Trashy Crime

In the night of May the 5th the police officers assigned to the Gangjung district found themselves victim of a very stinky act. When the officers were due for patrol, they came out to their vehicles covered in trashbags. The bags, which were filled with animal manure and leftover food certainly left a distinctive smell in and around the vehicles. The police department have set up an investigation in to the crime and what the message behind the trash can be. Camera footage showed five suspects wearing all black driving a red Ranchy pick-up truck, dumping the trash and leaving quickly. Was this a stunt, or stinky crime? So far no-one has owned up to the act and the police are still investigating. If you happen to have trucked-on by or was walking the dogs between 2:30 AM to 2:40 AM and have any information regarding the incident, you can report this to the GJ Police Dept.

City Employees Thrilled With New Equipment



by Diallo

Transport officials have raised concerns after several recent tank deliveries from the Tanker Factory to Oji Drilling were reportedly loaded in ways that pushed trailer width to the absolute limit.

According to road authorities, some haulers have been stacking or positioning tanks in unusual configurations to carry more cargo per trip. While the method may look efficient on paper, it creates serious problems on the road. Several bridges and narrow sections toward Oji Drilling leave almost no room for oncoming traffic when these oversized loads pass through.

Officials warn that such transports can quickly turn a normal delivery route into a full road closure.

"This is not about stopping heavy haul work," one transport coordinator explained. "But if a load needs the entire road, then it needs planning. You cannot just gamble with bridges, traffic, and everyone else's paintwork."

Drivers are now being asked to coordinate these extreme tank deliveries with the island administration before departure. Oversized convoys should only take place with prior approval for a specific day and time, allowing traffic control, escorts, or temporary road closures to be prepared. Regular tank deliveries remain unaffected, but haulers attempting maximum-width loads are expected to treat them as special transports rather than casual freight runs.



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