

## **\*\*Cover-up and Public Attack in the Korean Media\*\***

On the 6th of this month, BTS member Suga was spotted driving a scooter after consuming alcohol. Although no one was injured, nothing was damaged, and the member cooperated with the police and took responsibility for his mistake, the Korean media has recently used this incident to subject him to public scrutiny, including spreading lies and manipulating facts. This appears to be an attempt to cover up and control public discourse, distracting from recent news about the arrests of CEOs from the country's largest entertainment companies for serious financial crimes involving market manipulation.

Additionally, it seems to be an effort to divert attention from the recent suicide of the official responsible for investigating corruption crimes within the South Korean government, specifically those involving the First Lady of the country.

In recent years, over 30 artists in Korea have taken their own lives, partly due to media scrutiny and its irrational use in controlling public opinion. Below are the links with information about the arrests and investigations.

<https://n.news.naver.com/article/comment/028/0002701989>

<https://www.thestar.com.my/aseanplus/aseanplus-news/2024/08/09/anti-corruption-official-leading-first-lady-probe-found-dead>

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/07/23/business/south-korea-kakao-founder-arrested-intl-hnk/index.html>