

Gangwon Land, the only casino in Korea that allows Koreans to enter.

Rep. Yeom Dong-yeol and Rep. Kwon Sung-dong were indicted by prosecutors on charges of obstruction of business and abuse of authority on Monday, but were not arrested, KBS World Radio reported. The two opposition lawmakers are expected to face trial for pressuring state-run casino operators to hire more than 50 people, including acquaintances.

According to KBS, the prosecution tried to arrest the two, but the National Assembly refused to agree to arrest Yeom, and the court rejected the request for an arrest warrant for Kwon.

Earlier, local media reported that the Supreme Prosecutors' Office executed search warrants at the offices of the two lawmakers two days ago, in addition to the office of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and the headquarters of Gangwon Land, and that the current National Assembly Speaker's Office was ordered by the Democratic Party's Moon Jae In . <u>아저</u>

The casino operator, located about 93 miles from the Asian capital of Seoul, admitted last year that 95 percent of the employees employed to work at Kangwon Land were chosen because of personal relationships or political connections with former CEO Choi Heung-jip.

Choi Heung-jip was arrested in December last year at the request of local big names and politicians, including Rep. Yeom Dong-yeol and Rep. Kwon Sung-dong, and only 518 out of 5,200 applicants for Kangwon Land were hired

Kangwon Land Casino opened in 2000, and currently has 293,757 square feet of games with about 180 game tables and about 1,360 slots. The casino is also one of the most profitable casinos in South Korea, with operating profit of about \$353.6 million in the fourth quarter and profits from non-gambling activities of just over \$21 million (pdfdf).

However, in May this year, the operator announced a 30.3% drop in profits in the first quarter of 2018, partly due to a drop in game sales by operators who recorded 378.4 billion won, down 7.2% this year.