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China’s financial power play

Beijing is spreading its influence by stamping up the cash to build desperately needed infrastructure throughout the world. But with little consideration for communities or the level of corruption, Simon Denyer reports from Phnom Penh.

Kim Jong-un says he wants to make North Korea a nuclear power. But the reality is very different. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Cambodia, a country that has found itself drawn into China’s belt and road strategy. The agreement for the construction of a vital railway line is finally in place. But the cost is high.

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