

Korean Air Family Marks Patriarch's Death Anniversary

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Cho Yang-ho

The dysfunctional family that owns Korean Air and parent conglomerate Hanjin Group on Wednesday marked the first anniversary of the death of chairman Cho Yang-ho.

Cho died in Los Angeles last year just days after being ousted as airline chief in an unprecedented palace coup.

Cho's widow Lee Myung-hee as well as his son, the current Hanjin chairman Cho Won-tae, and younger daughter Cho Hyun-min were present at the ceremony along with around 100 guests.

The eldest daughter Cho Hyun-ah of "nut rage" notoriety stayed away after failing in another attempted coup against her brother last month.



Owner-family members and staff of Korean Air attend the first anniversary of the death of former chairman Cho Yang-ho in Yongin, Gyeonggi Province on Wednesday. /Courtesy of Korean Air

Korean Air faces a major crisis due to a boycott of Japan and the coronavirus epidemic. The carrier will put 70 percent of its staff on rotational leave starting next week to save costs.

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