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Paul's summary

For the millions of daily commuters the Seoul Metropolitan Subway is an essential part of their lives. It is one of the most heavily used rapid **transit systems** in the world serving over 8 million trips every day. Unfortunately what has caught the attention of the public nowadays isn't the ease of use of the public transportation but rather the rise in violence.

Younger passengers are becoming more and more **confrontational** with their elders especially when it comes to getting a seat. Various videos have been **going viral** showcasing the worst of these cases. In particular a video titled "subway banmal girl" shows a **girl in her twenties rudely talking down to an elderly woman** after being asked to give up her seat. These conflicts have even **escalated** to explosive yelling and physical violence. These incidents usually cause the Korean public to shake their heads as **senior citizens are expected to receive preferential treatment**.

In particular, women have become a target on the subway. Police have stated that there are over 800 cases of sexual assault every year with Line 2 being the most prone to these crimes. Many women are thinking twice before riding the subway during rush hour and late at night as it places them in a **vulnerable** position from being groped and pickpocketed. Experts have recommended that tighter security is needed with more security guards and cameras. Though it's expected that people will become agitated when crammed into a **subway car like sardines**, it's important everyone feels safe in any public place.

Key Words

1. 막말을 하다 talk down to the seniors, swear at the senior, speak badly to the senior
2. (지하철의) 막말남/녀 impolite people, selfish commuters, disrespectful people
3. 노약자석 seats (reserved) for seniors, pregnant women, and the disabled
4. 몸싸움 pushing and pulling, scuffle
5. 몸싸움으로 번지다 escalate into a scuffle
6. 신상털기 track down who the person is and reveal his/her identity on the Internet
7. 꼴불견 not a pretty scene, ugly scene, it was hard to watch
8. 어쩌다 우리 사회가 이 지경이 되었나 what is this world coming to? what's happening to the society? our society is going downhill.
9. (비디오가) 빨리 퍼지다 go viral

More Key Words

1. 노인 seniors, the elderly
2. 임산부 pregnant women
3. 장애인 the handicapped, the disabled
4. 부상자 the injured
5. 통제 불가능이 되다 go out of hand
6. 존댓말 honorific expression
7. 교통수단 transit system
8. (서로 싸워서) 문제를 일으키는 confrontational
9. 노인이 공경을 받는다 senior citizens are expected to receive preferential treatment
10. 만원 지하철에 탄다 crammed into a subway car like sardines