

Kim Jong-un,
First Secretary,
National Defense Committee
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Pyongyang, Korea

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Dear Mr. Kim Jong-un,

We, the undersigned, represent human rights NGOs, non-political, non-profit and not associated with any religion in Japan and convened a meeting in Tokyo on Tuesday, 7th May, 2013. The purpose of this meeting was to review information contained in the following publications, among many other sources, dealing with crimes against humanity, which have been reportedly perpetrated in North Korea systematically and on a massive scale for decades:

- White Paper on North Korean Human Rights, 2012, Published by Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB), Seoul, Korea
- Political Prison Camps in North Korea Today, 2012, NKDB
- Prisoners in North Korea Today, 2012, NKDB
- Prima-Facie Evidence. Eyewitness: A Litany of North Korean Crimes against Humanity. Volume I Chonko-ri Prison, North Korean Human Rights: the 3rd Way

We can only be alarmed in view of the fact that the crimes, alleged to have been taking place in North Korea for years, are of an extremely serious nature. Even more concerning is the fact that the allegations are supported by hundreds of documents, news media reports worldwide and over eight thousand eyewitness testimonies by North Koreans. We cannot ignore the fact that the witnesses no longer constitute a minority voice. It is noted that the information has been prepared by an independent and purely human rights-focused organization, not by past anti-communism extremists demonizing North Korea nor by any forces hostile to North Korea.

Therefore, we have agreed that the information must be sent to you for your explanation before it is submitted to the UN Commission of Inquiry that was established in Geneva on 21st March, 2013. As you may be aware, the purpose of the commission is to investigate more fully the severe human rights violations in North Korea, and, further, to determine whether those violations amount to crimes against humanity.

It is sincerely hoped that you will give this issue due attention and explain the above information in details as soon as possible. If you view these assessments as incorrect or falsified, the discrepancy can be easily determined by simply allowing us unimpeded access to your prison system as would be the case in virtually all nations in the world today. It must be noted that your failure to explain promptly may be taken as your passive admission of such crimes as claimed.

Your kind attention and early reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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