

THIS IS A FACT.



Dear Readers:

Many years before September 11, 2001, a wave of evil acts swept the beaches of northern Japan. Young Japanese were abducted near the waterfront and taken away from home. Those acts were not done by terrorist organizations. They were done by a nation. North Korea has been held responsible.

On November 15, 1977, 13-year-old Megumi Yokota vanished on her way home from school. Twenty years later her parents were told that their daughter had been abducted and taken to North Korea for indoctrination and help in spying activities.

Imagine, that can happen to you or your child in this age of global terror.

Megumi was just one victim of alleged abductions. North Korea admitted that it had abducted 13 Japanese nationals and said that eight abductees had died, including Megumi.

Some sources say that dozens of Japanese might have been kidnapped by North Korea.

All of the victim families in Japan believe what North Korea has said is hoaxes. North Korea claimed that the remains of all but one of the deceased abductees were washed away by floods. Medical examiners in Japan concluded that the only remains available were those of another person.

Despite North Korea's stance that the abduction cases have been closed, they still remain in limbo. Five surviving abductees have returned home after 24 years, but their families are still in North Korea. North Korea has not disclosed any information about the other cases. North Korea has not delivered the remains of the deceased abductees to the families in Japan, either.

We would like to share the information above with the readers of the New York Times and people all over the world.

To Chairman Kim Jong Il, the National Defense Commission

We demand that you do these things immediately as the head of the state:

1. Accept an abduction investigation mission delegated by the Government of Japan or by the United Nations.
2. Disclose all the information on the abduction cases including the whereabouts of missing Japanese nationals.
3. Return unconditionally all the abductees and their families including the children born in North Korea to Japan.

On September 17, 2002, during bilateral talks with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Pyongyang, you admitted that your country's special forces had abducted Japanese.

And now, the Government of North Korea under your control claims that the abduction cases have been closed.

THE CASES ARE NOT SETTLED, YET.

The children of the five returnees to Japan have been forced to stay in North Korea. They are not allowed to come to live with their parents. No evidence or information has been provided for the eight abductees your government claims to have been dead.

Shigeru and Sakie Yokota, the parents of Megumi Yokota are still spending sad days worrying about their missing daughter. Sakie says "Megumi was forced into the dark hold of a spy ship and taken away to North Korea. I am told that she was shouting for help, wailing 'Mom, Mom' and scratched the wall of the hold until her fingernails peeled off. How desperate and terrified she felt."

As a parent, you should feel something at the center of your chest.

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