



## WORKING GROUP ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES

### COMMUNICATION FORM

#### 1. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISAPPEARED PERSON

- (a) \* **Family name(s):** .....Kim.....
- (b) \* **Given names(s):** ..... Hee-yeon .....
- (c) Pseudonyms or other forms besides given name, by which he or she may be known: .....N/A.....
- (d) Sex: \_\_\_\_ male / ☒ female
- (e) Occupation/profession..... Student.....
- (f) Father's name: ..... Kim, Tae-ok..... Mother's name.....Choi, Myeong-nyeo.....
- (g) Date of birth: .....April 5, 1935.....
- (h) Place and country of birth: ..... 48, Wonhyoro 3-ga, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea.....
- (i) Was the person below 18 years-old at the moment of the disappearance? ☒ yes / \_\_\_\_ no
- (j) Identity document (passport, national identity card, voter's card or any other relevant national identity card)
- Type ..... Notice of Decision as Korean War Abductee .....
- Number..... N/A .....
- Date of issue: ..... June 20, 2012.....
- Place and country of issue: Place and country of issue: ... Seoul, Republic of Korea .....
- (k) Nationality or nationalities: .....Republic of Korea.....
- (l) Address of usual residence: .....14, Songhyeon-dong, Incheon-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea.....
- (m) Any other place of residence at the moment of the disappearance ..... N/A .....
- (n) Marital status:.....No..... (o) Indigenous: ☒ yes / \_\_\_\_ no (p) Pregnant: \_\_\_\_yes / ☒ no

#### 2. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FACTS

- (a) \* **Date of arrest, abduction or disappearance** (at least month and year) .....September 27 , 1950.....
- (b) \* **Place of arrest, abduction or where the disappearance occurred** (be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information)
- ..... Seoul Red Cross Hospital.....
- (c) \* **Date when the person was last seen** (at least month and year), if different from date of arrest or abduction (for example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction)
- ..... September 27 , 1950.....

(d) \* **Place where the person was last seen** (if different from place of arrest or abduction. For example: if seen in a prison months after the initial arrest or abduction. Please, be as precise as possible. Indicate street, city, province or any other relevant information) .....N/A.....

(e) **Please, provide a full description of how the disappearance took place** (attach one page if necessary. Please note that, although this is not a required element, providing a description as detailed as possible of the circumstances of the disappearance will enhance the possibilities to find the person).....

.....The abductee, my older sister, was nursing injured soldiers while attending the Red Cross Nursing High School as a freshman. After being recruited to work at the Red Cross hospital, the abductee was forcibly taken to the north with the rest of the hospital's employees a day before Seoul was returned to the South Korean army on September 28. The abductee's father, who was 64 years old at the time, was a community leader who had served on the city council. While in hiding, someone tipped off his whereabouts and he was taken to the Department of Internal Affairs where he was tortured and then released. He died two years later due to his experience there.

At the time, I was a first year student at the middle school attached to Seoul National University, and my older sister was a first year student at the Red Cross Nursing High School. Our parents lived in Incheon and were unaware that the Han River Bridge had been destroyed. They waited for our return from Seoul, but then one day Korean People's Army soldiers swooped into their house and took our father for questioning. As a result, they were unable to flee southward.

On top of being a member of the city council in Incheon, he was also the head of the Anti-Communist Youth League. This explains why he was tortured. Our father was in such a poor state after the interrogation they could not even taken him to the north. They probably did not have the time to take him north anyway due to the Incheon landing soon afterwards. Our father at the time was 65 years old and he later died of the wounds he suffered during his torture.

While living at a relative's house in Seoul, I attended school and my older sister lived in a dorm. When the war began, I thought my sister had left for Incheon and tried to cross the Han River Bridge, but could not because it had been destroyed. The Korean People's Army soldiers did not allow me to cross in a boat either. I was wearing school clothes at the time, and they asked me why I needed to go to Incheon. I told them my house was there, but they said there was no proof of that and told me to wait until my father and mother came for me. They let adults cross the river, but not students so I was stuck. I returned home and a week later I went to find my sister at her school.

When I arrived there, there were two Korean People's Army soldiers standing guard. When I told them my sister's name they called someone by phone. Then they said she was in the hospital. I asked them to allow me into to meet her, but they said no. I told them I needed to return home to Incheon with her, but they told me to go alone. They told me to say to my parents that my sister was all well here. I then asked them to let me make a call, but they said no to that, too. Without any other choices, I ended up returning to Incheon alone.

The soldiers did not allow any civilians in the hospital. There were only soldiers there. Civilians were not even allowed in if they were sick. When I walked over to another building there was a soldier on guard there and man standing at the entrance. When I asked the soldier about my sister, he said he knew nothing about civilians. Then I asked the man standing there about my sister and he said there were no student nurses at the hospital. He said instead that the Korean People's Army had taken them away a day before Seoul's return to the South Korean Army on September 28. I started crying alone, thinking of all those hospital employees and students who had been taken away.

I remember reading a Chosun Ilbo (daily newspaper) article at the time saying that nurses and

students had gone with injured soldiers to Wonju, but they were forced to leave the injured and seek refuge somewhere because of an air raid. The Korean People's Army was short on nurses, so they took anyone who knew how to handle a needle.

(f) \* **State or State-supported forces believed to be responsible for the disappearance.** If the perpetrators are believed to be State agents, please specify and indicate who and why they are believed to be responsible. Be as precise as possible (military, police, persons in uniform or civilian clothes, agents of security services, unit to which they belong, rank and functions, identifications presented, etc.).....N/A.....

(g) If identification as State agents is not possible, please indicate why you believe that Government authorities, or persons linked to them, may be responsible for the incident.....  
..... Recruited as a nurse for injured Korean People's Army soldiers at the Seoul Red Cross Nursing High School.....

(h) If there are witnesses to the incident, please provide their names and relation to the victim. If they wish to remain anonymous, indicate if they are relatives, by-standers, or others. If there is evidence, please specify.  
.....Kim, Jong-hyeon (brother of the abductee, born in 1937).....

(i) Additional Information on the case. Please indicate any other relevant information that could be useful to find the person .....Abductee was short and has a round face, with a calm personality. Her family included a younger brother and her .....

i) In 1956, the Korean National Red Cross registered information on abductees through their family members, and compiled a list for the International Committee of the Red Cross to submit to North Korea, to find out about these 'displaced civilians' whereabouts. Mr. Kim Yu-yon's case was also registered by his family, but the family have never received any reply or information on his whereabouts.

ii) Also on June 25-Aug 31, 1964, the Chosun Tribune newspaper and Korean National Red Cross collaboratively carried out a "One million signature-collecting campaign for Korean War Abductees' Repatriation", and it was submitted to the United Nations, but turned down because the wartime civilian issues were deemed to fall under the jurisdiction of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

iii) Dec 13, 2011, KWAFU advocates the drafting and passing of House Resolution 376, a U.S. congressional House resolution.....

### 3. INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE

\* **Indicate any action taken** (police inquiries, jail, human rights commission, habeas corpus petition etc.) **taken by the relatives or others to locate the person.** You are required to state the following: *when*, by *whom*, and before *which organ* the actions were taken.

(a) **Complaints** (*when, by whom, and before which organ/s*).....N/A.....

(b) **Other steps taken** (*when, by whom, and before which organ/s*).....N/A.....

(c) If no action was not taken, please explain why.....  
..... The Korean War began when I was a first year middle school student. My father died due to wounds sustained from torture my third year of middle school. When my father was alive, my mother suffered many difficulties caring for him, and was unable to go search for my sister. We thought she might return when the armistice came, but there has been no word from her since.....

#### **4. PERSON OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING THE COMMUNICATION**

##### **\* Person submitting the communication**

- (a) Family name: ..... Kim.....
- (b) First name: ..... Jong-hyeon.....
- (c) Relationship with the disappeared person: .....brother of the abductee.....
- (d) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email)

##### **\* Organization submitting the communication (if applicable)**

(e) Contact details (address, telephone, fax, email): .....  
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