



Dear Korean National Police Agency,

We are delegation of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL) and Confederation of Lawyers of Asia and Pacific (COLAP) for the fact-finding mission of the waitress case in 2016. We consist of three lawyers from the different countries, Niloufer Bhagwat (India), Micòl Savia (Italy), Jun Sasamoto (Japan).

We already sent you two letters (one is for police, another one is for waitresses) dated on August 14th for demanding a meeting with us regarding this case. Your reply is to say that for protecting the waitresses this is not the time to arrange a meeting with us and it is hard to accept our request.

We are pleased to receive from you, but are not satisfied with your response. So we send a letter for the second time. The schedule of our fact finding is 1) Preparatory investigation in May 2019, 2) Investigation in Seoul from August 25 to 30, 3) Investigation in Pyongyang from August 31 to September 5, 4) Final report at the end of September, 5) submission to the UN Human Rights Council. Please response again by September 15th to our request as follows:

We have already conducted the fact-finding mission for four days in Seoul, in which we heard voices why the governmental organization doesn't cooperate with our investigation for seeking the truth. The waitress case has been covered by media many times and taken up in the United Nations Human Rights Council and human rights treaty bodies.

The National Intelligence Service is deeply concerned with this case when the 12 waitresses reached Seoul in April 2016. After they are released from the defector detention center, some of them said to the media that they didn't know where they were heading when they depart from Malaysia. It is doubtful of their free will to going to Seoul.

Since 2016 the president of ROK changed from Park Geun-hye to Moon Jae-in, we would like to know whether there is any possibility to change the opinion of your organization.

Our fact-finding mission is very interested in this point. Please reply again to our request by September 15th with sending to our mail address (junsasamoto@gmail.com) and contact person's email address.



We request you to arrange for an interview with the waitresses again, otherwise reply to our question as follows:

1, Do they want to meet with North Korean families? If North Korean families come to South Korea to meet with the waitresses in South Korea, will the police arrange meetings with them and their North Korean families.

2, Can you deliver our letter to the waitresses?

If you ignore our request by September 15th, it will allow us to consider that the doubt that the waitresses were forced to confess that they entered Seoul with their free will will deepen.

Sincerely Yours,

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