



China

Case No: 10011782

NAME: Hong-Gi

First Name: Lee

First Transmission: 10-Jun-2022

Case clarified: No

Copied countries: Democratic People's Republic of Korea,
Japan

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Hong-Gi

First Name: Lee

Sex: Male

Age: Birthday: 07-Dec-1956

Parents: Father's name: LEE Dang-Woo (이당우) Mother's name: EO Yoon-Seon (어윤선)

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea **Profession:** DENTIST

Civil status: MARRIED

Home address: Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province, DPRK [조선민주주의인민공화국 량강도 혜산시] Hyesan Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of last seen

Apr-2021

III.1 Place of last seen

Location: Yanji prison

City: Jilin Province

District:

Province:

Country: China

Prison name: Yanji prison

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Chinese State agents

V. Steps Taken

Complaint Date: Jan-2021

APPEAL TO Date: May-2021

VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

Confidential

Date of submission: 04-May-2022



VII. Summary

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INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

Date: 04-May-2022

According to the source:

Mr. Lee Hong-Gi, a dentist born in 1956 in Japan was allegedly detained on 6 January 2021 by Chinese Public Security Officers in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, alongside with his wife Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo and son Mr. Lee Tae-In. In April 2021, he disappeared with his family from Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China.

His family was among the 93,340 ethnic Korean “returnees” who migrated to the DPRK from Japan during the “Paradise on Earth Movement” which began on 14 December 1959 and officially ended in 1984. Their migration and subsequent enforced disappearance are chronicled in the report of the detailed findings of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (UN Doc. A/HRC/25/CRP.1 (7 February 2014), paras. 916-923).

Mr. Lee Hong-Gi is married Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo, who also comes from a family of ethnic Korean “returnees” from Japan, and her son. He resided with his family in Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province, North Korea.

In April 2020, Mr. Lee Hong-Gi, Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo and Mr. Lee Tae-In, left Hyesan City in the DPRK and crossed the Yalu river from Kimjongsuk County, Ryanggang Province to China. Around October/November 2020, they were entrusted in the care of family acquaintances in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. On 6 January 2022, they and other North Korean escapees were reportedly detained by State security officers from Shenyang and Yanji, and imprisoned in Yanji Prison in Jilin Province, China. However, the Chinese authorities have refused to acknowledge Mr. Lee Hong-Gi’s, Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo’s and Mr. Lee Tae-In’s deprivation of liberty and little is known about their conditions of detention.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Lee Hong-Gi remain unknown.

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China

Case No: 10011784

NAME: Lee

First Name: Tae-In

First Transmission: 10-Jun-2022

Case clarified: No

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Lee

First Name: Tae-In

Sex: Male

Age:

Birthday: 09-Mar-1986

Parents: LEE Hong-Gi & RYANG Soon-Nyeo

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Profession: TECHNICIAN

Civil status: MARRIED

Home address: Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province Hyesan City Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of arrest

06-Jan-2021

III.1 Place of arrest

Location: in Shenyang, Liaoning Province

Province:

Country: China

Prison name: Yanji Prison in Jilin Province, China.

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Chinese State agents

II.2 Date of last seen

Apr-2022

III.2 Place of last seen

Location: At a temporary shelter in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China

Province:

Country: China

Prison name: Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China

IV.2 Responsible forces

Forces: Chinese State agents

V. Steps Taken

Letter

Date: Mar-2022

Authority: Yoon Suk-Yeol, a main presidential candidate



VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

Confidential

Date of submission: 04-May-2022

VII. Summary

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INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

Date: 04-May-2022

It was reported that:

Mr. Lee Tae-In, a computer technician born in 1986 in the DPRK was allegedly detained on 6 January 2021 by Chinese Public Security Officers in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, alongside with his mother Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo and father Mr. Lee Hong-Gi. In April 2021, he disappeared with his family from Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China. He excelled in his studies and graduated in the inaugural class of Kim Il-Sung University's computer science department. He wanted to join North Korea's elite cyber warfare unit, but his request was denied because his parents, Mr. Lee Hong-Gi and Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo, were among the 93,340 "returnees" who migrated to the DPRK from Japan during the "Paradise on Earth Movement" which began on 14 December 1959 and officially ended in 1984. Their migration and subsequent enforced disappearance are chronicled in the report of the detailed findings of the Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (UN Doc. A/HRC/25/CRP.1 (7 February 2014), paras. 916-923). Mr. Lee Tae-In was instead assigned to work as a computer technician for ships at the port in Wonsan City, Kangwon Province. In April 2020, Mr. Lee Hong-Gi, Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo and Mr. Lee Tae-In left Hyesan City in the DPRK and crossed the Yalu river from Kimjongsuk County, Ryanggang Province to China. Around October/November 2020, they were entrusted in the care of family acquaintances in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. On 6 January 2022, they and other North Korean escapees were detained by State security officers from Shenyang and Yanji, and imprisoned in Yanji Prison in Jilin Province, China. However, the Chinese authorities have refused to acknowledge Mr. Lee Tae-In's, Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo's and Mr. Lee Hong-Gi's deprivation of liberty and little is known about their conditions of detention. At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Lee Tae-In remain unknown.

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China

Case No: 10011785

NAME: Ryang

First Name: Soon-Nyeo

First Transmission: 10-Jun-2022

Case clarified: No

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Ryang

First Name: Soon-Nyeo

Sex: Female

Age:

Birthday: 19-Jan-1961

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Civil status: MARRIED

Home address: Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of last seen

Apr-2021

III.1 Place of last seen

Location: Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China.

Province:

Country: China

Prison name: Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China.

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Chinese State agents

V. Steps Taken

Inquiries with

Date:

Authority: Chinese authorities

VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

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VII. Summary



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It was reported that:

Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo, born in the DPRK in 1961 was allegedly detained on 6 January 2021 by Chinese Public Security Officers in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, alongside with her husband Mr. Lee Hong-Gi and son Mr. Mr. Lee Tae-In. In April 2021, she disappeared with his family from Yanji prison in Jilin Province, China.

Her mother had moved to North Korea from Japan when she was 6-months pregnant with Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo. Her family was among the 93,340 “returnees” who migrated to the DPRK from Japan during the “Paradise on Earth Movement” which began on 14 December 1959 and officially ended in 1984. Their migration and subsequent enforced disappearance are chronicled in the report of the detailed findings of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (UN Doc. A/HRC/25/CRP.1 (7 February 2014), paras. 916-923).

Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo is wife to Mr. Lee Hong-Gi, who also comes from a family of ethnic Korean “returnees” from Japan, and her son. She lived with her family in Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province, North Korea.

In April 2020, Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo, Mr. Lee Hong-Gi and Mr. Lee Tae-In, left Hyesan City in the DPRK and crossed the Yalu river from Kimjongsuk County, Ryanggang Province to China. Around October/November 2020, they were entrusted in the care of family acquaintances in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China. On 6 January 2022, they and other North Korean escapees were reportedly detained by State security officers from Shenyang and Yanji, and imprisoned in Yanji Prison in Jilin Province, China. However, the Chinese authorities have refused to acknowledge Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo’s, Mr. Lee Hong-Gi’s and Mr. Lee Tae-In’s deprivation of liberty and little is known about their conditions of detention.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Ms. Ryang Soon-Nyeo remain unknown.

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