



Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Case No: 10013082

NAME: **Park**

First Name: **Hyeok-Cheol**

First Transmission:

Case clarified: **No**

Copied countries: China

I. Identity of the person

NAME: **Park**

First Name: **Hyeok-Cheol**

Sex: Male

Age:

Birthday: 07-May-1992

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Profession: SOLDIER

Civil status: SINGLE

Home address: South Pyongan Province [평안남도 순천시] Sunchon Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of detention

Jul-2015

III.1 Place of detention

Location: In China, on a bus to Mongolia

City: Jilin

District:

Province:

Country: China

Prison name: Tumen detention center

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Chinese State agents

Force types: Security

II.2 Date of detention

Nov-2015

III.2 Place of detention

Location: Onsong County, North Hamgyong Province

City: Chongjin

District:

Province:

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Means of travel:

Taken / Seen: DETENTION CENTRE

Prison name: Ministry of State Security

IV.2 Responsible forces

Forces: Ministry of State Security

Ill treatments: MISSING PERSON



II.3 Date of detention

2016

III.3 Place of detention

Location: Yodok County, South Hamgyong Province

Province: Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Prison name: Yodok political prison camp (kwanliso) No.

IV.3 Responsible forces

Ill treatments: MISSING PERSON

V. Steps Taken

1 Date:
Authority: DPRK

VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

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VII. Summary

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INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

Date: 02-Jun-2023

According to the information received:

Mr. Park Hyeok-Cheol (박 혁철), a discharged soldier, born on 7 May 1992 in Sunchon City, South Pyongan Province of the DPRK, was allegedly arbitrarily detained in July 2015 by officials of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security and forcibly returned to the DPRK.

It is reported that in 2014, Mr. Park had been discharged from the mandatory military service and lived in his native city of Sunchon. In July 2015, Mr. Park managed to leave the DPRK through China with the help of a broker. During his journey, Mr. Park was reportedly able to contact his family regularly. However, Chinese officials from the Ministry of Public Security detained him, as he travelled on a bus towards Mongolia in his attempt to go to the Republic of Korea.

Moreover, it is believed that Mr. Park was taken to the Tumen detention center in Jilin, China before being transferred to the State Security Department of the DPRK (국가안전보위부), renamed in 2016 as the Ministry of State Security (국가안전보위성).

In November 2015, it is reported that the family received unofficial information from an acquaintance that Mr. Park was detained in the province-level State Security Department's premises, in Chongjin City, North Hamgyong Province. According to this information, Mr. Park had been severely beaten, extremely malnourished, and suffered from tuberculosis when he was detained in Chongjin City. After six-months of detention, it is reported that between late 2015 and 2016, Mr. Park was transferred to Yodok political prison camp (kwanliso) No. 15.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Park Hyeok-Cheol remain unknown.



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Case No: 10013083

NAME: Park

First Name: Jong-Cheon

First Transmission:

Case clarified: No

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Park

First Name: Jong-Cheon

Sex: Male

Age:

Birthday: 29-Aug-1963

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Profession: FARMER

Civil status: MARRIED

No of children: 3

Home address: Kimhyongjik County, Ryanggang Province Muchang-ri Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of detention

2000

III.1 Place of detention

Location: Kimhyongjik-gun, Ryanggang Province

City: Muchang-ri

District:

Province:

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Means of travel:

Taken / Seen: Home

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Ministry of State Security

V. Steps Taken

1

Date:

Authority: DPRK

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Confidential

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VII. Summary



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INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

Date: 01-Jun-2023

According to the information received:

Mr. Park Jong-Cheon (박 종천), a farmer born in 1963 in Pyongyang and residing in Muchang-ri, Kimhyongjik County, Ryanggang Province, was allegedly abducted in 2000 in his residence by a DPRK State agent.

In the year 2000, it is reported that Mr. Park attended a gathering in which he openly expressed his disagreement with North Korean politics and the socialist ideology. Two days later, it is reported that Mr. Park was detained in his house by a member of the State Security Department (국가안전보위부, renamed in 2016 as Ministry of State Security 국가안전보위성). During the incident, the DPRK agent allegedly failed to inform Mr. Park or his family of the reasons for his detention. The State agent reportedly mentioned that the State Security Department“ has something it wants to discuss”. It is believed that Mr. Park was taken to a political prison camp. There were witnesses to the incident.

In 1972, as a child, Mr. Park's family were allegedly forced to relocate from Pyongyang a rural town in Sangchang, Ryanggang Province. Mr. Park and his relatives were reportedly banned from University studies or military service due to kin punishment.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Park Jong-Cheon remain unknown.



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Case No: 10013084

NAME: Woo

First Name: Yeong-Gil

First Transmission:

Case clarified: No

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Woo

First Name: Yeong-Gil

Sex: Male

Age:

Birthday: 29-Aug-1963

Citizenship: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Profession: SOLDIER

Civil status: MARRIED

Home address: Kimhyongjik County, Ryanggang Province [량강도 김형직군 무창리] Muchang-ri Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of abduction

19-Nov-1990

III.1 Place of abduction

Location: A military border patrol compound

City:

District: Goeup

Province: Kimhyongjik County, Ryanggang Province

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Means of travel:

Taken / Seen: MILITARY PREMISES

II.2 Date of last seen

2002

III.2 Place of last seen

Location: Political prison camp (kwanliso) No. 25

City: Chongjin

District: Suseong

Province:

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Prison name: Political prison camp (kwanliso) No. 25

V. Steps Taken

1

Date: 29-Aug-1991

Authority: Kim Il Sung

VI. Information concerning the author of the present report

Confidential

Date of submission: 23-Jul-2023



VII. Summary

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INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

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According to the information received:

Mr. Woo Yeong-Gil (우 영길), a border patrol soldier, born in 1963 in Pyongyang and residing in Muchang-ri, Kimhyongjik County, Ryanggang Province (량강도 김형직군무창리) was allegedly arbitrarily detained on 19 November 1990 by the DPRK State agents.

It is reported that on the day of his disappearance, Mr. Woo was working as a border patrol soldier and he was stationed in Goeup District, Kimhyŏngjik County, Ryanggang Province. Allegedly, he was arrested by the State Security Department of the DPRK military (국가안전보위부, renamed in 2016 as Ministry of State Security 국가안전보위성) as he attempted to meet his Chinese counterpart by the border. Mr. Woo was believed to be involved in the selling of wild ginseng. His family were reportedly informed about his detention in a note from the border patrol where he was stationed. The note allegedly added that a preliminary investigation into his case was underway, with the probability that he would be pardoned and released.

In the summer of 1991, it is reported that Mr. Woo's family received a letter from Mr. Woo Yeong-Gil himself, delivered by a state-level state security agent. The family allegedly sent a petition letter to then-North Korean President Kim Il Sung. A purported delegate of the President from the Petition Processing Department of the DPRK reportedly visited the family in return, assuring them that Mr. Woo Yeong-Gil would be released in 10 years' time. However, the family was later informed by a province-level state security official in Hyesan city, that the final verdict of the State Security Department was a sentence of 20 years on charges of espionage and transferred to a political prison camp. Mr. Woo's charges were reportedly levelled against him as the person receiving the wild ginseng was an alleged member of the South Korean National Intelligence Service.

Around 1997 – 1998, relatives to Mr. Woo were reportedly informed by an acquaintance of Mr. Woo that he might be detained in the Susong political prison camp (kwanliso) No. 25. Mr. Woo's health condition deteriorated significantly since his detention, including a bent spine caused by hard labour. Around 2002, a person connected to Mr. Woo reportedly also informed the family that he was being detained in the same prison camp.

Moreover, it is believed that Mr. Woo could have been reinstated as military service personnel while in detention. However, the authorities at the Susong political prison camp (kwanliso) No. 25 have so far refused to provide information about his release to his family. According to witness testimonies, released prisoners are made to produce bicycles and accordions at the political prison camp.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Mr. Woo Yeong-Gil remain unknown.



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Case No: 10013092

NAME: Hyo-Jeong

First Name: Lee

First Transmission:

Case clarified: No

I. Identity of the person

NAME: Hyo-Jeong

First Name: Lee

Sex: Female

Age: Birthday: 10-Jun-1970

Parents: Father's name: LEE Myeong-Dong (이명동) Mother's name: BAE Jin-Ya (배진야)

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

Civil status: WIDOWED **No of children:** 2

Home address: Hyeheung-dong, Ryanggang Hyesan City Democratic People's Republic of Korea

II.1 Date of detention

Oct-2016

III.1 Place of detention

Location: Hyeheung-dong, Ryanggang Province

City: Hyesan

District:

Province:

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Means of travel:

Taken / Seen: Home

Prison name: State Security Department, Hyesan

IV.1 Responsible forces

Forces: Ministry of State Security

II.2 Date of last seen

Oct-2016

III.2 Place of last seen

Location: Hospital

City: Hyesan

District:

Province: Ryanggang Province

Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Means of travel:

Taken / Seen: HOSPITAL

IV.2 Responsible forces

Forces: Ministry of State Security

II.3 Date of detention

31-Aug-2023

III.3 Place of detention

Location: Kwanliso No. 25



City: Chongjin District:
Province: Country: Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Means of travel: Taken / Seen: DETENTION CENTRE
Prison name: Chongjin kwanliso No. 25

IV.3 Responsible forces

Forces: Ministry of State Security

V. Steps Taken

1 Date:
Authority: DPRK

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Date: 23-May-2023

According to the information received:

Ms. Lee Hyo-Jeong (이효정), a housewife, born on 10 June 1970 and residing in Hyeheung-dong, Hyesan City, Ryanggang Province, was allegedly abducted on mid-April 2016 at her residence by DPRK State agents.

On the day of her disappearance, it is reported that three to four officials of the State Security Department (국가안전보위부, renamed in 2016 as Ministry of State Security 국가안전보위성) went to Ms. Lee's residence in a van and took her to the Hyesan city-level offices of the State Security Department for an investigation where she remained in detention. There were witnesses to the incident.

It is alleged that Ms. Lee had been accused for an alleged her connection with a victim of human trafficking, who was reportedly going to be smuggled by a group of individuals to China. During her first three months of detention, Ms. Lee's relatives were able to visit her twice a week. However, following her three-day hospitalization in Hyesan City in August 2016, she was no longer heard of since. It is believed that Ms. Lee was transferred to a province-level State Security Department's detention centre, despite her relative's receiving information through informal channels that she would be released while the individuals planning the smuggling be detained in a political prison camp (kwanliso).

In October 2016, Ms. Lee Hyo-Jeong was tried at the State Security Department. Her acquaintances and loved ones were reportedly not allowed at the scene of the trial. Shortly after her trial, Ms. Lee reportedly sent a letter to her relatives informing them that she had been sentenced to 11 years of imprisonment and that had been transferred to the Susong political prison camp No. 25 (also known as Chongjin kwanliso No. 25) on charges of committing a crime against the nation, including having knowledge of her acquaintance's intention to be smuggled to China by human traffickers. In her letter, Ms. Lee reportedly expressed frustration and confusion for the outcome of the trial. Her acquaintances reportedly reached out to the Chongjin kwanliso No. 25 after her transfer, but no State Security agent would provide information on her fate and whereabouts.

At the time of the present communication, the fate and whereabouts of Ms. Lee Hyo-Jeong remain unknown.