

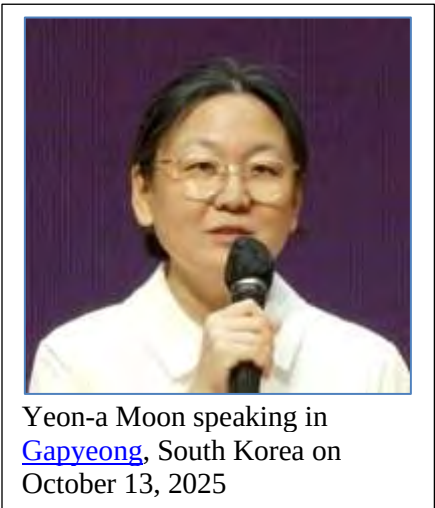
FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Holy Mother Han says, "Korea is not above Heaven"

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Young members of the [Family Federation](#) at a prayer vigil outside Seoul Detention Center in October 2025

Update on Mother Han's situation in detention as Yeon-a Moon shares message on truth, faith, and responsibility



Yeon-a Moon speaking in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea on October 13, 2025

Extracts from a message delivered by Yeon-a Moon at a prayer vigil in [Gapyeong](#), South Korea 13th October. Translated from the transcription of the original Korean. Slightly edited.

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Now that the holiday is over, we've returned to our normal daily lives. From Monday to Friday, visits to [True Mother](#) are possible again.

I've heard that visits have already been scheduled for every day this week - Monday through Friday.

For our part, [...] we are trying our best to keep everyone updated about what you are all most curious about: [True Mother](#)'s current condition. [...]

And as for me, even if you think, "Why is she coming out again and talking for so long?" please bear with me - I'll try to keep my words brief.

Today, [...] we first offered a bow of respect and then greeted [True Mother](#), asking how she was doing. Actually, last Friday, five members of the [True Parents](#)' direct family went to visit her. [...]

She asked, "How are Shin-chul and Shin-heung doing?"

At that moment, Shin-chul Moon, though a bit saddened, mentioned the recent news reports related to an unofficial "emergency response committee" that were inaccurate.



Yes - there were a few mistaken reports in several outlets, and because of those misleading and misunderstanding-filled stories, we worried that [True Mother](#) might have been concerned upon hearing them. So Shin-chul Moon explained to her that he had already spoken well with the chairperson and clarified everything.

Then [True Mother](#) said, "Good, keep talking with them."

Shin-chul Moon also reported,

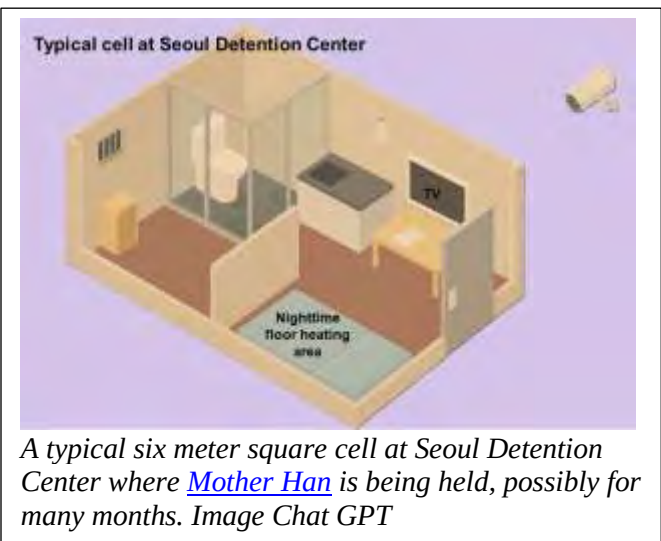
"The news report doesn't reflect the chairperson's opinions. It also doesn't represent the whole group - It's just the independent actions of two or three individuals."

Then [True Mother](#) said,

"It's okay. Heaven will work. The truth will surely be revealed. It may take time, but the truth always comes out. What can I do? I will endure and wait."

[...] [True Mother](#) keeps emphasizing to us:

"The truth will surely be revealed. But it may take time."



Even for [True Mother](#), this whole situation must be deeply painful and frustrating. To think that she, who lived on earth with [True Father](#), must now stay in such humble and undeserving circumstances - it's natural that she would feel sorrow and even indignation. In that situation, I can imagine [True Mother](#) feeling apologetic toward Heaven as well.

But even so, she said, "I will endure and wait." She believes that the truth she knows will one day be revealed. Until then, she hopes we will move forward as one, holding onto that truth.

She also said,

"This nation is not above Heaven. This nation exists under Heaven. We must attend Heaven. The laws of this nation cannot order Heaven to do this or that."

After that, Shin-chul Moon mentioned that because of the news reports, many people now misunderstand things even more. So he told [Mother](#),

"To clear up misunderstandings, we're preparing ways to explain [True Parents](#)' life course in a simple, understandable way."

[True Mother](#) replied,

"Just teach the [Principles of Creation](#). It's about attending Heaven - becoming people who can attend our Heavenly Parent on earth. Humanity must be reborn through the [True Parents](#) in order to attend our Heavenly Parent. So, speak about the [Principles of Creation](#). If people hear that, they won't misunderstand."

Please remember these words from [True Mother](#). Going forward, we should confidently testify before the world about our Heavenly Parent's dream - how Heaven has worked, and how [True Parents](#) have walked the path to fulfill that dream.

[...] [True Mother](#) said,

"That's how it should be. The chosen people have a responsibility. We must not become like the Israelites of the past. This is a very important moment - The chosen people must fulfill their role."

Indeed, [True Mother](#) views this time as one of the most crucial moments. Under the protection and guidance of the [True Parents](#), Korea - and all [blessed](#) families around the world - have been chosen, called, and protected as Heaven's people.



Young members of the [Family Federation](#) at a prayer vigil outside Seoul Detention Center in October 2025. Screenshot from video by PeaceTV

Now, since we've received that much love and protection, [True Mother](#) again reminded us that this is the time to fulfill our responsibility as Heaven's chosen people.

Please keep this in your prayers today. If we sincerely pray about this, Heaven will surely grant us wisdom. [...]



[Mother Han](#) in detention cell in wheelchair. Illustration: Chat GPT

[True Mother](#) [...] said, "How can we face such a world?" and spoke a bit about the state of the nation's laws. But at the end, she gave us words of encouragement, saying, "Let's stay strong."

Everyone, since [Mother](#) said, "Let's stay strong," even though you might feel empty or unmotivated, or have no appetite or trouble sleeping, let's keep our spirits up and live with hearts united with [Mother](#). [...]

[True Mother](#) usually sits in a wheelchair, and as you know, when you sit for long periods, your body stiffens - you get numb legs, back pain, and so on.

So [True Mother](#) said she often moves her ankles up and down while sitting, to help circulation. She reminded the staff not to forget that simple exercise.

She also said it's good to stretch your arms up high - like when you shout "Mansei!" - and wiggle your fingers. That kind of movement helps blood circulation.

Move your ankles too. We also sit for hours at a time, so we should remember to move our ankles and do these exercises whenever we can.

When she was told this, [True Mother](#) replied, "I'll try."

And that's how today's conversation with [True Mother](#) concluded.

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SKorea: Growing Concerns Over Religious Freedom

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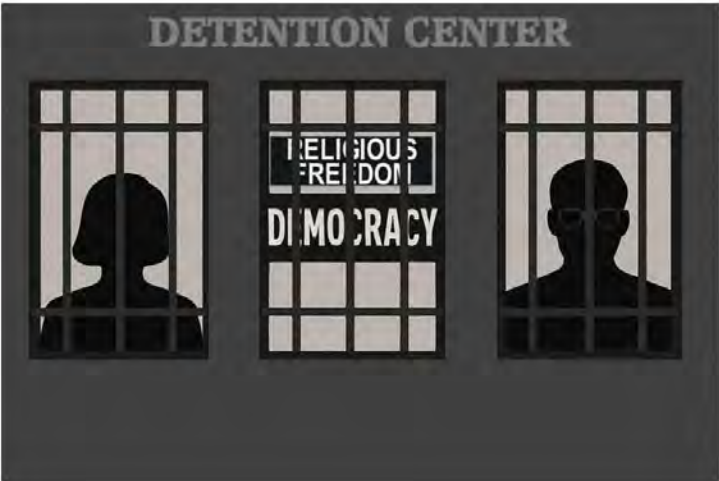
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Massimo Introvigne, titled *“South Korea Indicts Mother Han: A Democratic Nation’s Descent into Religious Repression.”* The piece responds to the shocking indictment of Dr. **Hak Ja Han** – revered worldwide as *Mother of Peace* and co-founder of the *Family Federation for World Peace and Unification* (FFWPU).

Winter published a powerful article by Italian sociologist and religious freedom expert **Dr.**



Dr. Massimo Introvigne, here speaking at the UN Office at Geneva on 16th June 2025. Screenshot from video by UPF.

Dr. Introvigne frames the indictment not as an isolated legal event, but as a **turning point in South Korea’s democratic trajectory**. He argues that the prosecution of **Mother Han** represents an alarming escalation in a wider campaign against independent religious movements, and a direct assault on **religious liberty, pluralism, and human dignity**. In his analysis, what is unfolding in Seoul is not merely a courtroom drama – it is a **moral and political crisis** that could define South Korea’s future as either a free democracy or an ideologically controlled state.

Dr. **Introvigne’s** article functions on two levels: as an investigative commentary on the legal case, and as a broader warning about the **erosion of religious freedom** under the current South Korean administration.

The Legal Charges as a Political Weapon



Chief Special Prosecutor Min Jung-ki (민중기) who summoned **Dr. Hak Ja Han** and Pastor Son Hyun-bo for questioning. Min is the head of a huge team of special prosecutors with extensive investigative powers. Image generated by Chat GPT September 2025.

Introvigne calls the indictment “a house of cards”, meticulously dismantling the prosecution’s narrative. The charges – ranging from bribery to embezzlement – are presented as politically motivated fabrications. He highlights inconsistencies such as the dramatic reduction of alleged politically motivated memberships of the opposition People Power Party (PPP) from 110,000 to just 3,500, and the **absence of any evidence** that **Mother Han** personally directed or benefited from the alleged transactions.

The piling on of new accusations, Introvigne notes, fits a classic prosecutorial strategy: when the original case weakens, **add more charges** to maintain public pressure and justify detention. This tactic, he suggests, reveals not judicial independence but **institutional bias** and an intent to

neutralize a religious leader who represents a large and internationally respected movement.

Targeting Faith and Dissent

Beyond the courtroom, Introvigne connects the indictment to a **broader ideological purge** within South Korea’s public sphere. By comparing the treatment of **Mother Han** to that of other religious figures – such as Pastor Son Hyun-Bo – he underscores a pattern of **systematic repression of conservative or faith-based voices**. This pattern, he warns, signals the **emergence of an authoritarian model** that tolerates religion only when it aligns with state ideology.



Also detained: Pastor Son Hyun-bo, here August 2025. Photo: *Bitter Winter*

The Family Federation’s True Identity

One of the **article’s** most striking interventions is its insistence on **reframing public perception** of the **Family Federation**. While critics often reduce it to media caricatures – mass weddings, political controversy – Introvigne reasserts its global mission of **peacebuilding, family values, and interfaith cooperation**. He situates **Mother Han’s** life work within decades of humanitarian leadership and dialogue, highlighting the absurdity of treating such a figure as a criminal conspirator.

A Warning to the World

Finally, Introvigne situates the case within a global struggle over the meaning of democracy. His closing lines – “This is not how democracies

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meaning of democracy. The closing lines – “This is not how democracies behave. This is how democracies die.” – echo the rhetoric of historical warnings about authoritarian drift. He urges international observers to **hold South Korea accountable**, arguing that silence in the face of religious persecution emboldens repression everywhere.

Conclusion

Dr. Massimo Introvigne's [Bitter Winter](#) article is both a defense of [Mother Han](#)'s integrity and a call to global conscience. It urges readers to recognize that the stakes of this case go far beyond one religious movement – they concern **the moral identity of South Korea itself**.

For supporters of the [Family Federation](#), the message is clear: the fight for **religious freedom, due process, and dignity** is not just a legal matter, but a moral and civic duty. As Dr. Introvigne powerfully concludes, what is being tested now is not the guilt or innocence of one woman, but whether South Korea retains the courage to protect the freedoms that make it a true democracy.

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