

# FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Sinister Plot Of Hostile Lawyers Exposed

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3 leading activist leftwing lawyers from National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales - from left: Masaki Kito, Hiroshi Watanabe, Hiroshi Yamaguchi

Lawyer reveals sinister plot involving authorities and legal system to get rid of Family Federation

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## Questionable request for dissolution of the Family Federation

### Interview with international lawyer Tatsuki Nakayama (中山達樹) (part 2)



No clear indication of "continuity" and the "3 requirements" that have disappeared into thin air

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- Regarding the three criteria of "organizational nature", "malice", and "continuity", until now Attorney Nakayama has strongly asserted that the organization does not meet these criteria.

When you read the press release from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology regarding the dissolution request, none of these three requirements are mentioned at all. There was no mention of "continuity" at all. There was no mention of the 2009 compliance declaration issued by the [Family Federation](#) either. The arguments of the two sides don't mesh.



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In October 2022, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida changed his interpretation of the law overnight and

stated that "if there are three requirements, the Civil Code will be included." However, at the time of requesting the dissolution order in October 2023, the "three requirements" had disappeared into thin air. Without even providing a clear indication that there had been "continuity", the inclusion of Civil Code cases was justified based on a literal interpretation of the legislative process.



*Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama*

The government said a year ago that if there were three requirements, it would include Civil Code cases. However, what was done one year later does not match this. In other words, they pretended there should be three requirements, but included Civil Code cases anyway, without such requirements.

- Does this mean that the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology did not attach importance to Prime Minister Kishida's answer to the Diet that if there were three requirements, the Civil Code would be included?

That's right. Judges would immediately recognize this kind of inconsistency. Therefore, it is clear at a glance that this dissolution request is not based on logic or law, but on politics. In a sense, such a heavy-handed approach by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology may work in favor of the [religious organisation](#) in court. On the other hand,

the point stated so negatively - "a receptacle for the acquisition of property" - may make the judges think, "If it is described so badly, it must be a bad organization."

It is extremely dangerous that the prejudice of anti-[Unification Church](#) factions, such as National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (全国霊感商法対策弁護士連絡会 - Zenkoku Benren), can be conveyed to judges through the government. I am deeply concerned about it.



*Tomihiro Tanaka at press conference in Tokyo 7th Nov. 2023*

Would the proposal presented by Tomihiro Tanaka, chairman of the Family Federation, at a press conference to deposit 6 to 10 billion yen with the government be effective?

If you genuinely consider it in terms of "helping victims", it will be effective enough. To briefly explain the concept of deposits, let's assume a debtor is unsure whether to pay money to creditor A or B. Even if it is uncertain, as long as there is a payment deadline, you can deposit the money with a trustee until that date. Even without such a system, providing money that does not run away, is a good way to provide "victim relief".

Regarding the [religious organisation's](#) proposal for a deposit, criticism that it is a "sign of not engaging in negotiations" is off the mark. National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales

(Zenkoku Benren) claims damages of 100 billion yen and argues that "100 billion yen is not enough." However, the actual evidence of harm is almost nonexistent. In reality they cannot go to court because they know they will likely lose if they do.



*Prime Minister Fumio Kishida being swayed by arguments of hostile lawyers. Japanese Diet 23rd January 2023*

National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (Zenkoku Benren) seems to only think about "getting rid of the [Unification Church](#)". That comes across as their true intention, and you get the impression that there may be little consideration for helping "victims". The network's outright condemnation of the deposit suggestion, without being willing to consider it at all, is indicative of such a mindset.

The network of lawyers has never submitted any evidence of harm to the courts and shows no sign of willingness to discuss concrete relief methods, even though they say they are providing relief to victims. Those facts show that the actual damage differs significantly from the claims of National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (Zenkoku Benren).

If the network of lawyers files a lawsuit and ends up losing, that would be recognized as having 'no claim.' The network might try to delay the court process, maintain their claims, bring about dissolution, and distribute assets through liquidation, without having their rewards for their success reduced. There is a possibility of such strategic maneuvering.

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# Lawyers Manipulating, Coercing, Lying

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in Japan, the media and the public opinion. For decades, activist lawyers in the network have been using tactics like coercing former members to join their lawsuits against the [Unification Church](#), fabricating evidence, and extorting money from a perfectly legitimate religious movement, that is constantly being persecuted and slandered by those lawyers.



From July 2023 issue of Hanada. Photo: [Bitter Winter](#)

The network was in fact established in order to destroy the [Unification Church](#), now called the [Family Federation](#). What the Japanese journalist is unmasking, essentially boils down to the activist lawyers, many of them communists, using trumped-up charges against a new religious movement, while the “crime” it has committed, is to be against communism.

[Bitter Winter](#), an online magazine on religious freedom and human rights, published Fukuda’s findings in a series of four articles in English. The first one appeared 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the fourth and last 27<sup>th</sup> June.



From front page of July 2023 issue of Hanada

The first article describes the legal battle between the [Unification Church](#) in Japan and a group of anti-cult lawyers who want to dissolve the [church](#). Fukuda argues that the [church](#) is not a “cult”, but a

legitimate religious organization, that has been persecuted and slandered by the lawyers and the media. The article also exposes the hidden motives and connections of the lawyers, who have been profiting from lawsuits against the [church](#) and collaborating with former members and other anti-cult groups. The investigative journalist claims that the request to dissolve the [church](#) is unreasonable and unjust, and that it violates the freedom of religion and human rights of the [church](#) members.

Fukuda points out that although the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) has been petitioned many times by the activist lawyers’ network to dissolve the [Unification Church](#) / [Family Federation](#), the ministry has no case to do so. The investigative reporter states,

“Although the MEXT has now exercised its right to ask questions for five times, it has not ‘collected enough evidence’. In fact, it has not found a single piece of evidence. This is the best proof that the religious organization is innocent.” ([The Plot to Destroy the Unification Church in Japan. 1. Why the Church Should Not Be Dissolved](#), written by Masumi Fukuda, published in [Bitter Winter](#) 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.)



The second article [Bitter Winter](#) published, details the devious tactics of the anti-cult lawyers, who have been suing the [Unification Church](#) in Japan for decades. It is revealed how the lawyers have been manipulating the legal system, the media, and the public opinion to create highly image-tarnishing lawsuits against the [church](#). The article also exposes how the lawyers have been coercing former members to join their lawsuits, fabricating evidence, and extorting money from the church. Fukuda claims that the lawyers have been violating the law, the ethics, and the human rights of the church members.

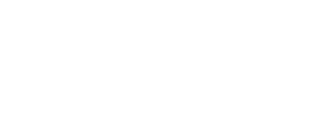
In the third article, Masumi Fukuda makes shocking revelations about the fraudulent lawsuits that the



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anti-cult lawyers have filed against the [Unification Church](#) in Japan. The article shows how the lawyers have used false or exaggerated claims to accuse the [church](#) of brainwashing, extortion, and other abusive methods. Fukuda shows how the courts have been biased and unfair towards the church, and how some judges have ignored or dismissed the evidence presented by the church. The third Bitter Winter article claims that the lawsuits have been unjust and unlawful, and that they have caused



Activist lawyers caused great damage and suffering to [Unification Church](#) members. Here Toru Goto after 12 years of forcible detention. Photo: [FFWPU](#)



Key member of activist lawyers' network – Hiroshi Watanabe. Photo: Screenshot / [Bitter Winter](#)

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The final article in the series, brings to light the

real “anti-social” group, the anti-cult lawyers who try to destroy the [Unification Church](#) / [Family Federation](#) in Japan. This article exposes the systematic lies and disreputable tactics of the lawyers who have been spreading false information and propaganda about the [church](#). We get insights into the hidden agenda and interests of the lawyers, who have been collaborating with anti-cult groups, former members, and media outlets to discredit and harass the [church](#). The writer claims that the lawyers are the ones who are violating the social norms and values, and that they should be held accountable for their actions.

Here is an example of the fabricated evidence that Fukuda mentions,

“The plaintiff also submitted as evidence several notebooks and passbooks in which she had noted each time she made a donation or other contribution. However, when the defendants analyzed these notes, they found that some of them had not been written at the time of the donations, but later, in order to fabricate favorable evidence for the trial.”

(From [The Plot to Destroy the Unification Church in Japan. 4. The Real “Anti-Social” Group, the Anti-Cult Lawyers](#), written by Masumi Fukuda, published in Bitter Winter 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Fukuda writes,

“For almost all religions, including the former [Unification Church](#), donations, endowments, and charitable gifts are expressions of piety and are offered willingly to [God](#). For example, not a few overseas Christians donated vast tracts of land or even their entire wealth before the end of their lives and died penniless. Will their relatives sue the religious corporations for depriving them of the inheritance they expected to inherit?

It is not unusual for other religious corporations to receive donations of hundreds of millions of yen. It is problematic to unilaterally criticize only large donations made for the altruistic reason of ‘promoting world peace’ or ‘the good of humanity’.



Head of the activist lawyers network – Hiroshi Yamaguchi. Photo: Screenshot / [Bitter Winter](#)

Unfortunately, however, even if the donors are convinced at the time of the donation that they are donating freely, as time goes by, their faith may wane. Their relatives may rush to the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales to recover the donation.

The donors may be persuaded by lawyers from the Communist Party of Japan or the former Socialist Party that they have been 'deceived', and a lawsuit against the religious organization for the return of the donation may follow. In fact, there are many cases in which relatives consulted with the Network on how to force the donors-believers to sue." ([The Plot to Destroy the Unification Church in Japan. 3. Fraudulent Lawsuits](#), written by Masumi Fukuda, published in [Bitter Winter](#) 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.)

Featured image above: Masumi Fukuda, april 2023. Photo: [FOREF](#)

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