

FFWPU USA: Who Is Behind the Persecution?

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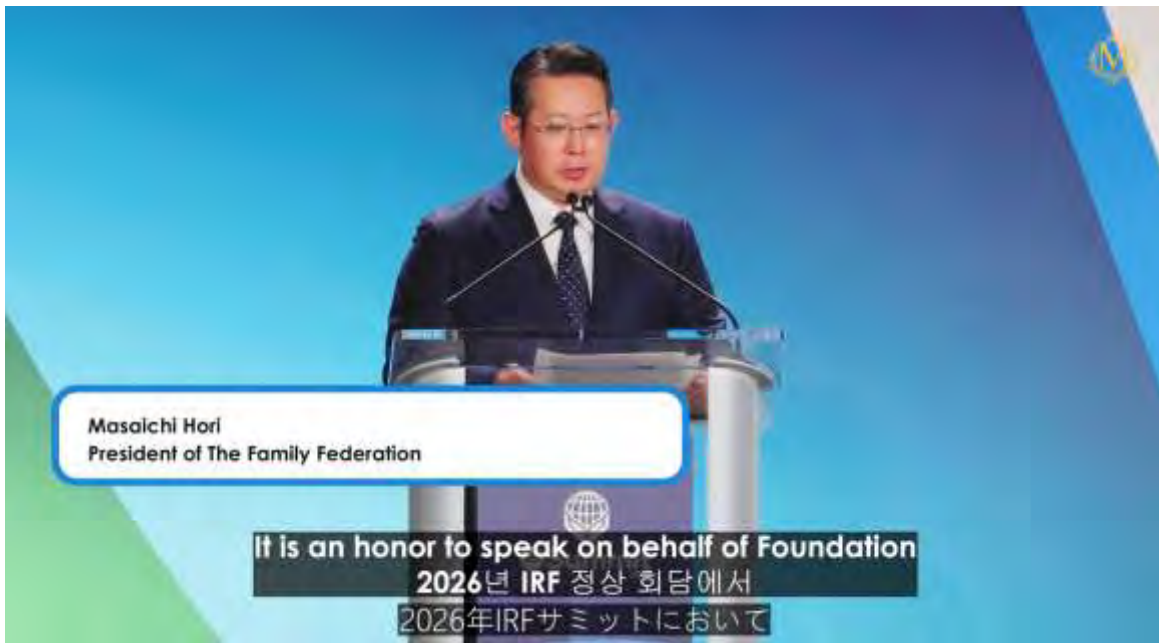


Isaac J.

It's now day 159 of Holy Mother Han's detention, but we still feel her comfort and encouragement. Let's prepare to meet her with a warm smile when she returns home.

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FFWPU Japan President's IRF Address Video



Masaichi Hori, president of Family Federation Japan, addressed the International Religious Freedom Summit warning of the broader effect the dissolution of the Family Federation in Japan will have.

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Note: This commentary is based on publicly available sources. It does not assert organizational ties or illegality as established fact.

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The Three Organizations

To understand the picture, meet three groups operating in three countries — all working under the banner of "anti-cult" activism.



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	Japan	South Korea	China
Organization	National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (Zenkoku Benren)	World Christian Heresy Countermeasures Association	China Anti-Cult Association (CACA)
Founded focus	Opposing the Unification Church	"Deprogramming" members of new religious movements	Persecuting Falun Gong, underground Christians, and other faith groups
Political alignment	Described by critics as aligned with Japan's political left; founding lawyer stated the group was created partly to block a proposed anti-espionage law	Led by pastors with criminal convictions for violent deprogramming	Directly controlled by the CCP's United Front Work Department, according to scholars

These three groups share a common target: the Unification Church (now known as the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification). They also increasingly share platforms, partnerships, and praise.

What Happened: A Timeline

1986 — Japan Attorney Hiroshi Yamaguchi calls for the formation of Zenkoku Benren. In his own words at the time, a key motivation was to "urgently launch" the group to block Japan's proposed National Secrets Act — an anti-espionage law. Critics, including Japan's International Federation for Victory Over Communism, have long argued the group's true founding purpose was political, not consumer protection.



The National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (Zenkoku Benren), Mr. Yamaguchi is in the center.

2007 — South Korea Pastor Yong-sik Jin, chairman of the World Christian Heresy Countermeasures Association, is convicted by South Korea's Supreme Court for violent deprogramming — the practice of kidnapping and psychologically coercing members of religious groups into renouncing their faith. He received a suspended prison sentence. Reports indicate he earned over **\$750,000** from deprogramming activities.

2024 — Italy A Rome court ruling identifies Pastor Myung-ok Oh — a close associate of Pastor Jin in the same Korean organization — as a "special agent" of China, according to *Bitter Winter*, an international magazine on religious freedom cited by the U.S. State Department as a credible source.

January 2025 — Tokyo Zenkoku Benren and the Korean Heresy Countermeasures Association sign a formal cooperation agreement at attorney Masaki Kito's law office in Tokyo. The signing features a handshake between Pastor Jin and Zenkoku Benren's representative, attorney Yamaguchi.





The Zenkoku Benren and the Korean Heresy Countermeasures Association

March 2025 — Tokyo A Tokyo court orders the dissolution of the Unification Church.

April 2025 — Beijing The China Anti-Cult Association publishes commentary praising Zenkoku Benren's role in the dissolution, specifically applauding its "public opinion mobilization" efforts. Italian sociologist of religion **Massimo Introvigne** reports this in *Bitter Winter*, noting that CACA welcomed the ruling because the Unification Church has long been an "instrument of anti-communist ideology."

August 2025 — South Korea An anti-cult seminar is held at Mokwon University in Daejeon. Experts from China, Japan, South Korea, and Germany gather to discuss groups including the Unification Church and the Church of Almighty God. A representative of the **Hubei Provincial Anti-Cult Association** — a CCP-affiliated body — presents alongside Korean and Japanese academics.



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The CCP's Playbook Against Faith

None of this is happening in a vacuum.

The Chinese Communist Party has waged war on religious belief since its founding, rooted in Marxist-Leninist ideology that views faith as fundamentally incompatible with the communist project.

As **Lenin** declared: "*We must fight religion. This is the ABC of materialism, and therefore of Marxism.*"

Former U.S. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo**, speaking at a 2022 conference in Seoul, put it plainly:

The Chinese Communist Party hates and fears people of faith more than anyone.





Former U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

Pompeo also noted the strategic significance of the Unification Church: the Family Federation has long supported strong alliances between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea — the very partnerships Beijing seeks to weaken. In Pompeo's assessment, *"the only entity that benefits from weakening the Family Federation is communism."*

"Anti-Cult" — A Neutral Term or a Weapon?

Introvigne, one of the world's foremost scholars of new religious movements, offers a critical observation about the language at play:

The word "cult" is never a neutral term. It is a weapon. When used by authoritarian regimes and their collaborators, it becomes a tool for exclusion, imprisonment, and elimination.

This is not a theoretical concern. In China, the "anti-cult" label has been applied to Falun Gong practitioners (subjected to mass detention and credible allegations of organ harvesting), underground Christians, Tibetan Buddhists, and Uyghur Muslims. The same vocabulary — "cult," "heresy," "harmful religion" — is now being deployed across democratic East Asian nations through organizations that share platforms and, in at least one documented case, personnel with direct ties to Beijing.

What We Know — and What We Don't

What is documented:

- The CCP-controlled China Anti-Cult Association publicly praised Zenkoku Benren's campaign against the Unification Church.
- Zenkoku Benren signed a formal cooperation agreement with a Korean organization whose leaders include a convicted violent deprogrammer and an individual identified by an Italian court as a Chinese "special agent."
- Representatives of CCP-affiliated anti-cult bodies and academics aligned with Zenkoku Benren have appeared at the same international conferences.
- All three organizations share a common target: the Unification Church, an entity the CCP has explicitly opposed for its anti-communist stance.

What is not documented:

- There is currently **no publicly available evidence** of a direct

organizational relationship between Zenkoku Benren and the Chinese Communist Party or the China Anti-Cult Association.

The absence of a direct link does not eliminate the concern. Influence operations rarely require formal agreements. Shared goals, shared language, shared targets, and overlapping networks can produce aligned outcomes without a single signed document.

The Bigger Picture

Democratic societies rightly protect citizens from fraud and abuse. But when the legal tools of free nations produce results that a totalitarian regime celebrates — and when the organizations involved share stages, sign agreements, and target the same religious communities — Citizens in Japan, South Korea, the United States, Germany, and every free nation should ask harder questions.

Religious freedom is not the value of any single nation. It is the foundation of every free society. And the forces working to erode it are patient, networked, and increasingly global.

The final verdict on the dissolution order for the Unification Church is set for March 4th, just one week away.

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Mike Pompeo


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