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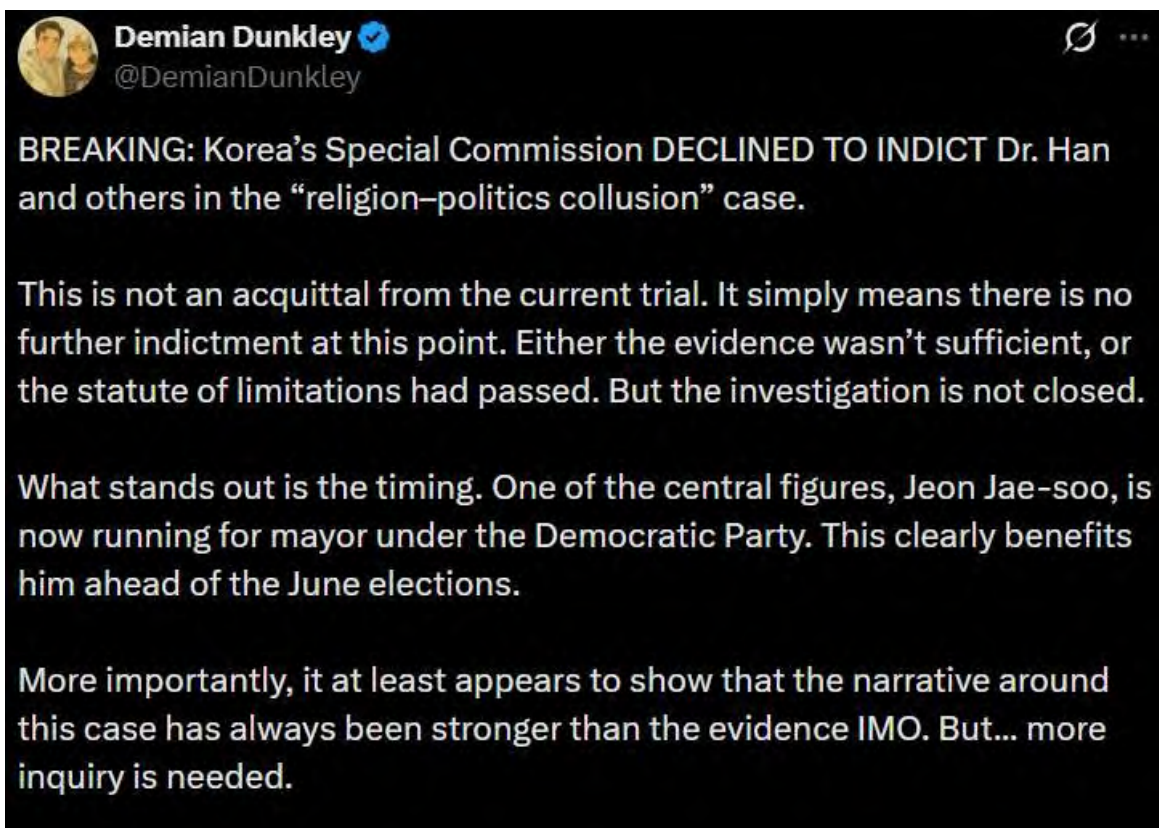
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On Today's Quick Connect: An indictment against True Mother has been dropped, Massimo Introvigne's op-ed on Mother's Nobel Peace Prize Nomination, British parliamentarian asks Japan not to make the same mistake as the UK, and a literary critic calls the dissolution order "national suicide."

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Articles on True Mother's Indictment Charges Dropped



BREAKING: Korea's Special Commission DECLINED TO INDICT Dr. Han and others in the "religion-politics collusion" case. This is not an acquittal from the current trial. It simply means there is no further indictment at this point. Either the evidence wasn't sufficient, or the statute of limitations had passed. But the investigation is not closed. What stands out is the timing. One of the central figures, Jeon Jae-soo, is now running for mayor under the Democratic Party. This clearly benefits him ahead of the June elections. More importantly, it at least appears to show that the narrative around this case has always been stronger than the evidence IMO. But... more inquiry is needed.

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A Nobel Peace Prize for religious liberty



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A dissolution order is more than just a legal act; it fundamentally denies the dignity of the dissolved religion and its members.

by Eitaro Ogawa

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Yet the High Court's decision goes even further: it presents grounds for dissolution that are even more irrational than those of the lower court, and it has been executed with remarkable severity. To leave this unchallenged would, in my view, amount to a form of suicide for a nation governed by the rule of law. For this reason, I have taken up my pen.

To be frank, I had long preferred to keep my distance from issues concerning the Family Federation. Many of its members had supported the conservative wing of the Liberal Democratic Party for years, and I have several close acquaintances among them. Nevertheless, I have never engaged deeply with the organization or its doctrines. Needless to say, in Japan, it is customary not to inquire into one another's religious beliefs. I rarely speak of my own faith, and I know little about the beliefs of even my close friends.

As for the Family Federation, ever since my university days—when controversies such as so-called “spiritual sales” and activities of CARP, the affiliated student group, were reported—it has long been associated in public discourse with unfavorable terms such as “cult” and “brainwashing.” Even before verifying the truth of such claims, I instinctively kept my distance, guided by the attitude that “it is best not to get involved.” I suspect most Japanese people feel the same way.

Looking back now, based on my own experience, the members of this organization whom I have known have generally been people of high intellectual caliber, with gentle character and sound judgment. Yet, regardless of such impressions, when confronted with the organization as a religious entity, one

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cannot help but feel a certain wariness. After all, the image disseminated through television and weekly magazines has been overwhelmingly negative. Without attempting to verify the truth or engage in discussion, many years passed.



The Tokyo High Court. Credits.

The Backlash Against the Unification Church Following the Assassination

Immediately after Abe's assassination, I was struck by the bizarre transformation of television programs—from memorial broadcasts mourning Abe to relentless criticism of the Unification Church, and then, by extension, of Abe himself, all within a matter of days. At the time, however, the shock of Abe's death was so overwhelming to me that I lacked the energy to reflect on these developments.

Around that time, when reports emerged that then-Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had begun moving toward requesting the dissolution of the Unification Church, I paid little attention and let it pass.

However, in February of the year before last, while the case was still under deliberation at the Tokyo District Court, I was asked, through a certain connection, to submit a written opinion to the court regarding the dissolution order. For the first time, I examined the factual background—and was astonished. Both the media coverage and the government's procedures were riddled with forced reasoning and distortions that disregarded the facts, all seemingly aimed at socially crushing this organization.

I will not go into the details here. Still, the opinion I wrote at that time is included in "Objections to the 'Dissolution Order' of the Family Federation" (edited by Tatsuki Nakayama, Good Time Publishing). Even so, I had no intention of becoming deeply involved in this issue. To take sides in matters concerning a religious organization risks being perceived as endorsing its founder or doctrines. Although I sharply criticized the irrationality of the dissolution request, I did not investigate, nor do I claim knowledge of, the doctrines or actual religious practices of the Family Federation.

As a matter of principle, I respect all religions. Yet as a thinker and critic, I do not intend to either criticize or endorse any religion without sufficient study. This basic stance remains unchanged.

However, when the High Court decision was issued, and the seizure of the organization's facilities began almost immediately, something within me was triggered.



Press conference by the Group of Experts for Fair and Impartial Trials and the Second Generation's Association discussing the dissolution decision, Tokyo, March 26.

A Dissolution Order as a "Death Sentence"

With this, the dissolution order has effectively become a fait accompli, and within a few months, the Supreme Court will likely finalize it. As will be shown below, the decisions of both lower courts were built upon a predetermined conclusion—"dissolution first"—and sustained through a series of forced and strained justifications. If the Supreme Court were to affirm such reasoning, it could shatter the very foundations of a rule-of-law state and a free society, potentially triggering the widespread acceptance of what can only be described as "dark" or unjust trials in Japan.

Many readers may find this characterization exaggerated. The negative image surrounding the organization is extremely strong, and Japanese society appears

to have developed a vague sense of acceptance toward the dissolution order by overlaying it onto that image. However, in my view, this case does not concern only a single religious corporation, the Family Federation. Whether this dissolution order is accepted or rejected will serve as a touchstone for the future of freedom in Japanese society. It is a matter of that magnitude.

A dissolution order against a religious corporation, if applied to an individual, would be equivalent to a death sentence. In fact, immediately after the High Court's decision, lawyers acting as liquidators—responsible for carrying out the dissolution—entered approximately 280 of the organization's facilities nationwide, each accompanied by multiple police officers. Members of the organization were immediately expelled from these premises. From a general perspective, the scene strongly resembled a police raid conducted under a search warrant, treating the organization as if it were a fully criminal entity.

Strangely, however, neither television nor newspapers reported any photographs or footage of these scenes. There have been numerous reports that when members attempted to record the execution with photos or videos, they were stopped by officials.

If the organization were truly so egregious as to warrant such overt coercive enforcement by state power, should not the public have been fully informed of how that enforcement was carried out?

Instead, the authorities appear to have imposed a form of media control, concealing these "raids" from public view. Why?

I suspect it is because the very grounds for the dissolution order were, even by the standards of judicial reasoning—indeed, even by common social standards—irrational and deeply embarrassing. The concealment of such a large-scale exercise of state power is not something the Japanese public should take lightly.

A dissolution order is more than a mere act of legal enforcement; it constitutes a fundamental denial of the dignity of the religion in question. Revoking its status as a religious corporation is, in effect, the state declaring that it is an entity that should not be tolerated in Japanese society. For hundreds of thousands of believers, this means that the very core of their identity—their faith—is branded as socially deviant, and their dignity is thereby denied.

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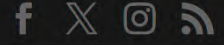


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South Korea's joint investigation unit into political-religious collusion has cleared Family Federation leader Dr. Hak Ja Han of bribery and political funds law violations.

The reason: statutes of limitations had expired, or evidence was insufficient to proceed.

The charges alleged that Dr. Han had provided funds to sitting and former National Assembly members.

That allegation has now fully collapsed.

The investigators also cleared the politicians on the receiving end of those same allegations: Democratic Party Rep. Jeon Jae-su on bribery charges, and former Reps. Im Jong-seong and Kim Gyu-hwan on political funds law violations.

When both the alleged giver and the alleged recipients are cleared, the entire theory of the case falls apart.

The joint unit was established specifically to investigate political-religious collusion.

It was stood up under an administration that has also pursued the Family Federation's dissolution in South Korea and supported legislative targeting of religious organizations.

The unit says separate investigations will continue, including alleged use of Family Federation organizational funds for illegal political donations.

That distinction matters.

The bribery headline that drove this investigation produced nothing.

What continues are secondary probes, with a new stated target alongside the Family Federation: Shincheonji, accused of forced party membership and tax evasion.

An investigation built around a specific allegation cleared every named party.

The question now is whether what follows resembles law enforcement or sustained institutional pressure.

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First, Mrs. Han's decades-long work for peace is undeniable. Besides being the leader and co-founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (once known as the Unification Church), a global religious movement, she is one of the world's most influential figures in peace education.

Through the Universal Peace Federation that she co-founded with her husband, the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, thousands of peace ambassadors, representing current and former heads of state, members of parliament, faith leaders and people of influence from every sector have supported efforts for peace.

She has continuously held global summits (which I have attended with world-renowned figures) and created platforms for interfaith cooperation on a scale few private individuals have ever achieved. She is also one of the world's most persistent advocates for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula, a cause that has eluded governments but still inspires millions

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Her contribution to peace building is significant, lasting and global. The [Nobel Peace Prize](#) has often recognized individuals whose impact goes beyond their religious identity. Mrs. Han belongs in that group.

Second, she has been imprisoned in South Korea for months under troubling circumstances. At 83, with fragile health, she faces charges many observers see as politically motivated and false. Her detention aligns with a wider crackdown on religious groups viewed as unfriendly to South Korea's current administration.

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History shows that the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) has frequently honored leaders unjustly imprisoned for their peaceful advocacy. Mrs. Han fits this pattern. Her case deserves international attention, and her nomination underscores the urgent need to protect the rights of peaceful religious communities in South Korea.

Third, the situation in Japan makes this nomination even more important. A Japanese court has ordered the dissolution of the Family Federation in Japan, closing its places of worship, seizing its assets and stigmatizing hundreds of thousands of ordinary believers. This unprecedented action, taken without any criminal charges against the organization, has already led to discrimination, harassment and social exclusion.

Ordinary believers who have done nothing wrong are being treated like outcasts.

Even more concerning is the geopolitical impact. China has praised Japan's decision as a model for dealing with "problematic" religious groups. For a communist government that persecutes Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, Falun Gong practitioners and unregistered Christian communities, Japan's action is a propaganda gift.

It allows Beijing to claim that even democratic countries suppress religious minorities when it is politically expedient. That sets a dangerous precedent, undermining the moral foundation of the democratic world.

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Mrs. Han has faced personal attacks in the Japanese campaign against her church. Recognizing her contributions to peace would send a strong message: Democratic nations must not copy authoritarian methods of religious control.

The [Nobel Peace Prize](#) has often served as a statement against injustice. Awarding it to Mrs. Han would confirm that peaceful religious leaders cannot be silenced by political pressure, whether in Seoul, Tokyo or Beijing.

The United States has long supported international religious freedom as a pillar of global stability. When allies stray from this principle, silence is not an option. Nominating Mrs. Han for the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) is a chance for the democratic world to reaffirm its commitment to the fundamental right of every person to believe, worship and live without fear.

This is a moment to stand firm. Mr. Figel' has taken a bold step. I support it and urge others to do the same.

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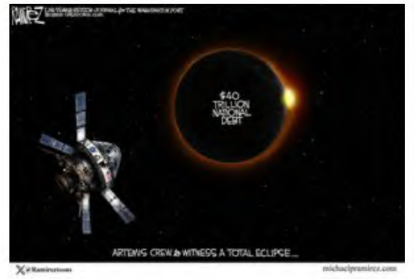


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Thank you Massimo for this succinct and convincing summary of the case for awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to Mother Moon. I join him, with my small voice, in encouraging others to "take a bold step", look through the fog of bigotry and lies and support this nomination.

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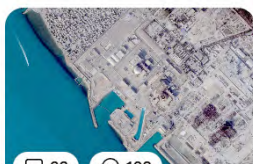
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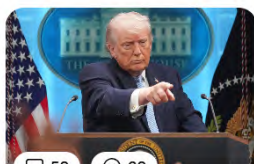
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【Translated from the Sekai Nippo】

Baroness Verma (Conservative Party), a member of the UK House of Lords, expressed "deep concern" on October 6, 2023 over the Japanese government's consideration of filing a dissolution order request against the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (the Unification Church).

Verma cited the fact that the British government itself had attempted to strip the organization of its legal status approximately 40 years ago, only to face substantial legal liability as a result, and called on the Japanese government not to repeat the same mistake, noting that "the two cases appear to share troubling similarities."

Regarding the UK's own attempt to revoke the Unification Church's legal status, Verma stated that the move "was based on a large volume of false and misleading testimony submitted by organized opponents of the church," and pointed out that "after years of litigation, the British government was forced to drop its case and pay the equivalent of £4.75 million in today's value" (approximately 860 million yen).

She also noted that the Attorney General at the time acknowledged there had been "no case to answer whatsoever."

After reviewing Japanese law, including the Religious Corporations Act, Verma argued that "the leaders of the Family Federation have not been convicted of any criminal offense, and no justification can be found for such action" as a dissolution request.

She characterized the request as a "serious infringement" of the freedom of religion guaranteed under Article 20 of the Japanese Constitution, and warned that it "would significantly undermine Japan's standing in the international community."

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