

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Left: Michael Balcomb explains *Ugly Arrest Warrant Sought for Hak Ja Han (82)*

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Left: Dr. Michael Balcomb 8th Aug. 2025. Right: Dr. Song Yong-cheon in September 2025

Co-Founder Hak Ja Han (82) faces alarming arrest warrant amid health concerns as she is just recovering from heart operation



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In a report from South Korea 18th September, Dr. Michael Balcomb, President of the [Family Federation](#) for Europe and the Middle East, explains the latest development in the case where Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#), Co-Founder of the

[Family Federation](#), was [called for questioning](#).

She had to go through a more than [nine hours long interrogation](#) at the office of the Special Prosecutor [See editor's note below] appointed by the current Lee Jae-myung administration to investigate former president and political rival Yoon Suk-yeol and his wife Kim Keon-hee over corruption charges.

"Yesterday, [True Mother](#) appeared voluntarily before the special prosecutor and was questioned throughout the day. The Korean media reported widely on this. [...]

Today, however, reports indicate that the special prosecutor has decided to request arrest warrants for both the [True Mother](#) and Wonju McDevitt as the next step.

This is, of course, a deeply disappointing and distressing development. [...]

At this stage, the matter remains within the legal process. The next step is a pretrial detention hearing - a

safeguard in Korean law that ensures no one is detained without due review, and that the rights of all parties are respected. During this hearing, a judge will listen to both sides and decide whether detention is necessary for the investigation to continue.

It is important to understand that this is not a judgment of guilt. It is simply part of the legal procedure, designed to balance justice with fairness and personal liberty."



Dr. Song Yong-cheon, President of the [Family Federation](#) of South Korea, explains the latest developments in this story further in a statement 18th September,

"Today, as news of the arrest warrant request for [True Mother](#) became known, many members have expressed deep dismay and concern. With [True Mother](#) at the advanced age of 82, having undergone cardiac procedures and currently undergoing medication treatment due to sudden recurrence of arrhythmia during recovery, your worries and concerns seem even greater.

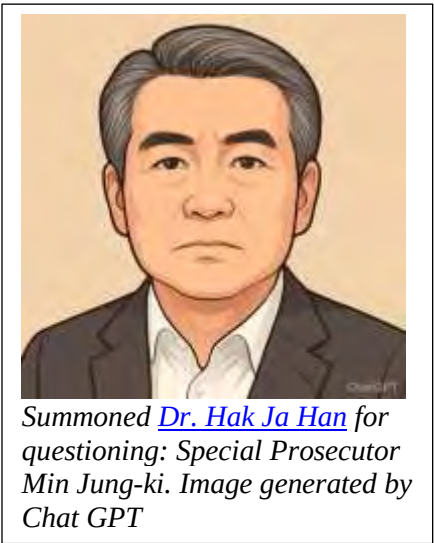
Despite medical recommendations for absolute rest and care, [True Mother](#) did not avoid the legal proceedings. On 17th September, even while not fully recovered, she courageously appeared voluntarily and faithfully [underwent questioning](#) for as long as 9 hours and 30 minutes. [True Mother](#)'s courageous voluntary appearance was a [providential](#) decision to transparently reveal everything centered on Heavenly Parent's will. [...]

Although [True Mother](#) appeared with the most dignified demeanor, the special prosecutor's office requested an arrest warrant claiming she did not respond to the third summons. Just because an arrest warrant has been requested does not mean arrest will immediately follow. The law requires a warrant substantive review before arrest. During this process, the defense team will demonstrate [True Mother](#)'s health condition, advanced age, and complete absence of flight risk or evidence tampering concerns. The judge can issue or dismiss the arrest warrant after comprehensively considering flight possibility, evidence tampering possibility, health and humanitarian reasons. [...]

This arrest warrant request is not simply about one leader's problem, but a crucial matter directly connected to religious freedom and basic democratic principles in the Republic of Korea. New religious movements can face indiscriminate attacks due to religious prejudice compared to established denominations." (translated from Korean)

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Yet even when confronted with sensitive questions – such as, “Did you hand over one hundred million won [ca. 71,500 US dollars] to Representative Kweon Seong-dong?” or “Did you instruct that a necklace and bag be delivered to Mrs. Kim Keon-hee?” – **True Mother** remained calm and composed, answering simply: “Later, later, you will hear.”

When asked why she had not responded to the three earlier summonses but appeared yesterday, she spoke candidly:

“Because I was sick. I had surgery and I was in pain.”

The questioning began at 10:00 a.m. and continued for seven hours, followed by two and a half hours of reviewing the transcript – a total of **nine and a half hours**. The prosecutors prepared **more than fifty pages of questions**. Throughout this time, **True Mother** did not invoke her right to remain silent; instead, she responded sincerely and actively.

To safeguard her health, a **physician, a nurse, and an ambulance were on standby throughout**.

Even in this setting, **True Mother** explained to the prosecutors the **providence** of our Heavenly Parent and the **True Parents**. Witnessing the inquiry turn into an occasion to share **True Parents'** teachings, we were moved by her courage and her unwavering devotion.

When the long session finally ended, **True Mother** was so exhausted that she required a wheelchair. Yet she still faced the reporters outside with strength and dignity.

To the question, “Why did you deliver one hundred million won to Representative Kweon?” she firmly answered, “Why would I need to do that?”

To “Did you directly order or approve any request?” she declared, “No.”



People Power Party lawmaker **Kweon Seong-dong** (권성동), here 23rd Dec. 2024. Photo: 국민의힘 TV / Wikimedia Commons. License: [CC Attr 3.0 Unp](#). Cropped

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And when asked again about delivering a necklace and bag to Mrs. Kim Keon-hee, she replied with confidence: “Why would I do such a thing?”

Even in her fatigue, **True Mother** did not avoid the reporters' questions but answered them to the end. [...]

True Mother's health remains a deep concern. Reports note that her atrial fibrillation [[See editor's note 2 below](#)] and heart failure worsened in January, and on 4th September she underwent heart surgery. Since then, her oxygen saturation has not fully recovered, and she continues to require hospitalization.

Doctors have consistently emphasized that her condition demands careful

management and sufficient recovery time. This is why she could not comply with the first three summonses. Yet, in order to dispel

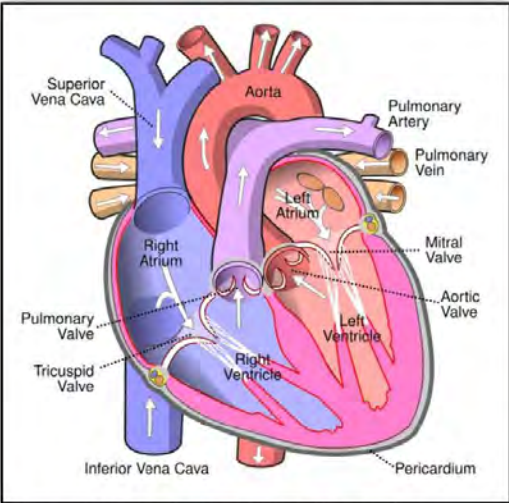


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misunderstanding, she pushed herself to appear yesterday.

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Featured image above: Cartoon impression of Dr. [Hak Ja Han](#) entering the Special Prosecutor's office in Seoul hunted by aggressive reporters and photographers. Illustration by ChatGPT September 2025.



Summoned [Dr. Hak Ja Han](#) for questioning: **Special Prosecutor** Min Jung-ki. Image generated by Chat GPT September 2025.

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[Editor's note 2: Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is the most common type of irregular heart rhythm (arrhythmia). Normally, the heart's electrical system makes the upper chambers (atria) contract in an organized way, pumping blood into the lower chambers (ventricles). In atrial fibrillation, the electrical signals in the atria become rapid and chaotic, causing the atria to quiver instead of contracting effectively. One key feature of atrial fibrillation is an irregular and often rapid heartbeat. Patients may feel palpitations, fluttering, or pounding in the chest. The irregular heart rhythm may cause an inefficient blood flow from the atria to the ventricles and an increased risk of blood clots forming in the atria, which can travel to the brain and cause a stroke.]

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