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*Anti-Takaichi campaign and Chinese influence. Illustration: Chat GPT*



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**Hundreds of China-affiliated X-accounts in orchestrated campaign against Japanese prime minister, claiming she is a Family Federation follower**

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**China Conducted Organized "Anti-Takaichi" Campaign**

**Nikkei Analyzes X, Links to Former Unification Church**

by the editorial department of [Sekai Nippo](#)

On 22nd February, Nihon Keizai Shimbun (日本経済新聞) [See editor's note 1 below] reported that during the recent House of Representatives general election, approximately 400 accounts believed to be China-affiliated carried out an organized "anti-Takaichi campaign" on X (formerly Twitter). The report has since become a topic of discussion on social media.



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According to the newspaper's investigation, in mid-January, when reports of the dissolution of the Diet surfaced, posts were intensively made using AI-generated images with messages such as "Sanae Takaichi (高市早苗) must resign" and "Sanae Takaichi is a follower of a cult." The campaign allegedly linked her to the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly known as the [Unification Church](#)) and systematically spread a negative campaign aimed at undermining the Takaichi administration.

An analysis of the posts identified the accounts as China-affiliated influence-operation accounts. During the election period, the Japanese Communist Party and Reiwa Shinsengumi [See editor's note 2 below] reportedly amplified criticism of the government in tandem with the campaign.

It was also found that some of the same accounts had previously promoted Okinawan independence [See editor's note 3 below].

Hidehiro Mitani (三谷英弘), State Minister of Justice, posted on his X account:



*Sanae Takaichi, Prime Minister of Japan since October 2025*



*Hidehiro Mitani, State Minister of Justice since 2025*



*Satoshi Hamada, here speaking on his X channel October 24, 2025*

"This time it did not have a significant impact on the overall outcome, so in that sense we were fortunate. However, the era has already arrived in which foreign forces anonymously incite domestic political division and harm national interests. Countermeasures are urgently needed."

Satoshi Hamada (浜田聡), former member of the House of Councillors, commented that the core issue is a struggle between, on the one hand, the International Federation for Victory over Communism (an anti-communist organization of the former [Unification Church](#)), which earnestly seeks the enactment of an anti-espionage law, and, on the other, anti-Japan political parties such as the Communist Party, along with certain media organizations and the Japan Federation of Bar Associations [Zenkoku Benren (全国弁連), also known as Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales], who seek to block such legislation. Having recognized this structure, he stated,

"It is impossible for me to side with the latter (anti-Japan parties or the media)."

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**[Editor's note 1:** Nihon Keizai Shimbun is Japan's leading financial newspaper, commonly known as Nikkei. Founded in 1876, it provides authoritative coverage of business, markets, technology, and economic policy. Widely read by executives and policymakers, it shapes corporate discourse domestically and increasingly influences global financial journalism.]

**[Editor's note 2:** Reiwa Shinsengumi (れいわ新選組) is a left-wing populist political party in Japan, founded in 2019 by actor-turned-politician Taro Yamamoto. Reiwa Shinsengumi is a minor party in terms of seats but has gained visibility through a strong social media presence and high-profile campaign tactics.]

**[Editor's note 3:** Okinawa is Japan's southernmost prefecture, a subtropical archipelago. Once the Ryukyu Kingdom, it bears scars from World War II and hosts major U.S. military bases.]

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# More Humanity Even In A Communist Prison?

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Former Czech political prisoner under communism asks whether Mother Han is being shown less humanity in long-term detention than he was under similar circumstances

## The Voice of Conscience

Reflections by PhDr. Juraj Lajda (Doctor of Philosophy), lecturer and publisher, former political prisoner under the communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

See also [Return to Custody as Court Rejects Health Plea](#)

Prague, 21st February 2026 – A few hours ago, we learned that Dr. Hak Ja Han, the 83-year-old leader of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, has been returned to her detention cell after a brief ten-day release for urgent medical treatment in hospital. She remains detained on what, in my view, appears to be fabricated and circumstantial evidence.

Dr. Han suffers from multiple serious health conditions: deteriorating eyesight, mobility limitations following knee surgery, and a severe cardiac condition – arrhythmia – for which she underwent surgery only five months ago. Given these circumstances, I am



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deeply disturbed by her return to detention. It is difficult to believe that her medical condition could have improved so dramatically in ten days that her life is no longer at risk.



Artistic Impression of [Mother Han](#) in detention cell. Illustration: Grok xAI.

I am profoundly shocked by the treatment of this elderly religious leader under the current South Korean administration. From my perspective – and I believe many share this concern – the decision to [return her to detention](#) raises urgent humanitarian and ethical questions.

My reaction is shaped in part by personal experience. I was myself detained long-term under a Communist regime in Eastern Europe. Even in that political system, **I was treated more humanely than what now appears to be a life-threatening detention imposed on [Dr. Han](#)** in a country that has been considered democratic since 1987.



The place where [Dr. Lajda](#) was imprisoned from 1973 to 1976 – the [Palace of Justice](#) in Bratislava, Slovakia. Photo: [Laurenc Klas](#)

Her situation brings back memories of my imprisonment in Czechoslovakia in the early 1970s. Ironically, I was arrested for following the teachings of the South Korean religious leader [Sun Myung Moon](#). Along with [17 other young](#)

[people](#) – mostly students – I was sentenced to three years and two months for “subversion of the republic” after nearly ten months of investigation before trial.

During the investigation phase, I was held in remand prison in Bratislava, where I was interrogated daily until the case file was closed and the indictment prepared. About six months into my detention, after prolonged confinement in a 2-by-3-meter cell – often shared with two or three other inmates – my longstanding atopic eczema worsened dramatically. The prison environment caused my condition to deteriorate severely.

When I reported this to the prison doctor, he acknowledged that he could not properly treat me under the limited conditions available. He therefore requested that I be transferred to another prison facility in Brno, where better medical care was available.



Mugshot of [Juraj Lajda](#) from 1973. Photo: [Archive of the Prison and Judicial Guard Corps of the Slovak Republic](#).

I was transported there and remained for forty days until my condition stabilized and the acute phase of the illness was brought under control.

Although I was still deprived of liberty in Brno, the conditions were adapted to medical necessity. The cell was larger, I had a bed, and my daily routine was adjusted to facilitate treatment. Each day I was taken to the infirmary, where doctors worked diligently to restore my health.

The decision regarding my hospitalization and its duration was made by a physician. Whether formal authorization from an investigator or judge was required, I do not know; if it was, it was granted. The purpose of detention was not suspended – but it was carried out with recognition that I was first and foremost a patient in need of medical care.

The doctor treated me as a human being, not as a political offender. His duty was to preserve health and life. He acted according to the ethical obligations embodied in the Hippocratic Oath – that is, he would strive to preserve human life at all costs. Political considerations did not override medical judgment. Even in a Communist prison, the principle prevailed that an accused person remains a human being deserving of care.

I come from a family of physicians; my father was a well-known surgeon. I therefore understand the professional and ethical responsibilities that accompany medical practice. In my case, medical judgment determined the course of treatment – not prosecutorial or judicial discretion.

This occurred in 1974, under the Communist regime of former Czechoslovakia.

Today, I must ask: who determines [Dr. Hak Ja Han's](#) medical fate? Is it the attending physician – or the prosecutor, investigator, or judge? If a doctor recommends continued hospitalization, what prevents the authorities from granting it? Legal procedure should not supersede the preservation of human life.

Are medical professionals in this case able to act independently according to their ethical obligations? The Hippocratic Oath is not conditional upon political context. Physicians are entrusted with safeguarding life, irrespective of the legal status of their patients.

If medical necessity is subordinated to political considerations, the situation ceases to be lawful detention and begins to resemble deliberate endangerment. The question is not merely legal – it is moral.

My conclusion is sobering. In my own experience as a political prisoner under



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my conclusion is sobering. In my own experience as a political prisoner under Communism, medical care was ultimately respected. If an elderly detainee in contemporary South Korea is denied necessary hospitalization despite grave health risks, it compels serious reflection about the direction in which that system is moving.

I am deeply shocked and profoundly concerned.

See also [Return to Custody as Court Rejects Health Plea](#)

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