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Norishige Kondo Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the [Family Federation](#) of Japan speaking 10th September 2023 in Tokyo

Japanese family structure creating loophole exploited by lawyers and faith-breakers

Norishige Kondo (近藤徳茂), author and Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the [Family Federation](#) of Japan, spoke at a special symposium on the theme "Abduction and Confinement - Who Destroys Families?" 10th September 2023 at the Shibuya, Tokyo headquarters of the [Family Federation](#) of Japan. It was organised by the [Japanese Victims' Association against Religious Kidnapping and Forced Conversion](#). At the symposium, several victims of horrendous deprogramming attempts spoke. His speech was titled, "Response of Public Institutions to the Abduction and Confinement Issue".

Kondo was introduced by Mamoru Kamono (鴨野 守), a spokesperson for the [association of victims](#), with the words,



Mamoru Kamono (鴨野 守) 10th Sep. 2023

"In the second part, we will have presentations on the issue of abduction and confinement from a professional standpoint. The first presenter will be Norishige Kondo (近藤徳茂). He will speak on the subject of the response of public authorities and other organisations to the issue of abduction and confinement.

Kondo was born in Tokyo in 1960. Upon graduating from Waseda University's Faculty of Law, he joined the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity ([Unification Church](#)).

He has worked in the legal field for many years. In 2016, he served as Director of the Legal Affairs Department at the national headquarters of the [Family Federation](#), and in 2017 as Director of General Affairs Department. Currently, he serves as Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Department and is also in charge of legal affairs for the [Japanese Victims' Association against Religious Kidnapping and Forced Conversion](#).



The front page of the book "Do Family Federation Members Have Human Rights?" by Shinichi Tokunaga (徳永信一), Mamoru Kamono (鴨野守), and Norishige Kondo (近藤徳茂), published in Japanese June 2023 by Goodtime Publishing (グッドタイム出版)

He has co-authored the book 'Do Family Federation Members Have Human Rights?' Let us all welcome him with a warm applause."

Here is the first part of the speech of Norishige Kondo (近藤徳茂),

Thank you very much, everyone, for joining us today.

Yes, I will make a presentation on the issue of abduction, confinement, and faith-breaking in Japan and the United States, as well as the response of public institutions.

Abduction, confinement, and forced de-conversion in the USA

First, I would like to talk about the kidnapping and confinement in the United States and forcing persons to leave a religious organisation.

In the United States, there used to be an organization called CAN, short for Cult Awareness Network.

Cult Awareness Network was a group of people who systematically organized the abduction and confinement of members of new religions, and pressed them to quit.

One of the characteristics of abduction, confinement and forcing persons to quit a religious organisation in the United States, was, as I have said, that it was mainly

carried out by professionals who were contracted for the job for a large fee.

In addition, the methods used were quite violent, such as assault, battery, abduction and confinement, as well as food and sleep deprivation.

It has also been claimed that several thousand members of a new religious groups became victims.

In the United States, those were not only members of the [Unification Church](#). The victims included also members of various new religions such as Hare Krishna, Children of God, Church of Scientology, etc.

Concepts such as mind control and brainwashing were used to justify the abductions, forcible detention, and faith-breaking.

I'll mention Ted Patrick [Theodore Roosevelt Patrick Jr. (1930-)], and he was a specialist deprogrammer.



Rick Alan Ross in 2014

When his own son became involved in a new religion [Children of God], Ted Patrick himself began to perform faith-breaking. He is called the father of deprogramming in the United States.

Deprogramming may also be called "forced conversion" or "forced exit".

Patrick boasted that he had deprogrammed 1,600 people himself. However, his aggressive tactics led to criminal charges against him. He was convicted four times.

I'll also mention Margaret Singer (1921-2003). She was a psychologist. She proposed the brainwashing theory. However, her theory was rejected in 1987 by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Sociological Association (ASA). Her theory of brainwashing was also thoroughly rejected by the California Supreme Court.

This person is Rick Ross, a specialized faith-breaker. He was involved in multiple coercive de-conversion cases which he was referred to by Cult Awareness Network (CAN).

However, in 1991, he was sued for abducting and forcibly detaining Jason Scott, a member of the United Pentecostal Church International, attempting to break his faith. Ross lost the case. At the same time, CAN was sued. This eventually led to CAN's bankruptcy. Thus, the abduction-for-money campaign in the United States came to an end.

Abduction, confinement, and forced de-conversion in Japan

Next, I would like to talk about the abduction, confinement, and forced de-conversion in Japan.

In Japan, a policy was adopted based on the failures in the United States. Specifically, the first step was to ensure that the family members were the ones responsible for abducting, confining, and forcing people to leave a religious organisation.

Even if the family hired a third party, such as a private detective, a system was put in place to ensure that the family was present at the scene of the abduction and confinement. Of course, the family members did not act on their own, but rather in close contact with the de-conversion specialists in the background, whom they received instructions and guidance from.

However, in the event that a legal problem might arise, an agreement would be made in advance with the de-conversion specialist that the family takes full responsibility.

The faith-breaker could then offer excuses such as saying that he had only been called, that he had no idea that the believer was being held captive, and that he thought that the believer was staying of his or her own free will.

With this kind of system in place, even if the police were to intervene, the family would be able to exclude them using the idea that they were having family discussions.

To be continued. Part 2 coming soon.

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A call to the Japanese government to eradicate abduction cases!

We appeal to eradicate religious kidnapping and forced conversion against believers of the Unification Church



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What is kidnapping, confinement and forced conversion?

It is an act of kidnapping people by violent, forcible, and deceitful means, cutting off communications with the outside world while attempting to break their faith and confining them until they renounce their beliefs. The majority of victims are followers of the Unification Church, totaling over 4,300. The main perpetrators include Christian ministers who regard the Unification Church members as "heretics", and lawyers and journalists who are hostile to the Unification movement and the Victory Over Communism movement. They stir up the parents' heart, making them insecure, and demand large sums of money in reward for assisting them "rescue" their children.

Kidnapping and Confinement in 3 Minutes



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Kidnapping



Voices of knowledgeable people requesting solution to kidnapping and confinement cases

former diplomat and writer Yu Sato



It is wrong for some Christians to attack Unification members at the sight of one. It is important to understand the difference between traditional Christianity and the Unification Church, and to respect one another's faith. ..Read more

Former Congressman Member of the Japan Medical Association Hitoshi Hinokida



In the last year's International Human Rights Report of the U.S. Department of State, it was reported that in Japan, the police do not offer any help towards organized kidnapping and confinement cases, including those inflicting injuries on the victims. ..Read more

We are a private organization consisting of members of the Unification Church who were victims of religious kidnapping, confinement and forced conversion. We are spreading information, exposing the criminal acts of anti-Unification Church activists, and giving support to the victims, in order to put an end to this serious violation of human rights that has been continuing for over 43 years

>> Helpline

If you are a believer of the Unification Church and are afraid you may be in danger of being kidnapped, or if you have unfortunately already been kidnapped and confined and are suffering from after-effects such as PTSD, or if you are suffering because you cannot maintain a decent life of faith or proper human relationships because of the activities of anti-Unification Church activists, contact us. [Click here for Helpline](#)

Japanese Victims Association
against Religious Kidnapping
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- Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity
- Brush off the sparks of fire Mr. Kazuhiro Yonemoto's Blog
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- The court case records of religious kidnapping and confinement by Miyamura
- Human Rights Violations in Japan by Yoshi
- Exposing the deceptions of "brainwashing" and "mind-control"