

FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Japan Press Release - False Claim of Funds to Pyongyang by Rep. Haraguchi

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Kim Jong-il (1941-2011), the second Supreme Leader of North Korea from 1994 to 2011. Illustration

Press release on false statement made by senior politician in parliament alleging that Family Federation in Japan sent "massive funds" to the regime in Pyongyang

Regarding Protest Letter Concerning Statement by House of Representatives Member Kazuhiro Haraguchi on "Massive Funds Remitted to North Korea"

Press Release



Press release issued by the [Family Federation](#) of Japan 10th June 2025 concerning a statement by House of Representatives Member Kazuhiro Haraguchi (原口一博) on "Massive Funds Remitted to North Korea". See [original article](#) in

Japanese.



Kazuhiro Haraguchi from the Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP), member of the House of Representatives in the national legislature (Diet) since 1996. Photo 2025

On 23rd April 2025, during the House of Representatives Special Committee on the Abduction Issue by North Korea, Kazuhiro Haraguchi (原口一博), a member of the Constitutional Democratic Party (CDP) of Japan, made the following statements:

"I recognize that massive funds were transferred from the former [Unification Church](#) to North Korea during the 1990s"

"¥380 billion [Today's rates: 2,66 billion US dollars] was funneled."

However, **neither [our organization](#) nor the then-world headquarters of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) has ever sent ¥380 billion to North Korea.**

Since there was no clear basis for the claim that "¥380 billion was sent to North Korea," we sent a written protest in the form of a questionnaire to Haraguchi on 27th May, requesting clarification. We received a response dated 3rd June.

In Haraguchi's response, he stated that the basis for his remarks was a "Pentagon document" - a U.S. Department of Defense report dated 9th September 1994, titled "Relations Between North Korea and the [Unification Church](#)", hereinafter referred to as the "DIA document". However, [our organization](#) believes that the DIA document is highly unreliable.



The international HQ of the [Unification Church](#) was in the 1990's located in 4 West 43rd Street, between Fifth and Sixth Avenues in the Midtown Manhattan area of Manhattan, New York City, built in 1900. Photo 2013

Furthermore, the 3rd June response included a correction of the amount mentioned, but regardless of the figure, there is absolutely no truth to the claim that [our organization](#) or the former world headquarters of the [Family Federation](#) sent "massive funds" to North Korea.

We sent a follow-up protest letter to Haraguchi on 9th June, confirming its receipt on the same day. In order to make clear our position - that the claim of a large remittance to North Korea is unfounded and that the DIA document is extremely unreliable - we are making public both the 27th May protest letter and the 9th June follow-up letter. (For security reasons, telephone and fax numbers have been removed.)

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Protesters gathering in East Ikebukuro Central Park, Tokyo on 8th June 2025 to call for the revocation of the [dissolution order](#) against the [Family Federation](#). Photo: [FFWPU](#)

On 8th June 2025, the [Tokyo Citizens' Association for the Protection of Fundamental Human Rights and Freedom of Religion](#), composed of believers of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) (formerly the [Unification Church](#)), held a demonstration in Toshima Ward, Tokyo. They called for the revocation of the [dissolution order](#) against the [religious organization](#).

Starting from East Ikebukuro Central Park, the roughly 750 participants – according to organizers – marched through the surrounding areas of Ikebukuro, divided into three groups as they proceeded through the busy streets on a holiday.



Believers of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) march through the streets of Ikebukuro, Tokyo during a demonstration on 8th June 2025. Photo: [FFWPU](#)

Wearing orange hats, participants carried placards at the front and sides of their groups, with messages such as:

“Please listen to the voices of truth from the believers!”

With calls from loudspeakers on campaign vehicles, in unison they chanted slogans like:

- “Revoke the [dissolution order](#)!”
- “The media coverage is largely distorted!”

A female believer in her 30s from Nerima Ward, who joined the march with her two children, appealed,

“My children look forward to going to church. I want to protect religious freedom for their sake.”

A male believer in his 20s shared his thoughts:

“I don't know if a demonstration is the best way, but I don't want to just do nothing and let it end. I want to put my whole heart into this until the very end.”

Featured image above: Believers of the [Family Federation for World Peace and Unification](#) march through the streets of Ikebukuro during a demonstration – Afternoon of 8th June 2025, Toshima Ward, Tokyo. Photo: Takahide Ishii (石井孝秀)

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