

Save Lee: The Korean Committee to Save the Victims of 'Lawmaker Lee Seok-ki Insurrection Conspiracy Case'

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Cry in the Square

"It's the fourth winter after I became the wife of a person who committed severe crime, rebellion. "

"I long for a day I can say."

Six victims including my husband are still in prison in charge of insurrection conspiracy with our any conspiracy. And throughout the nation, more than 60 prisoners of conscience are also still in prison.

Last December, 30th, Yoon So-young, Lee Sang-ho's wife who is one of the victims, stood in front of the citizens holding candlelights in the Square in Seoul, South Korea. She could tell a little bit about the pain that all of the victims' families had suffered for 4 years. She could express her thanks to the citizens who were warmly welcomed her.

Here is her whole statement.



"Hello. I'm Yoon So-young, the wife of Mr. Lee Sang-ho. Even though the insurrection conspiracy case was revealed innocent, but my husband is still in prison, and it's the fourth winter after I live as the wife of a prisoner.

The so-called insurrection conspiracy case occurred, and husbands were arrested. Even in

the falsified media, the families of the victims organized an emergency planning committee and ran away wherever we could inform the truth. We could have endured hard days vaguely believing that the truth will be revealed someday.

When the public is angry with the incompetence and corruption of the regime of president Park... when the blacklist on the culture and the civil society is investigated... and when the civilian inspections by the National Intelligence Service (NIS) are being investigated in the face of day..., I wanted to say that the person who was victimized and suffered is still in prison. I was likely to feel sick due to my eager to speak something for truth.

I can't wait to tell that six victims including my husband are still in prison in charge of insurrection conspiracy with our any conspiracy. And throughout the nation, more than 60 prisoners of conscience are also still in prison.

But it is also true that this place was careful. Since we have been subjects to taboos and exclusions for the last three years.

Although, more than 30,000 candlelight citizens here have signed and encouraged my husband and other victims including lawmaker Lee Seok-ki, for their release for over the last two weeks. I would like to take this chance to express my thanks and respect to all of you. My husband said he was not cold even in prison that has no warm thanks to the heat of a million candles spread in the square. Rather he is worrying that we, who are shouting Park's resignation in the Square, would feel cold.

I can't wait the day my husband and other prisoners will return to the family's warm heart and the day Park and her ministers will take over the place where the victims are.

Thank you."

2016 Human Rights Concert held in the place where the candlelights shout for 'Step Down, Park'.



'The night with poems and songs for prisoners of conscience', which disappeared once, revived in the name of 'Concert for human rights'. The event was reopened in 2014 in 8 years, and this year's concert is the third event. '2016 Human Rights Concert' was held at the Gwanghwamoon Square in the evening of the 10th, December, the day after Park Geun-hye's impeachment motion was approved.

Eight people stood at the start of the event.

They are the victims on human rights.

"It is human rights not to ignore the voices of the victimized families who cry out to reveal the truth. It is human rights to protect the lives of the public and the safety of our children. "

- Choi Yoon-ah, the sister of Yun Min who is a victim of Sewol Ferry

"The Park Geun-hye regime made Han Sang-gyun a mob. The freedom of assembly and association is human rights." - Kim Deuk-jung, Ssangyoung Motors branch in Metal Union

"It is human rights that freedom of expression is not suppressed. We dream of the democracy in which justice and truth live." - Lee Gyung-jin, the sister of lawmaker Lee Seok-ki, one of the victims of insurrection conspiracy case.

"It is human rights to ensure the survival and dignity of farmers. The world where peasants can laugh is the world that peasants have dreamed of." - Baek Do-ra-ji, the daughter of farmer Baek Nam-ki

"It is human rights that chaebols and the capital can not let workers die. I dream of a world without firing and lawsuit for compensation for damages jobs, and a world that the right to work is recognized with pride." - Hong Jong-in, A-san branch in Yu-sung corporation.

"It is human rights to establish laws and systems for people with disabilities, street vendors, and people who are displaced. It is human rights to guarantee the right of the underprivileged to live." - Park Gyung-seok, the collective movement for abolishing Disability classification system and the duty of supporting

"It is human rights not to let workers die. It is human rights to let workers do their job without diseases. The real human rights are making chaebols who provided the cause of the industrial disaster responsible." - Kwon Young-eun, Ban Ol-lim, the committee for victims of industrial disaster in Sam Sung.

"We have kept the Constitution with the power of the people. The nation Park is no longer president, it's human rights. " - Na Soo-bin, teenager

On the day after the candlelight beat the president, there were cryings of the people who are victims of the world that the regime ruined and the reality that crashed into a crash. Not only the problems raised by 8 people but the government's 'evil deeds' such as state-led textbooks, anti-terrorism law, humiliating negotiation of the Japanese military comfort women, fabricated espionage cases, earthquake, nuclear issues and so on, were exposed. Cultural performance was followed by singing performances of '4.16 Choir' and 'Peace Tree Choir'. The performances of '평화나무' and '4.16' electrified the participants.

The moderator said, "Promise the day when the prisoners of conscience can hold up the candlelights with citizens in this square." and appealed saying that "The world we dream of is a world in which freedom of expression and freedom of political expression is guaranteed." Participants answered cheerfully.

'Abolition of Park Geun-hye's Regime' Is the Answer, Candlelight that Slit the King's Throat

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Citizens will no longer wait without resistance while the Constitutional Court of Korea rules on whether to accept or reject the impeachment. Question arise deeper, positions of power influence and decision on disbanding the United Progressive Party. During its deliberation, Constitutional Court must keep up with the times. Apprehensive in respect to end of citizens' revolution, citizens reject the Constitutional Court going against the flow of the course of history. In a way, Constitutional Court itself is on trial.

Task for the second stage of the civil revolution becomes clear. First is the dismantlement of Park Geun-hye's power. No one knows when a comprehensive dismantlement can/will complete. But the important thing is to begin the process. It is fair to conclude, for those prioritizing amending the constitution or the presidential election is avoiding the dismantlement of corrupted power at large.

The greatest challenge of the second stage is the dismantlement/liquidation of the power at large. Dodging this challenge will only reincarnate nightmares of deception and distortion of citizens' revolution. Culminating citizens' political frustration. In this process of liquidation, we must revisit the dissolution of Unified Progressive Party. And must submit proposals with new method and approach to the problem of dissolution of a governmental party. This is not a question of support or non-support for the Unified Progressive Party, but questioning the outrageous abuse of power that violated the spirit of the constitution.

Irony is, the same court that ruled and ordered dissolution of a political party is deliberating on the impeachment. Unified Progressive Party is innocent of charges of plotting to overthrow the government and no evidence found to so-called existence of 'RO (Revolution Organization). In fact, unqualified Constitution Court is ruling on whether to accept or reject the impeachment. Refuse sweeping this crime under the rug. Comprehensive questioning in regards to the unlawful destruction of a political party is overdue. Also, it is worth noting that one of the reasons why today's politics is so deranged is due to undersized progressive political party.

Here is what everyone is saying: "Actual Starting Point is Now." "Full-Fledged Revolution is On, We Are Writing World History."

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