



China: North Korean Refugees

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Do not send refugees to their deaths!

China deports refugees from North Korea back to their homeland where labor camps, torture and death await them. South Korea has agreed to take in all refugees from the North – but China nevertheless refuses to let North Koreans travel there.

What happens to this petition?

IGFM will continue to collect signatures until China stops deporting refugees back to North Korea. They will not turn the signatures over to China, but will regularly inform the Chinese government on the progress of the petition and present their demands to stop the deportations.

Petition:

With my signature, I petition the Chinese government to let all refugees from North Korea travel to South Korea.



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I would like to receive information by e-mail [about once per month]

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Artist: Ali Soozandeh
From "Camp 14", a movie
about a life in a prison
camp in North Korea.
www.camp14-film.com

Over 150.000 people in North Korea are held in prison camps as forced laborers arbitrarily. Escapees speak of torture, rape and public executions. Most prisoners die before they reach age 50, generally from a combination of malnutrition and overworking. Thousands of North Koreans attempt to escape to nearby China each year to get away from hunger and persecution – but the People's Republic of China deports any North Korean refugee it catches back to their homeland, where torture and death await them as punishment.

China violates international law

By deporting North Korean refugees back to their homeland, China violates binding international contracts. China ratified both part of the Geneva Convention on Refugees from 1951 and 1967, respectively. Article 33 (1) of the 1951 Convention – the so-called Non-Refoulement Principle – says: "None of the signatories shall in any way deport or turn back a refugee across the border of territories where their life or liberty would be threatened." The United Nations also stated: "As part of the ban on torture in international common law, which has reached the level of binding law (ius cogens), the ban on refoulement in the face of such danger is binding for all nations, even for those who have not yet ratified the relevant treaties." [UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): Guidelines on Deportation and the Protection of International Refugees]

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