



# The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK), is the leading U.S.-based bipartisan, non-governmental organization in the field of DPRK human rights research and advocacy. Our mission is to focus international attention on human rights abuses in the DPRK and advocate for an improvement in the lives of 25 million DPRK citizens.



# Recommendations



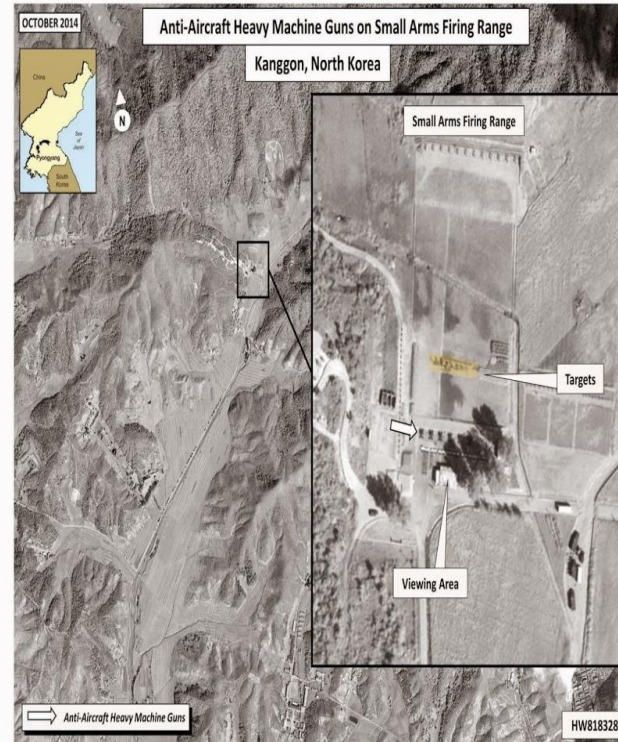
- ▶ **Provide a list of the type, number and location of detention facilities in the DPRK. Report the incarceration rate per 100,000 people in the DPRK, including a breakdown by gender and type of detention facility.**
- ▶ **Specify the functions performed by DPRK facilities identified by CSOs including HRNK, NHRIs and the UN COI as active or decommissioned political prison camps (*kwan-li-so*).**
  - ▶ DPRK supported recommendations from Tunisia (124.61), Poland (124.65), and Argentina (124.66) to cooperate with the UN.
  - ▶ Partially accepted: Sierra Leone (124.67)



# Torture



► Satellite image acquired minutes before an execution by ZPU-4 anti-aircraft machine guns: Kanggon Military Training Area, October 7, 2014



The small map inserted at the top left corner shows the location of the site in the image. It is located on the outskirts of Pyongyang. The larger background image is a photo of the site and its surroundings. The inset on the right side of the image is a close up of the small arms range showing the viewing area, the anti-aircraft heavy machine guns in front of the viewing area, and targets on the range.



# Recommendations



- ▶ **Amend the Criminal Code of the DPRK to prohibit the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as punishment for detainees and ratify CAT and its Optional Protocol.**
- ▶ **Report on the implementation mechanisms of Article 225 of the DPRK Criminal Code, prohibiting assault, threats, or deception aiming to extract false testimony from witnesses.**
  - ▶ DPRK supported the recommendation by Argentina in its 2nd cycle to "Make efforts to achieve respect for all fundamental rights and freedoms of the entire population, especially women and children, and take all necessary measures to ensure the fight against impunity for the perpetrators of crimes, acts of violence and all human rights violations"(124.117).
  - ▶ Recommendations to accede to the CAT: 124.4-124.11.

# Questions to the DPRK Government



- ▶ **What government agencies of the DPRK are responsible for the prohibition, prevention, and prosecution of the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as punishment for detainees?**
- ▶ **Have there been reported instances of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment as punishment for detainees? What are the available grievance and reporting procedures?**

# Enforced Disappearances



Sorimchon Section of Kwan-li-so No. 15 in 2014 (showing demolition of prisoner residence and work units)



Korean Airlines YS-11 hijacking



# Recommendations



- ▶ **Accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.**
  - ▶ DPRK supported recommendations made by Kazakhstan (124.1), Bolivia (124.2), Chad (124.3), Estonia (124.17), and Singapore (124.18) in its 2nd UPR cycle to join new international human rights treaties.
- ▶ **Report on the available implementation mechanisms of Article 79 of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK, guaranteeing protection from arrest without a legal warrant; and Article 69 of the Socialist Constitution of the DPRK, guaranteeing the citizens' right to submit complaints and petitions, especially in relation to protections against arbitrary detention as well as guarantees of due process and fair trial rights.**
  - ▶ DPRK supported the recommendation by Israel in its 2nd cycle to "Enshrine fully the right to fair trial and due process guarantees." (124.114).
  - ▶ Partially accepted: Australia (124.115).
- ▶ **Account for all missing DPRK and foreign persons, prisoners, and deceased prisoners identified by CSOs and NHRIs, and provide their names and locations to their families and their respective states.**
  - ▶ DPRK supported the recommendation by the Russian Federation in its 2nd cycle to "Create a national mechanism for the review of complaints of the populations concerning human rights violations" (124.116).



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