

NORTH KOREA

It is estimated that 150,000 to 200,000 prisoners are currently in North Korea's network of political prison camps. No verifiable statistics are available concerning religious prisoners. Some foreign evangelists have been arrested and sentenced to prison terms. They were released after negotiations between Pyongyang and the relevant countries. North Korea does not release arrested South Korean citizens.

Protestants

Pastor Kim Kuk GI

Date and place of arrest: In late 2014

Charges: Espionage

Statement of the defendant: He claims he was carrying out missionary work among North Korean defectors in Dandong, China.

Last court decision: In June 2015, he was sentenced to life imprisonment in a hard labour camp by the North Korean Supreme Court.

Other information: He is a South Korean Presbyterian pastor.

Source: https://www.releaseinternational.org/media/download_gallery/PP_Kim_Kuk-gi_July%202015.pdf , <http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/3/26/s-korea-demands-release-of-pair-north-accuses-of-spying.html> , <http://bit.ly/1RAtVLz>

Pastor Choe Chun GIL

Date and place of arrest: In late 2014, at the Chinese border city of Dandong.

Charges: Espionage

Last court decision: In June 2015, he was sentenced to life imprisonment in a hard labour camp by the North Korean Supreme Court.

Other information: He is a South Korean pastor.

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Kim Jeong-WOOK

Age: 50 years

Date and place of arrest: On 7th October 2013

Charges: Attempting to overthrow the government by spying and setting up underground churches

Last court decision: On 30th May 2014, he was sentenced to hard labour for life.

Other information: He is a South Korean Baptist missionary who participated in helping defectors leave North Korea.

Source: https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3192106.html/ ,
<http://edition.cnn.com/2014/02/27/world/asia/north-korea-south-korean-detained/>