FFWPU Europe and the Middle East: Fabricated Torts In Japan's Attack On The Unification Church

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From session 8 at 2024 CESNUR conference in Bordeaux on 13th June 2024. From left: Dr. Michael Balcomb, Suzuko Hirschmann, Norishige Kondo, Dr. Eileen Barker, Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama, Dr. Massimo Introvigne



Norishige Kondo in Bordeaux, France 12th June 2024

Norishige Kondo, who went through attempted faithbreaking, outlines wily strategy to destroy the Family Federation / Unification Church

Part 2 (final part) of edited version of a presentation by Norishige Kondo (近藤徳茂), author and Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Department of the <u>Family Federation</u> of Japan, on 13th June, the second day of the 2024 CESNUR Conference, during session 8 (plenary, chaired by Dr. Eileen Barker), which had the theme "The Unification Church and Japan: What Is Exactly Happening?" Kondo is a victim of kidnapping, forcible detention and attempted faith-breaking.

The 2024 CESNUR Conference was held from 12th to 15th June at the University of Bordeaux Montaigne in Bordeaux, France with the theme: "<u>The Contribution of Minority Religions</u>

to Society". The conference was co-organized by: <u>Center for Studies on New Religions</u> (CESNUR), Université Bordeaux Montaigne - CLIMAS (Cultures et littératures des mondes Anglophones), and <u>International Society for the Study of New Religions</u> (ISSNR).

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I wish to explain the reason why the <u>Unification Church</u> has lost tort cases.

In Japan, judges tend to issue judgments in accordance with the narratives of apostates in tort cases based on the following reasons:

In Japan, there are no studies about apostates, showing they are unreliable witnesses.

In Japan, there is no custom of making <u>large donations</u> to religious organisations.

Japanese people, including judges, generally don't believe in <u>God</u> and <u>God</u>'s guidance. Therefore, judges think no one would make a <u>large donation</u> to a religion unless they were threatened by stories of bad karma or going to hell.

In Japan, judges are afraid of being accused by the media that they support a "cult".

As a result, the <u>Unification Church</u> has continuously lost civil cases.

Nowadays, the government only listens to apostates, and the same can be said applies to the courts.

Here are some testimonies about the unfair tendency of Japanese judgments.

Attorney Yoshiro Ito, hostile to the Unification Church, says in a written statement submitted to a court,



Faith-breaker Takashi Miyamura, responsible for hundreds of deprogrammings based on abduction and forcible detention. In this illustration he is together with so-called apostates, persons already brainwashed (deconverted) by him and colleagues, trying to break the faith of one more member of the <u>Unification Church</u> in Japan. In huge number of cases apostates were forced to sue the <u>Unification Church</u>

has succeeded.

"There is a judicial framework. If it's a cult, it loses. [...] Claims that would not be recognized in other cases are easily accepted if the adversary is labeled a 'cult'."

Former Supreme Court judge Hiroshi Segi (瀬木比呂志) says in his book,

"Japanese judges tend to follow public opinion."

I wish to explain the background of the present conflicts.

Originally, the <u>Unification Church</u> and its affiliated organization Victory over Communism (VOC) opposed communism and promoted the enactment of the Spy Prevention Act (SPA).

On the other hand, leftist groups such as the Japan Communist Party (JCP), major media outlets, and a network of lawyers opposed to the <u>Unification Church</u>, are supportive of left-wing ideology and oppose the SPA. At the same time, they are eager to cause a sensation by publicizing one-sided information about the <u>Unification Church</u> or Victory over Communism (VOC).

The major media strategy in Japan is peculiar. Their strategy is to create a narrative which makes a sensation. They then only report information that supports their narrative, but dismiss information which goes against it.

In this way, once the media creates a narrative, they perpetuate it without any opportunity for the supposedly "evil" opponents to recover their honour.

The <u>Unification Church</u> has been a target of this strategy.

So far, the strategy of the camp opposed to the Unification Church



A diagram used by Norishige Kondo during his presentation in Bordeaux 13th June 2024. UC = <u>Unification Church</u>

Firstly, media spread excessive criticism against the <u>Unification Church</u>.

■ Parents of <u>Unification Church</u> believers became worried and got involved in kidnapping their adult children. Deprogrammed apostates filed lawsuits against the <u>Unification Church</u>. The courts, deeply influenced by the media coverage, issue judgements in favour of the apostates.

■ Based on such verdicts, the media reports the <u>Unification Church</u> as being anti-social. Because of this, the government decided to request the dissolution of the <u>Unification Church</u>, now called the <u>Family Federation</u>.

■ Through the media, leftists became able to have authority over the government, including the courts.

Communists are on the offensive and manipulate the democratic societies. It is said that even in major democratic countries, universities are deeply influenced by communists.



Mike Pompeo speaking 13th Feb. 2022 in Gapyeong, South Korea during World Summit 2022



Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett speaking at International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington DC 31st January 2024

Several leading American politicians are well aware of the battle large communist parties wage against the Unification Church. Mike Pompeo, the 70th United States secretary of state from 2018 to 2021, described it like this at an international religious freedom conference 31st January 2024,

"If there is anything Unification Church undermines, it is indeed communism. We should see the Japan Communist Party's attack for exactly what it is, an attempt to undermine and weaken the vital US-Japan alliance while encouraging better relations between Japan and the Chinese Communist Party."

In a <u>reader's post in the Washington Times</u> 11th November 2022, Newt Gingrich, author and senior American politician who was the 50th speaker of the House of Representatives 1995-1999, says,

"The current attack on the <u>Unification Church</u> is an effort to undermine and weaken the Japanese-United States alliance and create an opening for a Chinese Communist-Japanese rapprochement."

Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, former chair of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, currently President of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice, <u>commented</u> at the International Religious Freedom Summit in Washington DC 31st January 2024,

"We respect that Japan is a friend, but friends don't let friends drive drunk. That's what they're starting to do."

Unless religious people stand up against the communist expansion, the democratic world will be ruled by them.

I sincerely wish your understanding and support.

Thank you for your attention.

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