

Update: Anti-True Mother rumors about the Unification Church in Korea

Supporters of Hyun Jin Moon in Korea
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The Unification Church in Korea is going through a lot of turmoil. The recent news is the Unification Church affiliated Segye Times, aligned with the "Unification Church Believers Countermeasure Committee" (the same entity that rallied members to demonstrate at the Yoido Parc 1 Construction site and in general a group that has strongly opposed Hyun Jin Moon for the last few years), threatening the integrity of Korea's president Keun Hye Park. Not too long ago, Segye Times published the so-called "Jung Yoon Hoe papers" claiming to reveal damaging information about the President and the people close to her, which caused a big stir in Korea and threatened the integrity of the government, but later was determined to be false information. Due to the aggressive nature of the false and slanderous article, Segye Times (and the Unification Church) seem to have come under the strict scrutiny of the Korean government.

The latest news is that in a document titled "Special Report" circulated within the inner groups of the Unification Church, Sangbo Lee (he is a member of the church in Kuri and one of the Unification Church Believers Countermeasure Committee's leaders -- if you have good memory you will remember that I reported that he was caught making a threatening phone call to a Korean parliamentarian who was going to attend a GPF event a few years ago) stated that they have an additional 7-8 "nuclear bomb level" papers regarding Park's government. The "Special Report" that was circulating in the inner Unification Church circles had a very confrontational tone towards the Blue House and Park's government, basically stating that the Unification Church should "defiantly fight to the very end" and even mentioning that "President Park would have to step down from office". Some news articles in Korea mention that True Mother at first was of the mindset of not confronting the government, but was later influenced by those advocating war and apparently changed her mind and attitude taking a more aggressive stance.

One of the questions is to whom was this "Special Report" directed? According to Sangbo Lee, the leaked "Special Report" was meant for only a very limited group of individuals and not meant for public consumption. The other question is what relationship does the "Unification Church Believers Countermeasure Committee" have with the Unification Church? Are they funded by the church? Are they an official entity? Do they have control over the agenda and direction of the Church? Do they have power to set the agenda for True Mother? How does a person like Sangbo Lee from that supposed unofficial organization have access to information about the most secret content ("nuclear bomb level papers") that Segye Times has regarding the Korean government? Hyun Jin Moons "Special Report" contained detailed information that only top Segye Times officials would know about such as the current relationship between Segye Times and the government, the identity of the 7-8 "nuclear bomb level"

stories that could potentially be released, and the future plans of Segye Times in how to deal with the current disaster, etc. If the information really is of a "nuclear bomb level" as the report states, then only the very top officials of the newspaper company would be privy to that information.

The "Special Report" that circulated in the inner circles of the Unification Church (which was leaked to Hankyore newspaper also states, "If you (True Mother?) yield to the pressure of the Blue House and fire the Segye Times president and journalists, then the 7-8 nuclear bombs we have to fight the Blue House become useless and we become mice in front of the Blue House. It would be the same as running around naked in this jungle- like world that abides by the law of survival of the fittest (strongest)."

This news is currently being released by a majority of Korean media. And all of this is developing amid the investigation of the feared "Section 4" of the Korean Tax Authority of Unification Church affiliated entities for misappropriation of funds, tax evasion, and other violations. The Unification Church's official stance is that the tax audit and investigation is unrelated to these situations and is only part of a regular and periodic check by the government. Others speculate that it is a specific and targeted investigation, considering that they dispatched the most feared agency (Section 4) which goes beyond simple tax auditing with a larger scope of investigative powers.

From the information so far, it looks like the stance of Sangbo Lee of the Unification Church Believers Countermeasure Committee is that True Mother should fight back against the Korean government and threaten to release the "nuclear bomb level" information that could potentially force President Park to step down from office as a way to get the Korean government to stop the tax audits and investigations against the Unification Church.

My personal view is that the Unification Church leadership is doing itself no favors here. They have a tendency of aiming their rifles to their feet. And True Mother is making a mistake by supporting this group of lunatics. Nothing in this situation can bode well for True Mother or for the Unification Church by taking a confrontational stance against the government and by using alleged information that could potentially damage the government as a threat and leverage... This situation is already positioning the Unification Church and True Parents in a very negative light in society. And, while I can't claim to know what he would do, I don't think True Father himself would ever have taken this kind of threatening stance against the Korean government.