



North Korea Freedom Week 2021

Acknowledgements

18<sup>th</sup> Annual North Korea Freedom Week

April 25-May 1, 2021/Seoul and Washington, D.C.



**NKFW 2021:**

***“OPEN! North Korea: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Borders”***

Dear Friends:

It is my great honor and pleasure to provide you this report on the 18<sup>th</sup> annual North Korea Freedom Week whose theme this year was ***“Open! North Korea: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Borders.”*** We are so very grateful to the many people and organizations that made the week a huge success so that we could accomplish our objective: rejuvenate and inspire the defector community in the Republic of Korea who are living under an oppressive atmosphere and gain valuable insight from them about what is happening in North Korea. We set out to inspire the North Koreans and they ended up inspiring us with the amazing information they are getting out of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and by their pledge to re-commit themselves to the freedom of their homeland and the human rights and dignity of the North Korean people.

I am especially pleased to provide you with links so that that you can see for yourself the powerful videos and panel sessions that occurred during the week. Thanks to our host NGOs including **Nick Eberstadt** and **Olivia Schieber** of the **American Enterprise Institute**, **Bruce Klingner** and **Olivia Enos** of the **Heritage Foundation** and **Dr. Pavel Klein** of the **Isabella Foundation** a lot of vital information was shared on how to open minds, hearts and borders. We also have included the powerful statement from the **US State Department** and links to the video of excerpts from the messages from **Members of the US Congress** that were broadcast on Free North Korea Radio for this year’s Seollal Holiday. These were compiled with their photos and set to the background music *Edelweiss (Bless my homeland, forever!)* and then played at the opening ceremony. This particular video was so powerful in showing how Americans care about the people of North Korea, that the defectors copied it to flash drives and sent it to North Korea. We arranged for a very expensive platform so we could have simultaneous translation during the events and we are so grateful to the Defense Forum Foundation, Katrina Lantos Swett and the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights

& Justice, Wendy Wright and Christian Freedom International, Dr. Pavel Klein and the Isabella Foundation, and Seung-il Shin for donating to cover the platform costs.

Also, volunteer members of the **North Korea Freedom Coalition** made both video and written transcripts for you of the main NGO events in both English and Korean – so you can read or watch the powerful sessions that were held during North Korea Freedom Week 2021. Special thanks goes to **Jason West** who helped with the technical platform, so that we could all be together virtually during the NKFV panel sessions and the North Korea Freedom Coalition meeting, which was open to the public for the first time. Thank you also to Jason for helping prepare the videos and transcripts and to our wonderful translators and volunteers **Helen Park, BJ Choi, Teresa Ost, and Johnny Park** for helping create English and Korean transcripts of the NGO panels.

**Please enjoy** these sessions, photos and acknowledgements for North Korea Freedom Week as we work to open the hearts and minds of the people of North Korea with truth and long for the time when the borders will be open.

Until they are FREE,

***Suzanne Scholte and Kim Seong Min***  
***Co Chairs, North Korea Freedom Week 2021***

### **NORTH KOREA FREEDOM WEEK 2021 DEFECTOR EYEWITNESSES**

#### **Special participants in Open Hearts panel hosted by Nick Eberstadt and Oliva Schieber of the American Enterprise Institute**

Huh Kwang-il (Committee for the Democratization of North Korea)  
Kim Hyung-soo (Stepping Stones)  
Ju Kyung-bae  
Ju Il-kyung

#### **Special participants in Open Minds panel hosted by Bruce Klingner and Oliva Enos of the Heritage Foundation**

First panel session: What Opened Their Minds in North Korea?  
Choi Jung-ho  
Choi Keum-nam  
Kim Ji-young  
Second panel session: How Do We Open Minds?  
Kim Seong-min (Free North Korea Radio)  
Choi Jung-hoon  
Jang Se-yul (Geuraeyul Unification Association)

#### **Special participants in Open Borders hosted by Dr. Pavel Klein at the Isabella Foundation**

Lee Ae-ran (Center for Free Unification Culture)  
Lee Yi-ruk  
Han Soo-ae  
Kim Hee-yeon

#### **Special participants in April North Korea Freedom Coalition meeting**

Huh Kwang-il (Committee for the Democratization of North Korea)  
Choi Jung-hoon  
Jang Se-yul (Geuraeyul Unification Association)  
Kim Hyung-soo (Stepping Stones)

Lee Ae-ran (Center for Free Unification Culture)  
Kim Seong-min (Free North Korea Radio)

### **Translators and Transcribers of the Panel Sessions and Meetings**

Jason West  
Johnny Park (Defense Forum Foundation)  
Helen Park  
BJ Choi  
Teresa Ost

### **Donors Supporting NKFW 2021 Platform for NGO Panels**

We made the decision to pay for a very expensive platform so that we could have simultaneous translation in English and Korean of the NGO panels. The following individuals and organizations heard of this and generously donated to cover all the costs of the platform:

Defense Forum Foundation  
Katrina Lantos Swett and the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice  
Wendy Wright and Christian Freedom International  
Dr. Pavel Klein and the Isabella Foundation  
Seung-il Shin

Here is our day by day report:

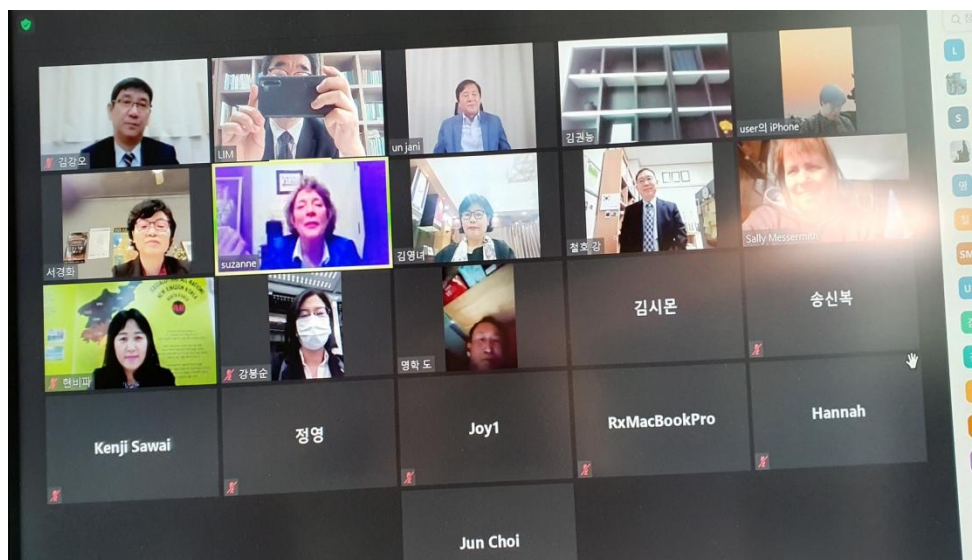
Saturday, April 24(Washington, DC/Sunday April 25(Seoul)

**North Korea Freedom Week Opening prayer service organized by Pastor Lim Changho** was virtually held in Seoul and folks in the United States joined the prayer service virtually. The prayer service was hosted by the following Pastors in South Korea:

**Rev. Kang Chul-ho (originally from Hamheung, DPRK, now Pastor of Sae-teo Church):** Prayers for the closing of the North Korea political prison camps and the release of the 200,000 political prisoners. Also, prayers for North Korea including Pyongyang to experience God's restoration and become the Jerusalem of the East once again.

**Rev. Song Shin-bok (originally from Chungjin, DPRK, now Pastor of Pyongtaek Hanavision Church):** For the collapse of the evil Kim regime and the establishment of a new government that cares about the people of North Korea.

**Rev. Kim Simon (originally from Chungjin, DPRK, now Missionary for the Christian Council of North Korea):** For the



prompt release of the missionaries who were imprisoned in China for helping North Korean refugees. Also, for the 300,000 North Korean refugees who are currently detained in China, facing fear and danger every day.

**Rev. Seo Debora (originally from Hoeryung, DPRK, now Pastor of Hyangyeon Methodist Church):** For the media outlets and NGOs around the world to speak out and spread the grim reality of the people of North Korea, North Korean refugees, and the horrendous human rights violations against them.

**Rev. Kim Gang-oh (originally from Chungjin, DPRK, now Pastor of North Central Church):** For the younger generation, church leaders, and political leaders in South Korea to spearhead the endeavors to save the lives of the people of North Korea with courage and discernment.

**Pastor Hyun Beepa (originally from Musan, DPRK, now a North Korean missionary for Hallelujah Church):** For God's compassion for the people of North Korea who are suffering from COVID-19 and the ensuing economic distress.

**Pastor Kim Young-nyo (originally from Siniju, DPRK, now Pastor for Jeju Joosomang Church):** For the rampant human rights violations against North Korean refugees in China and forceful repatriation back to North Korea. Also, for God's protection over underground churches in China and North Korea.

**Rev. Lim Chang-ho (Chairman of the Christian Council of North Korean, founder and Pastor of Jangdaehyun Church in Busan):** For God's answer to all the aforementioned prayers. Also, for the evangelization of North Korean refugees around the world that they would go back to North Korea and rebuild a nation in Christ once the day of unification comes.

Sunday, April 25

**NKFW Opening Ceremony** was held in Seoul and folks in the U.S. joined the ceremony virtually. The opening ceremony began with a video showing excerpts of messages that U.S. Members of Congress sent to Free North Korea Radio expressing their hopes and dreams for the North Korean people for 2021 Korean New Year. Thank you to the following members of the U.S. Congress who sent 2021 messages to North Korea:

**Senator John Barrasso of Wyoming**  
**Senator Chris Coons of Delaware**  
**Senator Ted Cruz of Texas**  
**Senator James Risch of Idaho**  
**Senator Marco Rubio of Florida**  
**Representative Steve Chabot (OH-1)**  
**Representative Young Kim (CA-39)**  
**Representative Al Lowenthal (CA-47)**  
**Representative Michael McCaul (TX-10)**  
**Representative Chris Smith (NJ-4)**  
**Representative Rob Wittman (VA-1)**

Please check out the powerful video prepared by **Johnny Park** and **Anna Yang** that included excerpts of these messages and is set to the tune ***Edelweiss: Bless My Homeland, Forever*** with pianist **Jaeyong Kang** at the following below. This video was so powerful that the defectors put it on flash drives and have been sending it into North Korea!

**CHECK THIS OUT LINK TO MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR 2021  
broadcast : <https://www.nkfw.org/history/2021/messages-from-congress>**

The opening ceremony also included messages of encouragement. Following the Opening Welcome Remarks from NKFw Co-Chairs Suzanne Scholte (President of DFF/Chair of NKFC) and KIM Seong Min (Free North Korea Radio), the messages from the following individuals were heard:

**South Korean Assemblyman Thae Yong-ho**

**South Korean Assemblyman Ji Seong-ho**

**US Representative Young Kim**

**Katrina Lantos Swett, President of the Tom Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice  
and Co-Chair of the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK)**

**Greg Scarlatou, Executive Director of HRNK**

**Ambassador Andrew Bremberg, President of Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation**

**Dr. Yang Jianli, Founder and Director of Initiatives for China**

**James R. Fisher, Executive Director of the Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation**

**Benedict Rogers, Chief Executive of Hong Kong Watch**

**Rev. Lawrence Lee of Power Station**

**The following North Korean Defector Leaders introduced a Resolution to work for the  
Freedom of North Korea:**

**Jang Se-yul**

**Choi Jung Hoon**

**Park Sang Hak**

**Lee Ae-ran**

**Huh Kwang-il**

During the opening ceremony, the North Korean defectors shared their utmost desire with one another—the end of the Kim regime and the democratization of North Korea.

<https://www.voakorea.com/korea/korea-social-issues/north-kora-freedom-week>

**U.S. Department of State Press Release on North Korea Freedom Week: On the Occasion of  
North Korea Freedom Week**

<https://www.state.gov/on-the-occasion-of-north-korea-freedom-week/>



**Thank you to President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Tony Blinken and Scott Busby, Julie Turner, Leah Cato, Ryan Fioresi, and David Elber of the U.S. State Department for the powerful statement for North Korea Freedom Week. Thank you for not only standing with the millions of North Koreans who continue to have their dignity and human rights violated by the Kim regime but also raising awareness of North Korea's egregious human rights situation, investigating abuses and violations, supporting access to independent information for the North Korean people, and working with the United Nations and likeminded allies to promote accountability for the Kim regime.**

**Text of US State Department Statement: *On this occasion of North Korea Freedom Week, we stand with the millions of North Koreans who continue to have their dignity and human***

On this occasion of North Korea Freedom Week, we stand with the millions of North Koreans who continue to have their dignity and human rights violated by one of the most repressive and totalitarian states in the world, including the more than 100,000 individuals who suffer unspeakable abuses in the regime's political prison camps. We are appalled by the increasingly draconian measures the regime has taken, including shoot-to-kill orders at the North



*rights violated by one of the most repressive and totalitarian states in the world, including the more than 100,000 individuals who suffer unspeakable abuses in the regime's political prison camps. We are appalled by the increasingly draconian measures the regime has taken, including shoot-to-kill orders at the North Korea-China border, to tighten control of its people under the guise of fighting COVID-19. The civilized world has no place for such brutality, and the international community must continue to speak out.*

*The United States will continue to raise awareness of North Korea's egregious human rights situation, investigate abuses and violations, support access to independent information for the North Korean people, and work with the United Nations and likeminded allies to promote accountability for the Kim regime. We also honor the courage of the North Korean defector and human rights community and will always support their efforts to shine a spotlight on these grave injustices.*

Monday, April 26

**OPEN HEARTS: Thank you to Nicholas Eberstadt and Olivia Schieber of the American Enterprise Institute and David Maxwell of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies for an amazing panel session focusing on the topic: Open Hearts, opening the hearts of those in power to the DPRK. The three hosts were joined by several high ranking North Korean escapees—Mr. Huh Kwang-il of the Committee for the Democratization of North Korea, Mr. Kim Hyung-soo of Stepping Stones, Mr. Ju Kyung-bae, and Ms. Ju Il-kyung.** The North Korean eyewitnesses discussed the human rights situation in North Korea AND in South Korea, and the discussed the ways to reach the elites in power in North Korea to open their hearts to the truth and why that has become more difficult under the current government in South Korea. Among the exciting information shared was how powerful outside information was for “washing away” decades of propaganda.



Videos and transcripts in English and Korean can be found at these links:

**LINK TO PANEL VIDEO AND TRANSCRIPTS:**  
<https://www.nkfw.org/history/2021/open-hearts>

VOA Report on the session: **Kim Jong Un Fears Information**  
<https://www.voakorea.com/korea/korea-politics/experts-say-kim-jong-un-fears-power-information>

Wednesday, April 28

**International Day of Prayer and Fasting for North Korea's FREEDOM** April 28th is the anniversary of the first North Korea Freedom Day. Folks were invited to sign up to pray and fast on April 28th at <https://www.april28.org>. Thank you to **Alana Johnson** for compiling powerful prayers that were shared on the website as a guide for prayers and fasting that day. Thank you to **Anna Yang** for creating a website for those who wanted to join from around the world and share their prayers for North Korea's freedom. Some examples from friends of the people of North Korea from around the world that were sent in and posted on the website: *"O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name (Daniel 9:19)."* Amen! from a friend of the people of North Korea in Canada. *"Praying for all Christian prisoners in Communist Korea! Thank you! And may God richly bless you!"* from a friend of the people of North Korea in Russia.

**OPEN MINDS: THANK YOU to Bruce Klingner and Olivia Enos of the Heritage Foundation** for hosting two panel sessions respectively focusing on the topic: Open Minds. **Olivia Enos** hosted a panel session discussing what opened their minds in North Korea with three North Korean defectors—**Choi Jung-ho, Choi Keum-nam, and Kim Ji-young**. They shared what and how they learned about the outside world everything from K-pop to K-dramas, from foreign radio broadcasts to loudspeakers, from leaflets to other methods. The second panel session was hosted by **Bruce Klingner** and featured three North Korean defectors—**Kim Seong-min of Free North Korea Radio, Choi Jung-hoon of the North Korea People's Liberation Front, and Jang Se-yul of Geuraeyul Unification Association**) who discussed ways to open the minds of the people of North Korea. All three North Korean defectors emphasized the importance of sending outside information into North Korea.



\*Note **Park Sang Hak and Park Jung Ho** were originally scheduled to join the Heritage Foundation session but had to go into hiding in order to carry out the North Korea Freedom Week balloon launch which was successfully accomplished.

Videos and transcripts in English and Korean can be found at these links:

**LINKS TO PANEL VIDEO AND TRANSCRIPTS:**  
<https://www.nkfw.org/history/2021/open-minds>

**OPEN BORDERS: THANK YOU to the Dr. Pavel Klein of the Isabella Foundation** for hosting a panel session on the topic: Open Borders. The panel session featured four North Korea defectors—**Dr. Lee Ae-ran of the Center for Free Unification Culture, Mr. Lee Yi-ruk, Ms. Han Soo-ae, and Ms. Kim Hee-yeon**—who explained in great detail the current state of the vulnerable population in North Korea especially orphans and how the international community can ameliorate the dire



circumstance by providing humanitarian assistance but only when it can be certain it is not misused by the regime.

Videos and transcripts in English and Korean can be found at these links:

**LINKS TO PANEL VIDEO AND TRANSCRIPTS:**  
<https://www.nkfw.org/history/2021/open-borders>

VOA STORY: ***Defector Says She Never Received any Humanitarian Aid in North Korea***

<https://www.voakorea.com/korea/korea-economy/defector-says-she-has-never-received-overseas-humanitarian-aid-north-korea>

Thursday, April 29

**Thank you to the North Korea Freedom Coalition and translators Helen Park and Johnny Park** for opening its regular monthly meeting to the general public to discuss ways to bring freedom to North Korea, improve human rights, and support the work of North Korean defectors in South Korea. The online meeting featured top leaders among North Korean defectors—**Huh Kwang-il of the Committee for the Democratization of North Korea, Choi Jung-hoon of the North Korea People’s Liberation Front, Jang Se-yul of Geuraeyul Unification Association, Kim Hyung-soo of Stepping Stones, Dr. Lee Ae-ran of Center for Free Unification Culture, and Kim Seong-min of Free North Korea Radio.** The defector leaders urged the international community to be more involved in supporting the work of North Korean defectors. The six North Korean defectors and the members of the coalition had a meaningful time exchanging ideas to strengthen ongoing cooperation.

Friday, April 30 in Washington, DC//Saturday, May 1st in Seoul

**Closing ceremony in Seoul; Visit to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, D.C.**

While the closing ceremony of the 18th NKFV was virtually held in Seoul, members of the North Korean Freedom Coalition in the Washington, D.C. area delivered a letter for President Moon Jae-in to the Republic of Korea Embassy to rescue North Korean refugees who are currently detained in China and two women who were recently handed back to their abusers. Under the South Korean Constitution, these refugees are entitled to South Korean nationality, hence South Korean government is legally obligated to rescue and bring them safely to South Korea. While NKFV members stood across the street from the Embassy holding the photos of the North Korean refugees who are currently detained in China, the letter was hand-delivered by **Suzanne Scholte (President of Defense Forum Foundation and Chair of the North Korea Freedom Coalition)** and **BJ Choi.**





Thank you to the NKFC Members who joined to hold the photos of the members of the two families of NK refugees currently in detention: **Jason West , Kenji Sawai, Wendy Wright, Peter Kang, Rev. Lawrence Lee, Minjung Kim, BJ Choi, and Steve Kim.**

**Thank you to the following for twenty three (23) U.S. government officials who signed this appeal:**

**Ambassador Morton I. Abramowitz**, Permanent Career Ambassador who served as an Ambassador for Presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush

**Richard V. Allen**, National Security Advisor for President Ronald Reagan and Deputy National Security Advisor for President Richard Nixon (instrumental in the rescue of future South Korean president Kim Dae Jung in 1980)

**Thomas Barker**, General Counsel and Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for President George W. Bush

**Roberta Cohen**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights in the Department of State's first human rights bureau for President Jimmy Carter

**John Despres**, Director of Strategic Assessments at the Department of Energy and National Intelligence Officer for Nuclear Proliferation for President Jimmy Carter, founding Director of the Institute for National Strategic Studies at NDU and Assistant to the Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs for President Ronald Reagan, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement under President William Clinton

**Chuck Downs**, Deputy Director for Regional Affairs, East Asia, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, for President George W. Bush

**Felice Gaer**, Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom during President Barack Obama's and George W. Bush's Administrations and Vice Chair, UN Committee Against Torture under President Barack Obama

**Chadwick R. Gore**, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for President Donald Trump

**Ambassador Robert G. Joseph**, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security for President George W. Bush

**Ambassador Robert R. King**, Special Envoy for North Korea Human Rights for President Barack Obama

**Jay P. Lefkowitz**, P.C., Special Envoy for North Korea Human Rights for President George W. Bush

**Ambassador Winston Lord**, Director of Policy Planning Staff at the State Department for President Gerald Ford and Special Assistant to the National Security Advisor for President Richard Nixon and Ambassador to China for Presidents Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush and Assistant Secretary of State for President William Clinton

**Barton W. Marcois**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs for President George W. Bush

**Honorable Tidal W. McCoy**, Acting Secretary and Senior Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for President Ronald Reagan

**Ambassador J. William Middendorf, II**, Secretary of the Navy for President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford and Ambassador to the OAS and the European Union for President Ronald Reagan

**Thomas C. Montgomery**, Senior Vice President of Congressional Affairs at the Export-Import Bank of the United States for President George W. Bush

**Andrew Natsios**, Administrator, US Agency for International Development for President George W. Bush

**Daniel Pipes**, Policy Planning Staff for President Ronald Reagan

**Eric Schwartz**, President of Refugees International and Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration for President Barack Obama and NSC Senior Director for Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs and Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs for President William Clinton

**Gare Smith**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor for President William Clinton

**Katrina Lantos Swett**, President, Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice and Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom during President Barack Obama's Administration

**Ambassador Morse Tan**, Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice for President Donald Trump

**Christian Whiton**, Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications for State Department for President Donald Trump and Deputy Special Envoy for North Korea Human Rights for President George W. Bush

**Thank you to the following NGO Leaders and NGO Member Groups of the North Korea Freedom Coalition who joined as signatories:**

**Ann Buwalda**, Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign USA  
**Bro. Adalberto Santiago**, International Christian Embassy Inc.  
**Casey Lartigue Jr.**, Co-founder, Freedom Speakers International  
**David Malik** and **Sean Kang**, North Korea Human Rights Watch  
**Eiko Kawasaki**, President, Korea of All  
**Jason West**, Vice Chairman, North Korea Freedom Coalition  
**Kato Hiroshi**, Life Funds for North Korean Refugees  
**Kenneth Bae**, President, NK Relief  
**Minjung Kim**, Associate Executive Director, Save North Korea (SNK)  
**Peter Kang**, Chairman, Korean Freedom Alliance  
**Rabbi Abraham Cooper**, Associate Dean, Simon Wiesenthal Center  
**Wendy Wright**, President, Christian Freedom International

**North Korea Freedom Coalition Public Members (partial listing):**

Christian Solidarity Worldwide-USA  
Citizen's Coalition for Human Rights of Abductees & North Korean Refugees  
Coalition for North Korea Women's Rights\*  
Committee for the Democracy of North Korea\*  
Council for Human Rights in North Korea  
Defense Forum Foundation  
ENoK (Emancipate North Koreans)  
Family Research Council  
Fighters for a Free North Korea\*  
Free North Korea Radio\*  
Freedom for North Korean Refugees of Minnesota  
Freedom Society of America  
Genocide Watch  
Gyereol United\*  
Helping Hands Korea  
Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights  
Human Rights Without Frontiers  
Institute on Religion and Democracy  
Jubilee Campaign  
Korean Freedom Alliance  
Korean War Abductees Family Union  
Korean War POW Affairs  
Lawyers for Human Rights & Unification of Korea  
Life Funds for North Korean Refugees  
Natl Assoc for Rescue of Japanese Kidnapped by North Korea  
New Korea Women's Alliance\*  
North Korea People's Liberation Front (NKPLF)\*  
NK Watch: Free the NK Gulag\*  
NKIA Collaboration (North Koreans in America)\*  
NY Commission to Help N. Korean Refugees  
North Korea Strategy Center\*  
OneFreeKorea

One Step  
Open Doors USA  
PSALT NK  
PSCORE\*  
Save North Korea  
Schindler's Ark  
Simon Wiesenthal Center  
318 Partners

\*organization led by North Korean escapees

**Thank you to the following individuals who joined in the appeal to President Moon:**

Aaron Peterson of Oregon  
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Diana Denman of Texas  
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Jessica Ficken of Massachusetts  
Kyong Yeon of Virginia  
Linda Dye of North Carolina  
Nancy Purcell of Florida  
Orson Maazel of New York and Virginia  
Rebecca Huizenga of Michigan  
Robert Kim  
Sally Jo Messersmith of Michigan  
Sarah Farver of Texas  
Wai Yee Chiong

**Media coverage of NKFC Visit to the South Korean embassy:**

<https://n.news.naver.com/article/448/0000326797>

[https://www.rfa.org/korean/in\\_focus/human\\_rights\\_defector/freedomweek-04302021151500.html?fbclid=IwAR1b1VGbr734OHQ9uNvahdMLI5lhBrZ0b2maA6s06vnmR9PjTSKvK617Rq](https://www.rfa.org/korean/in_focus/human_rights_defector/freedomweek-04302021151500.html?fbclid=IwAR1b1VGbr734OHQ9uNvahdMLI5lhBrZ0b2maA6s06vnmR9PjTSKvK617Rq)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9GPbzeKHp8&t=271s> (Starting from 4:30-)

<https://fb.watch/5I7kP11-FJ/>

[https://www.rfa.org/korean/in\\_focus/human\\_rights\\_defector/nkaid-05172021145245.html?fbclid=IwAR1GleZfccygW-Li7q9bwzbGRB4RYTTGaC63h-FGNGgOgajG6WsJdU2qZJl](https://www.rfa.org/korean/in_focus/human_rights_defector/nkaid-05172021145245.html?fbclid=IwAR1GleZfccygW-Li7q9bwzbGRB4RYTTGaC63h-FGNGgOgajG6WsJdU2qZJl)

<https://defenseforumfoundation.org/north-korea/media-advisory-for-april-30-2021.html>

<https://www.pennmike.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=43397>

<https://www.christiantoday.co.kr/news/339699>



**North Korean defector activist Park Sang-hak (Fighters for Free North Korea) Successfully Sent 500,000 leaflets and other items to North Korea during the 18th NKFW: The Moon Administration Could Not Stop the Balloon Launch**

<https://www.nknews.org/2021/04/activist-says-he-launched-500000-fliers-towards-north-korea-to-defy-new-law/>

Park Sang-hak (Fighters for Free North Korea) launched leaflets in North Korea in defiance of a controversial South Korean law, anti-leaflet law, that could potentially imprison activists who disseminate outside information in North Korea.

**DPRK's Response to Park Sang-hak's Balloon Launch: Kim Yo-jong's Statement**

[http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english\\_edition/e\\_northkorea/993691.html](http://english.hani.co.kr/arti/english_edition/e_northkorea/993691.html)

Kim Yo-jong, vice department director of the Worker's Party of Korea Central Committee, issued a statement Sunday criticizing the Moon administration over the scattering of leaflets by defector groups and warning that North Korea would "look into corresponding action."

**NKFW Chair Suzanne Scholte's interview with Donga Ilbo**

<https://www.donga.com/news/article/all/20210424/106568091/1>