

WHITE PAPER
ON NORTH KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS
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I. WHITE PAPER

1. Purpose

The purpose of the White Paper, published annually by North Korean Human Rights Archives (NKHRA), is to provide objective, systematically researched and analyzed data on human rights violations in North Korea. The lack of objective data on human rights conditions in North Korea, combined with an increasing demand from the international community for such data, makes the publication of this white paper a necessity. Data in the White Paper includes incidents of North Korean human rights violations during the year of publication as well as data related to incidents that have occurred throughout the existence of the DPRK.

2) Objectives

- (1) To provide objective information, free of subjective explanation or description for action on human rights violations in North Korea.
- (2) To use the data to protect and support the victims of human rights abuses in North Korea.
- (3) To permanently record testimony and other evidence before it becomes unavailable.
- (4) To gather basic data from many sources, enabling a detailed analysis of the human rights situation in North Korea.
- (5) To increase awareness of and attention paid to human rights in North Korea.
- (6) To stimulate further research on North Korean human rights.
- (7) To discourage further violations and the encourage improvements in the North Korean human rights situation.

2. Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)

1) Purpose

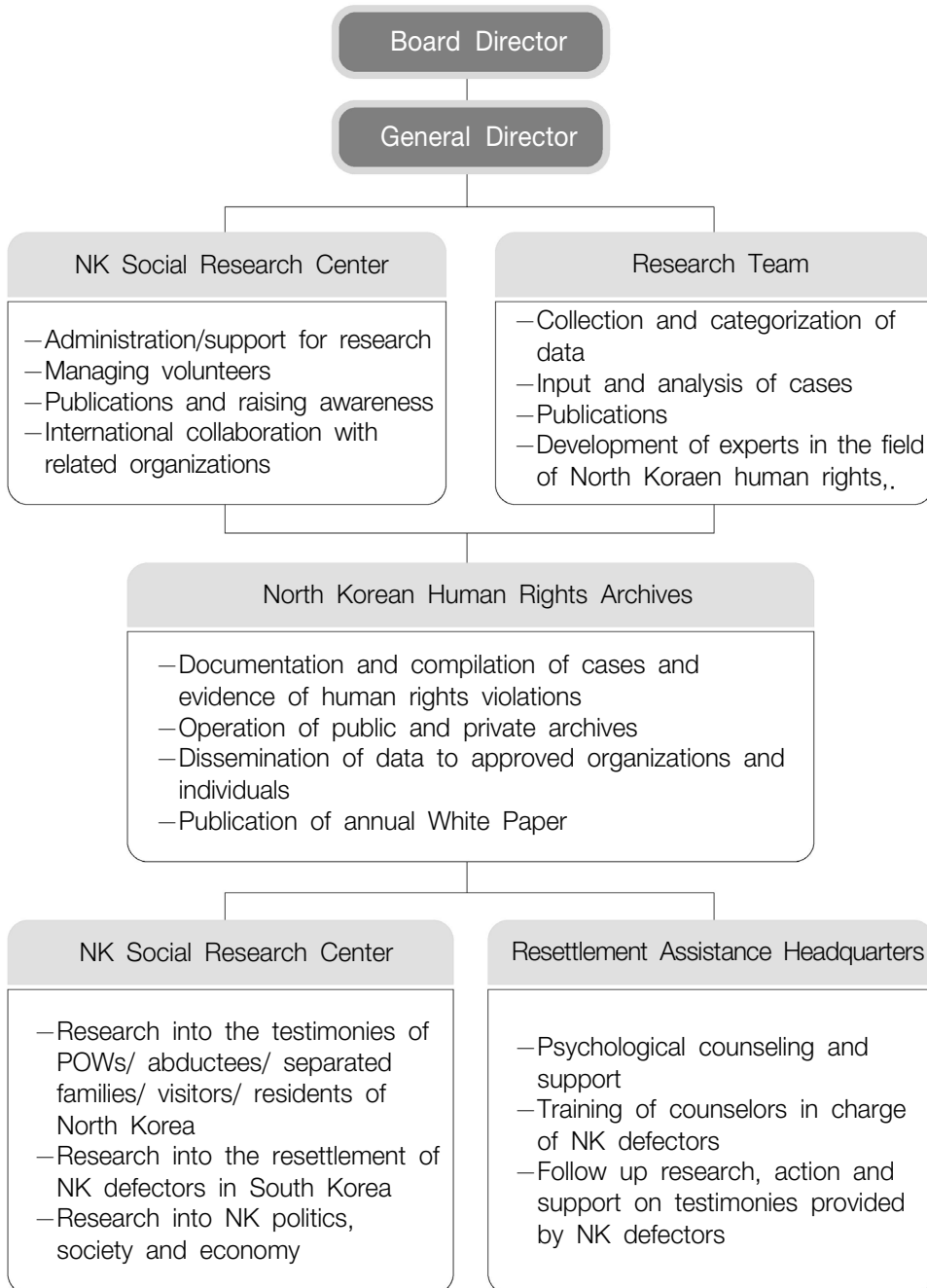
The Database Center for North Korean Human Rights was established in 2003 to improve human rights conditions in North Korea.

2) Objectives and Activities

In order to achieve its purpose, the center executes the following tasks:

- (1) Systematic collection, analysis, verification and archiving of data in the form of testimonies and other evidence on human rights violations in North Korea.
- (2) Construction and operation of the North Korean Human Rights Archives (mainly through maintaining an updated database on cases of human rights violations in North Korea).
- (3) Protection and the provision of assistance to victims in the form of counseling particularly while they are adapting to a new environment.
- (4) Development of a team of experts on North Korean human rights at NKDB in order to enhance its own work and that of other related organizations
- (5) Publications on North Korean human rights including the annual White Paper and other intermittent publications
- (6) Supplying information and data to organizations or individuals who meet the criteria for access to the data
- (7) Publication and research into the South Korean government policy toward North Korea and actual conditions in North Korea
 - Applying data while in the negotiation process with North Korea, and later assisting in the implementation of any actions related to the improvement of human rights:
 - a. Making use of data as a fundamental source in an attempt to verify cases of human rights violations and to restore the victim's reputation.
 - b. Making references to data to investigate and punish perpetrators.
 - c. Developing individuals with skills related to matters of North Korean human rights.
 - d. Raising North Koreans' awareness of human rights.

3) Organization



4) Governing Principles

(1) Respecting principles of impartiality and objectivity

- Maintaining a high standard of impartiality and objectivity by applying the methods of internationally standardized documentation manuals and analysis programs
- Excluding political activism that might impede neutrality
- Securing sources of revenue for operations and maintaining autonomy in the execution of objectives

(2) Defending North Korean human rights on the basis of humanitarianism

- Maximizing the collection of testimonies and evidences to verify cases of human rights violations
- Conducting cross analysis to evaluate the authenticity and credibility of cases of human rights violations
- Cooperating with international human rights organizations, NGOs, mass media, the press and researchers
- Providing access to data and result of DB analysis to qualified researchers

(3) Conducting research while actively safeguarding victims

- Protecting the rights of victims, witnesses and perpetrators, by only releasing data to qualified individuals and organizations
- Operating the counseling team for victim resettlement
- Providing professional psychological service for torture victims suffering from Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

3. North Korean Human Rights Archives (NKHRA)

1) Purpose

The purpose of the North Korean Human Rights Archives is to systematically maintain and manage records and evidence of North Korean human rights through compilation of data on cases of human rights violations by researching and interviewing victims, witnesses, perpetrators and others who may provide relevant testimonies.

2) Organization

NKHRA is a subsidiary organization of NKDB comprising a central database and its sectors, operating public and private archives. The NKHRA is responsible for the documentation and compilation of cases and evidence of human rights violations in North Korea, and releasing the data to qualified researchers.

3) Confidentiality of Data

Information regarding individuals and cases may be released as long as accords the protection of the interested persons' privacy and safety. Any use of only in accordance with provided by the NKHRA must be used in strict accordance with the NKDB's regulations.