



The South Korean Ferry Disaster
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The Truth Shall Not Sink

Losing a loved one to a deadly accident would be anyone's worst nightmare. For hundreds of Korean people, this nightmare has yet to come to an end.

Victims' Families on Hunger Strike

Since April, the families of the victims have been requesting a thorough investigation by the Korean government to find the true cause of the accident and help prevent a similar disaster from happening again. Their cries are falling on deaf ears as President Park Geun-hye and her party continue to ignore their plea. Rather than offering support and condolences for the families to mourn in peace, members of the ruling party manipulated public sentiment by spreading false rumors. The undercover police illegally surveilled the families and riot police violently blocked their peaceful rallies. While the mainstream media remains a broken whistleblower for the public, the families are now on a month-long hunger strike, sleeping on the streets near the National Assembly building in their efforts to find the truth.

Corruption, Negligence, and Deregulation

The illegally remodeled and overloaded ferry was a product of governmental corruption and corporate greed bred by deregulation of safety laws. When coupled with the government's lack of a central emergency response coordinator and President Park's absence for 7 hours after the accident, it was a perfect recipe for a tragic catastrophe. Yet, only a few low-ranking government employees were arrested along with workers of the shipping company following a superficial investigation.

A Special Legislation to Bring Change

The sinking of the Sewol is not just an accident. It is a man-made disaster caused by greed, corruption and incompetence of the government. The only way to prevent history from repeating itself is to find the truth. The victims' families have proposed the Sewol Ferry Act to set up an independent committee with subpoena and prosecutorial powers. It will be the only way for South Korea to restore the grounds for a safe and democratic nation, where liberty and justice prevail.

**Join the victims' families in their fight for truth and justice
by signing an online petition supporting the Sewol Ferry Act.**

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