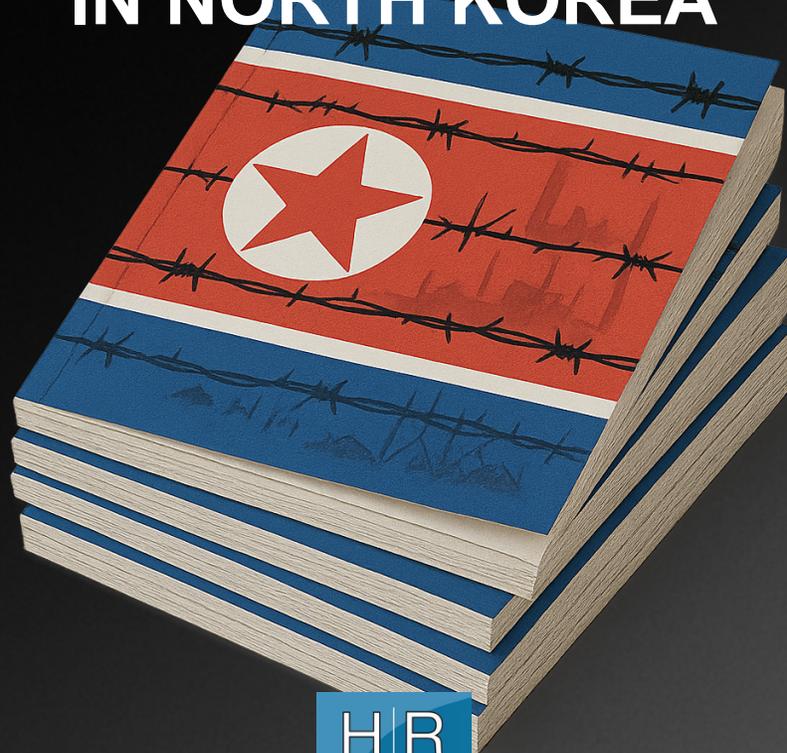


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Unlike earlier totalitarian states and oppressive conduct, the world cannot now lament, “if only we had known...” Now, the world does know. And the question is whether the world will respond effectively and take the necessary action.

Judge Michael Kirby, Chair of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, 2014.

*Kirby, Michael (November 18, 2014). "Kirby: Moment of truth for North Korea over human rights". CNN. <https://web.archive.org/web/20150112144805/http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/18/opinion/north-korea-un-resolution-kirby/>

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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH KOREA

The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (HRNK) is the leading U.S.-based nonpartisan, non-governmental organization (NGO) in the field of North Korean human rights research and advocacy, tasked with focusing international attention on human rights abuses in that country. It is HRNK's mission to persistently remind policymakers, opinion leaders, and the general public that more than 20 million North Koreans need our attention. Since its establishment in October 2001, HRNK has played an important intellectual leadership role in North Korean human rights issues by publishing over 50 major reports (available at <https://www.hrnk.org/publications/hrnk-publications.php>). Recent HRNK reports have addressed issues including North Korea's overseas workers, the influx of outside information into North Korea and the regime's response, the health and human rights of North Korean children, and North Korea's political prison camps.

HRNK is the first and only NGO that solely focuses on North Korean human rights issues to receive consultative status at the United Nations (UN). It was also the first organization to propose that the human rights situation in North Korea be addressed by the UN Security Council. HRNK was directly and actively involved in all stages of the process supporting the work of the UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) on North Korean human rights. Its reports have been cited numerous times in the report of the COI, the reports of the UN Special Rapporteur on North Korean human rights, a report by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, two reports of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and several U.S. Department of State Democratic People's Republic of Korea Human Rights Reports. HRNK has also regularly been invited to provide expert testimony before the U.S. Congress.

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PREFACE

A. Why this Reference Guide Exists

At its core, this reference guide challenges the notion that there is doubt or insufficient data to compel the strongest action by the international community to stop the North Korean regime from committing crimes against humanity.

Despite the opacity of the regime and the lack of direct access, sufficient evidence of broad, grave, and pervasive human rights violations in North Korea does exist. In fact, since the establishment of the DPRK more than sixty years ago, crimes against humanity have been committed by its totalitarian regime and continue to this day. And HRNK works to continue to provide up-to-date data and insights.

This reference guide aims to show with the greatest clarity how a body of knowledge exists; a body of knowledge that is accessible to the general public, that should heavily weigh on policymakers to take strong action, and that is available to researchers and analysts to draw insights from. It spans decades and is increasingly robust.

B. Contents and Inclusion Criteria

This reference guide distinguishes between fact-focused publications and analysis- and policy-focused publications, where the latter draw on the information provided in the former to develop conclusions and recommendations.

Chapters I-V provide an expansive list of fact-focused reports. Chapter VI includes books recounting the experiences of defectors. Chapter VII presents a curated selection of policy-focused publications, chosen by HRNK staff in consultation with external experts. Chapter VIII lists other relevant sources of information that do not fit into the preceding chapters.

This guide limits itself to publications in English. Submissions made by NGOs or state parties to the United Nations, whether as part of treaty-body reviews or Human Rights Council mechanisms, are not included here; instead, the resulting UN reports are listed.

For the purposes of this guide, publications are considered to be “on human rights in North Korea” if they principally:

- Directly cover human rights abuses in North Korea; or
- Examine the regime and leadership in relation to those abuses; or
- Discuss how the situation can be improved and/or how justice may be attained.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

A. Historical Context: The Two Koreas

For centuries, Korea had been a high-ranking tributary state within the Imperial Chinese tributary system. In the late 19th century Japan began to assert greater control over the Korean peninsula, culminating in its annexation in 1910. Korea remained a colony of Japan until Japan's defeat in World War II in 1945.

At the end of World War II, with Japan stripped of its colonial territories, the Korean peninsula was placed under a United Nations trusteeship: the northern half administered by the Soviet Union and the southern half by the United States. The stated plan was to restore Korea as a united and independent country. Disagreements over how and when to implement self-rule led the two territories to establish their own separate and rival governments. The Korean War (1950–1953) was the last attempt to reunify the peninsula by force, but it ended in stalemate and entrenched two very different regimes.

Within the Soviet and American spheres respectively, the North became a Stalinist totalitarian regime continuously led by the Kim family, and the South developed into a capitalist society that, until 1987, experienced short periods of unstable democracy and longer periods of authoritarian rule, including over 25 years under right-wing military governments.

Supported by their allies, both North and South experienced rapid economic growth after the Korean War, but in the 1970s the North's growth faltered while the South's accelerated.

South Korea's period of military autocracy ended in 1987 through mass citizen mobilizations, giving rise to a more stable democracy with a prosperous free-market economy. North Korea, by contrast, remained under a rigid totalitarian regime that never allowed its people to mobilize for reform. Its command economy stagnated in the 1970s and, after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, spiraled into crisis in the 1990s, culminating in a massive famine. To this day, North Korea remains one of the world's most isolated countries, with a struggling economy under an isolationist, militaristic, and totalitarian regime.

* A general history of the two Koreas can be found in these two works: Oberdorfer, Don; Carlin, Robert (December 10, 2013). *Two Koreas: A Contemporary History*. Basic Books. ISBN 978-0465031238. ; Cha, Victor; Pacheco Pardo, Ramon (June 27, 2023). *Korea: A New History of North and South*. Yale University Press. ISBN 978-0300259810.

B. Chronology and Major Themes in Human Rights Reporting on North Korea

The reporting of human rights in the DPRK follows the progression of the modern movement of human rights, which from the 1970s civil society and governmental efforts made violations more visible to the general public and in international politics. [1-3]

Given the opacity of the DPRK's regime, especially before the 1990s, little was known about the situation of human rights. [4-11] The few reports that were issued at that time made note of the lack of concrete information, mostly only being able to describe the general characteristics of the country's political system. [7, 4, 11] Amnesty International, founded in 1961,[12] began to issue some basic reports on the DPRK in 1977. [13,5] In 1979 the US's Department of State also began to cover the DPRK in its Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. [14]

With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and the subsequent North Korean famine of the 1990s, a higher number of individuals began to flee the country and more first-person accounts began to be collected by human rights organizations. [15] That was also followed in the early 2000s by greater availability of satellite imagery. [6] South Korea, having itself transitioned from a military dictatorship to a democracy in the late 1980s, began to publish reports in 1996 through its governmental think tank Korea Institute for National Unification. [16, 17] In the late 1990s and 2000s several NGOs specialized on North Korea emerged and began to publish their own research: Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights (1996), [18, 19] Committee for Human Rights in North Korea (2001), [20-22, 15] Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (2003), [23-25] People for Successful Korean Reunification (2006). [26-29] Around the same time some other world-wide human rights organizations such as Human Rights Watch and Christian Solidarity Worldwide also began to publish reports on the DPRK.

As reports from NGOs and governments began to reveal more details on the human rights situation in the DPRK during the 1990s and 2000s, these concerns were elevated to the United Nations, where various UN bodies and parties also began to express a growing concern on the situation and opacity of the regime. [30-33, 15] The mounting evidence being collected and published by governments and civil society led in 2004 to the establishment of the mandate for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK, issuing reports annually. [34]

The growing amount of information, and the grave situation it increasingly revealed, led the United Nations General Assembly [35] and the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) [36-38] to repeatedly pass resolutions officially expressing their concerns and urging the DPRK's government to change its ways. [31-33, 39]

Ten years later, further joint efforts by the UN Special Rapporteur, governments, and NGOs [18] led to the establishment of a special one-time investigation unprecedented in depth and breadth [40] commissioned by the Human Rights Council, with a landmark report published in 2014. [41, 42, 31, 43, 15] It was deemed the most authoritative report up to that point. [44, 42, 45] The report unequivocally concluded that the DPRK regime committed gross and systematic violations of human rights including freedom of thought, expression and religion; freedom from discrimination; freedom of movement and residence; and the right to food, [43] as well as crimes against humanity entailing "extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment, rape, forced abortions and other sexual violence, persecution on political, religious, racial and gender grounds, the forcible transfer of populations, the enforced disappearance of persons and the inhumane act of knowingly causing prolonged starvation". [31, 46, 47]

The UN's fact-finding process continues to yield periodical reports, which greatly rely on and are underpinned by the also on-going research and publishing conducted by NGOs and governmental agencies. [33, 48, 49, 18, 40, 50, 3]

Increased awareness of human rights abuses has led to efforts in shaping policy and pressuring the North Korean regime. [51] However the pursuit for the improvement of human rights in the DPRK has had to contend with the efforts of preventing a nuclear weapons escalation.[51, 40] Further, the isolationist and totalitarian nature of the regime has also meant that information and freedom of movement of its population as well as that of foreigners is still tightly controlled, making extremely challenging to document abuses on the ground, [50] including having access to imagery (other than satellite imagery) that could inspire greater action. [40]

CHAPTER I. UNITED NATIONS REPORTS

The United Nations has issued four main kinds of reports on the human rights in North Korea.

The first are a series of documents containing recommendations from treaty-based bodies, which are issued by those bodies to each country that is party to them (in contrast to charter-based bodies, of which all UN members are part). The treaty-based bodies that North Korea has joined include the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The first document of this kind was issued in 1998 (Convention on the Rights of the Child); the second in 2001 (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), after a 17-year delay in North Korea submitting the required information to the committee [52, 53]

Prompted by growing evidence provided by human rights NGOs, during the 1990s and 2000s various UN bodies and parties expressed greater concern on the situation of human rights in North Korea and the opacity of the country's government. [30-33, 3] That led to another series of reports started by the UN Commission on Human Rights (the predecessor of the UN Human Rights Council), which established the mandate for the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK in 2004, issuing reports annually [54, 55] These reports are issued in detail to the Human Rights Council, and in a more condensed form to the General Assembly.

The United Nations also conducts a Universal Periodic Review (every 3 or 4 years, in which all UN members are subject to a review of their human rights practices), with the first report on North Korea issued in 2010. [56-59]

Finally, the most notable was the 2014 Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK, considered a landmark document resulting from a special in-depth, one-time investigation commissioned by the Human Rights Council, [41, 42, 31, 43, 18] It was deemed the most authoritative report up to that point. [44, 42, 45]

UN documents can be searched using their "symbol" (i.e: A/HRC/42/10) in two official UN repositories:

UN Digital Library:
<https://digitallibrary.un.org/>

UN ODS (Official Document System):
<https://documents.un.org/>

Additionally, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights also holds a large collection of relevant documentation:
<https://www.ohchr.org/>

A. 2014 Commission of Inquiry

- United Nations Human Rights Council Session 25 **Summary record Report of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** A/HRC/25/63
<https://web.archive.org/web/20140311073546/http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/CoIDPRK/Report/A.HRC.25.63.doc>
- United Nations Human Rights Council Session 25 **Report of the detailed findings of the commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** A/HRC/25/CRP.1 February 7, 2014.
https://web.archive.org/web/20140227104633/http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/CoIDPRK/Report/A.HRC.25.CRP.1_ENG.doc

Additional documentation can be found at:
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230104174749/https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/co-idprk/reportofthe-commissionof-inquiry-dprk>

B. Universal Periodic Review

- Human Rights Council (13th Session) (January 4, 2010), **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Democratic People's Republic of Korea** A/HRC/13/13. <https://web.archive.org/web/20211003202022/https://undocs.org/A/HRC/13/13>
 - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (6th session) (September 18, 2009), **Compilation prepared by the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with with paragraph**

15 (b) of the annex to Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1 -- Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/HRC/WG.6/6/PRK/2).

https://web.archive.org/web/20230211151009/https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/lib-docs/HRBodies/UPR/Documents/Session6/KP/A_HRC_WG6_6_PRK_2_E.pdf

- Human Rights Council (27th Session) (July 2, 2014), **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Democratic People's Republic of Korea** (A/HRC/27/10).
https://web.archive.org/web/20210125233704/https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session27/Documents/A_HRC_27_10_ENG.doc
 - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (HRC 19th session) (July 2, 2014), **Compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in accordance with paragraph 15 (b) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 -- Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/HRC/WG.6/19/PRK/2).**
https://web.archive.org/web/20230211152008/https://upr-info.org/sites/default/files/documents/2014-04/a_hrc_wg.6_19_prk_2_e.pdf
- Human Rights Council (42nd Session) (June 25, 2019), **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Democratic People's Republic of Korea** (A/HRC/42/10)
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230211152452/https://daccess-ods.un.org/tmp/7039813.39931488.html>
 - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (HRC 3rd session) (February 26, 2019), **Compilation on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/WG.6/33/PRK/2).**
https://web.archive.org/web/20230211152706/https://upr-info.org/sites/default/files/documents/2019-04/a_hrc_wg.6_33_prk_2_e.pdf
- Human Rights Council () - NOVEMBER 2024
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (HRC 47th session) (August 6, 2024), **Compilation of information prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/WG.6/47/PRK/2).**
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241106102523/https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/g24/122/67/pdf/g2412267.pdf>

Additional documentation involved in the preparation of the UN's UPR reports can be found here:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20230210132138/https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/kp-index>

Individual reports submitted in the preparation of the UN's UPR reports by stakeholders including human rights and civil society organization, can be found here:

First Cycle:

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Second Cycle:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220308154513/https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRKPStakeholdersInfoS19.aspx>

Third Cycle:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210729012107/https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/UPR/Pages/UPRKPStakeholdersInfoS33.aspx>

C. Secretary General

- **Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Report of the Secretary-General** (A/72/279), (August 3, 2017).
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241213020625/https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n17/243/09/pdf/n1724309.pdf>
- **Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Note by the Secretary-General** (A/74/275/Rev.1), (September 20, 2019).
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241106103937/https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/3827959#record-files-collapse-header>
- **Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Report of the Secretary-General** (A/76/242), (July 28, 2021).
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241106103636/https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n21/208/98/pdf/n2120898.pdf>
- **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December 2021 - 76/177. Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** (A/RES/76/177), (January 10, 2022).
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241106103320/https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n21/403/79/pdf/n2140379.pdf>
- **Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Report of the Secretary-General** (A/77/247), (July 29, 2022).
<https://web.archive.org/web/20241106103320/https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n21/403/79/pdf/n2140379.pdf>
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- **Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Report of the Secretary General (A/79/277)**, (August 5, 2024)
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D. Special Rapporteur - UN Human Rights Council

- UN Human Rights Council (4th session) - Vitit Muntarbhorn (February 7, 2007), **Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Vitit Muntarbhorn (A/HRC/4/15)**.
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<https://web.archive.org/web/20230203190832/https://daccess-ods.un.org/tmp/6485376.95407867.html>
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<https://web.archive.org/web/20230203190941/https://daccess-ods.un.org/tmp/4271399.37877655.html>
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- <https://web.archive.org/web/20230203191043/https://daccess-ods.un.org/tmp/2340227.36549377.html>
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<https://daccess-ods.un.org/access.nsf/Get?OpenAgent&DS=A/HRC/40/66&Lang=E>
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The *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* issued by the DOS noted each year the difficulty of obtaining detailed, up-to-date information, relying instead on sparse data collected over several years. This was especially the case during the 1970s and 1980s, and began to change in the 1990s with more witness accounts, though the reports continued to note the lack of detailed and timely information [8]. As more reports became available, the DOS and USCIRF reports frequently cited publications from the United Nations, South Korea's Korea Institute for National Unification (starting in 1996), nonprofits (especially the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea and the Database Center for North Korean Human Rights, since their establishment in the 2000s), and the press [48].

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A. Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights

The Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights (NKHR; South Korea-based nonprofit founded in 1996) works in researching and disseminating information about the human rights violations in North Korea. It also runs assistance programs for North Korean defectors. [18, 76, 19]

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The Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB; South Korea-based nonprofit founded in 2003) [25-27] specializes in collecting and analyzing human rights abuses and maintaining a database, which as of 2022 included the accounts of over 52,000 individuals and 82,000 cases of human rights violations [78].

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CHAPTER VII. ESSENTIAL WORKS: EXPERT RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter stands apart from the others in this reference guide. We invited experts on North Korea to provide their recommendations for essential readings especially suited to time-constrained policymakers seeking to engage with human rights issues in North Korea.

Each contributor was asked to recommend both their own most relevant work and other leading works in the field. Some suggestions overlap with titles already listed elsewhere in this report. Some works were endorsed by multiple experts, while others reflect individual perspectives; this guide does not distinguish between the two, but presents all selections together. The list is not intended to be read in full but rather to provide a selection of key works from which readers can identify the most useful for their needs. It encompasses publications of many kinds, including both fact-focused and policy-focused works.

In inviting contributions, we sought a diversity of perspectives to more broadly represent the field, irrespective of whether the recommended works align with one another or with HRNK.

Expert contributors include Andrei Lankov (Kookmin University), Andrew Yeo (Brookings Institution), Dong-ho Han (Korean Institute for National Unification; KINU), Gi-Wook Shin (Stanford University-Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center), Hyunwoo Noh (Human Rights Research division, KINU), Joshua Stanton (Institute of Corea-American Studies Fellow; founder of OneFreeKorea), Kwang-jin Kim (Institute for National Security Strategy), Michael Kirby (Former chair of the UN COI). Some contributors chose not to be identified by name.

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CHAPTER VIII: OTHER RESOURCES

- The **Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (NKDB)**; South Korea) maintains a “Unified Human Rights Database”; a digital repository aggregating testimonies, data, and case records of human rights violations in North Korea. As of their latest public figures, the database contains information on over 88,000 cases of human rights violations documented from the accounts of more than 57,000 individuals. The collection draws from memoirs, questionnaires, and in-depth interviews.
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- The **North Korea International Documentation Project (NKIDP)**; United States) is part of the Wilson Center’s History and Public Policy Program and functions as a clearinghouse of declassified archival materials related to the DPRK. It gathers and publishes primary documents from the archives of North Korea’s former communist allies, including the Soviet Union, China, East Germany, Romania, Hungary, Poland, and Albania, providing insight into North Korea’s foreign relations, military policies, inter-Korean affairs, and Cold War dynamics. Through working papers, e-dossiers, briefing books, and a publicly accessible digital archive, NKIDP aims to make formerly opaque documentary evidence available to scholars, policymakers, and the broader public.
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- The **North Korean Archives Project**, a joint effort by the Citizens’ Alliance for North Korean Human Rights (NKHR) and Poland’s Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), began with Polish sources – particularly files in the IPN archives – but stated their plans to expand by collaborating with other national authorities in the European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of Secret Police Files. Its stated goal is to shed light on North Korean state security operations, provide contextual evidence for institutional abuses, and support accountability initiatives, human rights research, and truth-seeking efforts.
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That effort was followed by the creation of a list of publications on human rights in North Korea, which HRNK first published as a Wikipedia article on September 10, 2018:³

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fact-finding_reports_on_human_rights_in_North_Korea

This reference guide builds and expands on that work. New information published here may subsequently be freely published in Wikipedia by HRNK staff or any other editors.

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APPENDIX: WORKS BY THE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH KOREA

As a prerogative of the publishing institution of this reference guide, we include in this appendix a detailed list of HRNK's published works.

HRNK has issued four main types of reports: reports analyzing the situation in prison camps, reports on other human rights issues in the country, reports on North Korea's leadership and institutions, and policy briefings addressed to the international community. All of these are presented here. In addition, some submissions to the United Nations, as well as U.S. congressional expert testimony, are also listed below.

A. Prison Camps

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