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NORTH KOREANS' LONG STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

VIDEO

BANQUET

SEOUL DYNAMIC CITY SHOTS

ARCHIVE FAMINE SHOTS

ARCHIVES

MILITARY PARADES

STARVING PEOPLE ON STREET

AUDIO

CHANYANG JU: (In Korean) F

My name is Chanyang Ju. I am 25 years old (4)

NARRATION

Just a few years ago, Chanyang never imagined that life would take her here, to this land of such plenty. (7)

She and her family now live in Seoul, South Korea's dynamic capital city. // But they are from one of the most isolated and repressive nations on earth – where she spent most of her childhood starving. (15)

Chanyang grew up in North Korea also known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or DPRK which, in the 1990s, suffered an immense famine. // According to United Nations estimates, up to two million people died of starvation. (19)

CHANYANG ON CAMERA

CHANYANG JU: (In Korean) F

“My mother and father, in order to make our stomachs full, would gather small grains and mix them with lots of dried vegetable leaves. We couldn’t even imagine ourselves having rice.” (14)

NARRATION

The tragic division of the two Koreas took place decades ago // when in 1950 the peninsula was torn apart by one of the most brutal civil wars the world has seen. (13)

The United Nations Security Council intervened, dispatching both a ceasefire order and a UN force. For three years, both diplomats and troops struggled to restore peace (12)

Eventually, a 2-mile wide buffer zone was established between the two sides. But, despite the ceasefire, the two countries are technically still at war with each other. (13)

Marzuki Darusman, an independent expert, is tasked by the United Nations Human Rights Council to investigate violations of people’s rights in North Korea (10)

DARUSMAN: (In English) M

“This is a system that has no parallel in the modern world in terms of its hold on its own people, in terms of its massive scale of human rights violations and in terms of its totalistic control of the very lives of its individual citizens.”

DARUSMAN ON CAMERA

WAR FOOTAGE

(17)

NARRATION

Barred from entering North Korea, Mr. Darusman visits neighbouring countries. Today, in South Korea, he's at the Ministry of Unification which has responsibility for reuniting the two Koreas ...(14)

DARUSMAN AT KOREA INSTITUTE
FOR UNIFICATION

UP NAT SOT HAND SHAKE

Then, at the UN Human Rights Headquarters in Seoul, he meets young people among them is Chanyang. (8)

B-ROLL AT LIBERTY OFFICE

DARUSMAN AT MEETING WITH
SOKEEL AND YOUNG DEFECTORS

Chanyang explains how she finally escaped. (4)

CHANYANG (In Korean) F

"I swam across the river. // and went into China." (8)

NARRATION

She underwent a dangerous onward journey through Thailand and was finally reunited with her family, who escaped separately, in South Korea. (9)

NAT SOT TV SHOW

Chanyang being interviewed on national TV show

NAT SOT RADIO STATION

RADIO SHOW HOST: (In Korean)

RECORDING OF RADIO SHOW

"We have a special guest today, Chanyang Ju."

(4)

CHANYANG ON CAMERA

CHANYANG: (In Korean) F

"When I was in North Korea, I risked my life listening to the voice of the outside world, very, very secretly. I believe that there are other people there who are listening to this, just like I did." (16)

NARRATION

And Mr. Darusman's priority now is to help bring those responsible for the violations, to justice. The Reports on his findings go to the highest level – here at the General Assembly in New York. (13)

NAT SOT FROM GA

(DPRK delegation response) *"Mr. President, as representative of the country concerned, we would like once again to categorically reject the Special Rapporteur and his report on the human rights situation in the DPRK. This special rapporteur and his report constitutes extreme manifestation of politicization, selectivity and double standards."* (22)

DARUSMAN: (In English) M

"It will take time but it will finally reach that moment of truth, and that there is light at the end of the tunnel there." (11)

CHANYANG: (In Korean) F

MONTAGE OF NEON LIGHTS / TALL
BUILDINGS / TRAFFIC IN SEOUL

“The reason I’m doing all these things is that I want to say to the people of North Korea - this freedom exists and these rights as a human-being exist. They shouldn’t give up on their lives. Even though we are divided now, I want to encourage them to gain strength, until we meet again one day.” (25)

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