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## **Testimony on North Korean Human Rights before the US House of Representatives**

- 2 pm on Wednesday, June 18, 2014

- Hearing of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health Rights,  
and International Organizations

- Dr. Chang-hoon Shin, Research Fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies, will testify before the US House of Representatives Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health Rights, and International Organizations on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 2:00pm at the 2200 Rayburn House Office Building.
- The briefing and hearing will be held on “Human Rights Abuses and Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea.” It is the first examination of the working conditions, environment, safety, and health concerns of workers in North Korean nuclear facilities.
- The discussion includes human rights abuses against these workers, including severe exposure to radiation, and related radiation poisoning and diseases.
- The testimonial evidence shows that substantial human rights violations are being committed and the lives of many workers are being sacrificed in the course of North Korea’s pursuit of nuclear weapons.
- This testimony will provide the international community with additional evidence of the dangers of North Korea’s nuclear program and the continuing human rights violations occurring in the DPRK.

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- Please click on the following link for further information on the subcommittee hearing.  
<http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-briefing-and-hearing-human-rights-abuses-and-crimes-against-humanity-north>

The witnesses are:

**The Honorable Andrew Natsios**

Co-Chair

The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea

**Shin Chang-Hoon, Ph.D**

Director

Center for Global Governance

Asan Institute for Policy Studies

**Mr. Shin Dong-hyuk**

Survivor of North Korean prison camp

The briefer is:

**The Honorable Lee Jung-hoon**

Ambassador-at-Large for Human Rights

Republic of Korea