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WOMAN CONFESSES TO BEING NORTH KOREAN AGENT, DESTROYING JET

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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (AP) A YOUNG WOMAN CONFESSED TODAY SHE WAS A COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN AGENT WHO HELPED DESTROY A SOUTH KOREAN JETLINER, KILLING ALL 115 PEOPLE ABOARD, SAYING THE ACTION WAS MEANT TO DISRUPT THE 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES.

KIM HYON HUI TOLD A NATIONALLY TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCE THAT SHE AND A MALE COMPANION PLACED POWERFUL BOMBS ON A KOREAN AIR PLANE THAT WAS DESTROYED NOV. 29 OVER THE ANDAMAN SEA NEAR BURMA.

''IT IS NATURAL THAT I SHOULD BE PUNISHED AND KILLED A HUNDRED TIMES FOR MY SIN,'' THE 25-YEAR-OLD WOMAN SAID IN A BARELY AUDIBLE VOICE.

MS. KIM SAID SHE WAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE PLANE BY KIM JONG IL, SON AND HEIR OF TOP NORTH KOREAN LEADER KIM IL SUNG, TO SCARE OTHER NATIONS INTO STAYING AWAY FROM THE GAMES, TO BE HELD IN SEOUL IN SEPTEMBER.

SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO CONCEAL HER IDENTITY UNDER INTERROGATION TO PROTECT KIM JONG IL, WHO SHE CALLED ''DEAR LEADER,'' AND THAT SHE TOOK A PERSONAL OATH OF LOYALTY TO HIM.

''I HAD DENIED BEING INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT TO KEEP SECRET THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEAR LEADER,'' SHE SAID, DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY THE AGENCY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING.

THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT DEMANDING THAT NORTH KOREA APOLOGIZE FOR THE 'BARBAROUS' DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANE AND PUNISH THOSE INVOLVED IN THE PLOT.

DEFENSE MINISTER CHUNG HO-YONG ORDERED ALL MILITARY UNITS ON ALERT, SAYING NORTH KOREA COULD STAGE A MILITARY PROVOCATION AFTER MS. KIM'S CONFESSION. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STUDYING POSSIBLE RETALIATORY MEASURES, BUT GAVE NO DETAILS.

''OUR ARMY IS ISSUING A STERN WARNING AGAINST NORTH KOREAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND AT THE SAME TIME WE, ALONG WITH OUR PEOPLE, DENOUNCE NORTH KOREA'S BARBAROUS ACT,'' HE SAID.

OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHO DEMANDED ANONYMITY, SAID CHUNG'S STATEMENT WAS A WARNING TO THE NORTH AGAINST FURTHER PLOTS AND IT WAS UNLIKELY THE SOUTH WOULD TAKE ANY MILITARY ACTION.

NORTH KOREA, WHICH HAS BEEN DEMANDING TO CO-HOST THE GAMES, HAS DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE PLANE. SOUTH KOREA AND THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HAVE REJECTED THE CO-HOSTING DEMAND.

SOUTH KOREAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAID MS. KIM IS THE DAUGHTER OF A NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMAT. SHE WAS TRAINED BY THE NORTH'S SECRET SERVICES FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS AND RECEIVED MEDALS IN 1985 AND 1987 FOR OUTSTANDING WORK, THEY SAID.

THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAID MS. KIM WAS A CHILD ACTRESS WHO STARRED IN TWO FILMS AND HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR ESPIONAGE TRAINING BECAUSE OF HER ''OUSTANDING BEAUTY, TALENT AND FAMILY BACKGROUND.''

MS. KIM SAID SHE AND VETERAN NORTH KOREAN AGENT KIM SUNG IL PUT THE BOMB ABOARD THE PLANE. SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS SAID POWERFUL EXPLOSIVES TORE THE PLANE TO PIECES AS IT WAS FLYING AT HIGH ALTITUDE.

TRAVELING ON FORGED JAPANESE PASSPORTS, MS. KIM AND HER COMPANION FLEW ON THE PLANE ON THE FIRST LEG OF ITS FLIGHT FROM BAGHDAD TO ABU DHABI, IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

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THEY GOT OFF THE PLANE THERE AND LEFT THE BOMB WRAPPED IN A BAG IN AN OVERHEAD BAGGAGE LOCKER.

THE PAIR TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY BITING INTO CYANIDE CAPSULES HIDDEN IN CIGARETTE FILTERS WHEN AUTHORITIES IN BAHRAIN QUESTIONED THEM AFTER THE PLANE DISAPPEARED. THE MAN DIED BUT MS. KIM SURVIVED.

MS. KIM SAID TODAY SHE REALIZED AFTER BEING EXTRADITED TO SEOUL WITH THE BODY OF HER COMPANION DEC. 15 THAT THE SOUTH WAS NOT A SLAVE STATE RUN BY THE UNITED STATES AS SHE HAD BEEN TAUGHT.

SHE SAID SHE WAS SHOCKED TO SEE HOW OPEN AND WEALTHY THE SOUTH WAS AFTER SHE WATCHED LOCAL TELEVISION AND WAS TAKEN ON CAR TRIPS.
''I COULD FEEL FREEDOM,'' SHE SAID.

MS. KIM, WHO REFERRED TO HERSELF AS A CRIMINAL, SAID SHE WAS SPEAKING OUT IN THE HOPE OF HELPING TO AVOID SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

''I CAME OUT HERE HOPING SUCH VIOLENT, MEANINGLESS INCIDENTS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE FUTURE AND I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE DEAD AND THE PEOPLE HERE BY DISCLOSING THE TRUTH,'' SHE SAID.

SOUTH KOREAN OFFICIALS SAID MS. KIM FACES PROSECUTION UNDER STATE SECURITY LAWS THAT COULD INCLUDE BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH BY HANGING IF FOUND GUILTY.

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