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Executive Summary

Republic of Korea implements a mandatory military service system, not recognizing the right to at all conscientious objection to military service and not having in place any form of systematic provision for conscientious objectors. As of February, of 2004, there are 521 conscientious objectors incarcerated in prisons, and each year, approximately 700 conscientious objectors are being punished. The majority of conscientious objectors in the Republic of Korea are members of Jehovah's Witnesses, with a few members of churches such as the Seventh Day Adventist also in existence. Without exception, conscientious objectors are subject to 18 months to 2 years imprisonment. Stricter standards are applied to conscientious objectors when considering parole compared to other prisoners, and even after they have served their term, they are disadvantaged for life, as they lose their right to enter public services and their choice of employment becomes restricted due to their criminal record.

With the North and South Koreas having been at a military standoff, anti-communism and national security has been the central ideal governing over South Korean society. During the 30 years of military dictatorship, the right to freedom of thought and conscience could always be restricted under the name of national security, and any who dared to object or resist would be subject to harsh punishments, even to the point of losing their lives. Objecting to military service, especially, was unimaginable. Since military dictatorship ended in the 1990's, South Korean society has been going through a process of democratization in many areas, and concerns for human rights have improved greatly; however, national security continues to be an issue of primary importance and as a result, mandatory military service still takes precedence over human rights or individual human security concerns.

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During the past 50 years, approximately 10,000 members of Jehovah's Witnesses have objected to military service, which, as a group, makes up the highesthighest number of imprisoned conscientious objectors to military service in the world. However, the government has yet to taken any action on their behalf. The government of Republic of Korea has the responsibility, as a partymember state toof the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and it should, to respect the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and to report the state of human rights in the Republic of Korea to the relevant UN bodies regularly; however, it has, to this point, failed to ever report its shortcomings in the area of conscientious objection to military service to the UN. The Ministry of Defense, citing concerns such as special security concerns in the Korean peninsula and maintaining equal treatment in military service, continues to oppose implementing a system of alternative services. Also opposing a system of alternative services are conservative Christian groups in the Republic of Korea, which consider Jehovah's Witnesses to be a heretic sect.

Even so, conscientious objectors to military service continue to declare their objection each year. Recently, with the declaration of objection to military service by non-religious conscientious objectors with anti-war, pacifist beliefs, the issue of

conscientious objection to military service is moving beyond human rights concerns, developing into a non-violent movement for peace.

In conclusion, the main concerns of MINBYUN-Lawyers for a Democratic Society and War Resisters' International are:

1. the Llack of any provision recognizing the right to conscientious objection, in breach of Article 18 of the ICCPR;

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- 2. Imprisonment of conscientious objectors as a result of this, and especially repeated imprisonment, which is in breach of the principle *non bis in idem*, as outlined by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in its Recommendation No 2:
- 3. Social discrimination of conscientious objectors after their punishment, especially restriction on work in public administration and a criminal record.

1. The Military Service System of the Republic of Korea

1.1 Outline of Military Service Regulations

Military Service in the Republic of Korea operates under a universal conscription system, according to the Military Service Act. Those who are eligible for conscription are assigned to one of two categories of service: active military service or supplementary military service. The period of the active military service is 24 to 28 months¹ and includes 5 weeks of basic military training. Those who complete active military service duties are subsequently assigned to the reserve forces and must perform approximately 160 hours of military training for a period of 8 years. The period of service for supplementary military service is 28 to 32 months and includes 4 weeks of basic military training, as required by the Military Service Act of the Republic of Korea. Supplementary military service, a form of alternative labour service, is granted based on factors such as physical or mental deficiencies, level or quality of academic achievements, special family circumstances, or being skilled in a special or unusual profession, as specified under the Military Service Act. According to Articles 26-33 Military Service Act supplementary military service will mainly be performed as public service personnel at national or local government agencies, public organizations, or in social welfare facilities, for the purpose of public interests. Those who complete supplementary military service are then also transferred to the reserve forces. However, the Military Service Act does not have any regulation for a genuine civilian alternative services for genuine civilian alternative services for conscientious objectors.

Among the total male population of 48,000,000 in Korea, approximately 690,000 are assigned to active military service duties while approximately 140,000 are assigned to supplementary military service duties, of which 60,000 in public administration and 80,000 in "designated enterprises". According to statistics from the Office of Military Manpower Administration, during the first half of 2001, 4,916 men, or 2.6% of those who received physical examinations for military service, were exempted from active military service due to physical or mental deficiencies or because they were engaged in special professions or had special qualifications. Those who were qualified as such specialists could fulfill their supplementary military service duties by working as a researcher or technician at a company. All others who are eligible for supplementary service are limited to those with physical or mental deficiencies or special family circumstances, which are subject to the judgment and decision of the Office of Military Manpower Administration, under the current Military Service Act. Therefore, those who are determined as eligible for active military service are not given any opportunity for alternative labour service in the supplementary military service. Furthermore, supplementary military service also includes 4 weeks of basic military training. Since conscientious objectors refuse to receive such military training, they are rejected even

¹ Under the revised Military Service Act passed by the National Assembly in August 2003, the periods of active military service and supplementary military service were each shortened by two months. Accordingly, since October 2003, the period of active military service has been 24 months in the Army, 26 months in the Navy, and 28 months in the Air Force. Unlike the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are under a voluntary military service system. The reduction in the period of military service was in fulfillment of a promise given by the ruling and opposition political parties during the past presidential campaign.

² 2000 "White Paper of National Defense."

when they are trained in special or unusual professions, as applied to alternative labour services. The Military Service Act only has stipulations for punishment on the non-performance of military service duties³. It has to be highlighted that the Military Service Act dos not include any provision for conscientious objection. The UN Special Rapporteur on Religious Freedom pointed out in his report of 2001, that this is not in compliance with Article 18 of the ICCPR, especially general comment Nno. 22.⁴.

1.2 Social Aspects of Military Service

In the society of South Korea, matters relating to the military and national security have a very complicated history and ideological background. The military and national security in the Republic of Korea, the only divided country in the world, have been deemed an absolute necessity directly related to survival, and political regimes have furthered this concept, taking advantage of this situation to maintain their power. The military thus became a sacred ground of sorts during the 30-year-period of military dictatorship, far off from the monitoring of civilian groups. As a result, serious infringements of human rights have occurred inside the military, where injustice and corruption ran rampant. Although the society has improved and democracy has been furthered in many areas of society, within the military changes have only been implemented very slowly. It is a well-known secret that people of privileged classes have their sons exempted from military service by manipulating their power or wealth. The military is understood among the people to be a place where those who lack financial or political power are forced to go, to the extent that the system of military service has been described as "the poor man's draft." This has led to a great deal of social indignation and sense of deprivation. In fact, the extent of effect this issue has in society was demonstrated during the past presidential election, when the suspected draft evasion of a candidate's son was a major factor in his defeat in the election.

This issue of inequality in the draft system has made conscientious objection to military service seem to be another manipulative tool for a privileged classes, rather than a possible solution for the problems within the military system. Furthermore, the personal experiences of those subject to this thus far, have never managed to challenge the system of mandatory military service for the past 50 years, and have given rise to the sense among the general public that a certain level of human rights violations is inevitable within the military.

The long-standing division of the nation, the conscription system, and the militarization of the whole society by military dictatorship regimes, underlie such social recognition of military service. And after the Roh Mu-Hyun administration took office, as the withdrawal or redeployment of the U.S. forces in the Republic of Korea has become an issue, the position that the national defense budget should be increased and Korean

³ The provisions of Article 88 of the Military Service Act stipulates the imprisonment of three years or less for objection to active military service, and provisions of Article 90 of the Military Service Act stipulates the imprisonment of 6 months or less or a fine of up to 2 million won for objection to military training of the reserve forces.

⁴ Report submitted by Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, in accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/40 (paragraphs 65-68), 15 January 2003, http://www.hri.ca/fortherecord2003/documentation/commission/e-cn4-2003-66.htm

military forces be strengthened in order to keep and protect the Korean peninsula with the military power of South Korean forces alone, is gaining momentum.

2. Conscientious Objection to Military Service

The Republic of Korea is a party to the ICCPR. Although the right to conscientious objection is derived from Article 18 ICCPR, the Republic of Korea does not recognizse this right. During the 50 years since the conscription system was adopted, the punishment of conscientious objectors has never been challenged at all ostensibly due to reasons such as Korea's unique security situation. Conscientious objectors have suffered legal sanctions and severe social discrimination on account of their objection. Despite this situation, the number of conscientious objectors hasve continually increased year after year, and conscientious objection has now become a major social issue.

2.1 Present Situation

As of February, 2004, there were 521 conscientious objectors in prisons in the Republic of Korea.⁵ The number of conscientious objectors who have been punished since the first case was reported during the Japanese occupation in 1939 has increased to about 10,000. The recent trend shows an average of 700 conscientious objectors to military service each year choosing prison over taking up arms: 683 in 2000, 804 in 2001, 734 in 2002, and 498 in 2003.

Table1. Imprisoned Conscientious Objectors by Year

| Year | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of Persons | 233 | 437 | 355 | 403 | 474 | 513 | 683 | 804 | 734 | 498 |

Most of the conscientious objectors in the Republic of Korea are Jehovah's Witnesses, with a handful being Seventh Day Adventists and others.

The division of the nation, North and South, has furthered the custom of holding military service as a sacred practice in the Republic of Korea and made it difficult for outsiders to present any opposition to the military's internal affairs, so the state of human rights related to the military has been outside the concern of the general public, and cases of conscientious objection have been hardly discussed. Under such circumstances, Jehovah's Witnesses, who make up the vast majority of the conscientious objectors in the Republic of Korea, have suffered dual social discriminations not only being given legal punishment for their objection and but also being branded as abnormal citizens and religious fanatics

In addition to the legal punishment for their conscientious objection, those who refuse military service must live with the social stigma of being a military service evader and a criminal record throughout their lives, which prevents them from working in government agencies and they are often rejected by private companies when their criminal records are checked. The Military Service Act places restrictions on employment for

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⁵ See Attachment 1

government jobs or for public organizations on those who have not completed their military service except for the reasons permitted under the law.⁶. Also, the legal punishments placed on objectors were often arbitrary.

However, the general public was oblivious even to the existence of such individuals in their society.

Of special concern are cases of repeated punishment:

• **Ko**, **Jae-sun** worked as an special industrial technician at Daekwang Diecasting Co.,Ltd. in Osan, Kyunggi-do from October 2002 to May 2002. He objected to the writ for three weeks' basic military training on May 6, 2002 and conscripted to active military service on October 31, 2002, but objected to it and the judge gave him a suspended sentence for the reason that the objector might change his religious beliefs. He was eligible for re-conscription because his sentence was less than 1 year and 6 months. Requested the prosecutor to appeal to the higher court to prevent him from becoming imprisoned twice, but rejected. Conscripted to active military service on November, 2003. Re-objected to it and detained. The judge used his authority to release Mr. Ko on bail, but the case is still pending.

The United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has repeatedly dealt with the issue of repeated imprisonment of conscientious objectors. Most recently in Opinion 24/2003 the Working Group said that "very much along the line of its reasoning in its Opinion No 36/1999, also bearing in mind its Recommendation No 2 on Detention of conscientious objectors (E/CN4/2001/14 paragraphs 91 to 94) the Working Group is of the opinion that if after an initial conviction the persons condemned exhibit, for reasons of conscience, a constant resolve not to obey the subsequent summons, penalties for disobedience have the same content and purpose - compel an individual to serve in the army. Therefore the second and subsequent penalties are not compatible with the principle of non bis in idem, as borne out of article 14, paragraph 7, of the ICCPR ... Moreover, repeated penalties for the disobedience to serve in the military would be tantamount to compelling someone to change his mind for fear of being deprived of his liberty if not for life, at least until the date at which citizens cease to be liable to military service"

The issue of conscientious objection in the Republic of Korea started being publicized in 2001, when a weekly magazine reported that numerous conscientious objectors had been punished and there were still hundreds of them in prisons. At the end of 2001, Tae-Yang Oh, a 26-year-old Buddhist and pacifist, declared he is also a conscientious objector providing an example to discredit the bias that conscientious objection is a fanatic act of a particular religion. Furthermore, in February 2002, "The Korea Solidarity for Conscientious Objection (KSCO)" consisting of about 30 civic groups was se

⁶ Article 76 of the Military Service Act

United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Arbitrary Detention: Opinion No 24/2003 (ISRAEL), 28 November 2003

formed, and it began to conduct a campaign for the protection of the right to conscientious objection. After the announcement of conscientious objection to military service by Tae-yang Oh, another Buddhist and other conscientious objectors who objected based on non-religious, personal or political reasons began to appear publicly, totaling 11 persons until now (See Table 2).

In November 2003, Cheol-min Kang, a 22-year-old soldier, who in opposition to the Korean government's decision to dispatch troops to Iraq refused to return from his vacation to military service, was indicted on the charge of desertion from military service. The fact that soldiers, who should be protecting the territory and people of their home country, were being asked to participate in what he perceived to be a war of invasion made him question seriously the role of the military and his position within it. He held that the decision to dispatch soldiers to Iraq clearly violates the Constitutional provision against wars of invasions and stated that he will continue to refuse serving in the military until the decision to dispatch soldiers to Iraq is reversed. Cheol-min Kang's objection to military service, which raised a societal question about the very purpose of the military, was the first instance of an objection to military service by a soldier on active duty. In light of the stipulations in 1998 resolution8 of the UN Commission on Human Rights which provide that soldiers on active military duty can object to military service, it is evident that the military authorities' punishment of Cheol-Min Kang is doubtless a violation of the duty of an International Human Rights Convention member state.

Table2. Current Status of Buddhist or Non-religious Conscientious Objectors

| Name | Name Occupation | | Reason for objection | Current status |
|----------------------|--|----------|---|---------------------------|
| Tae-yang Oh | yang Oh Buddhist, pacifist 12.17.01 Buddhist doctrin | | Pacifist according to the Buddhist doctrine that prohibits taking of life | unrestrained, on trial |
| Ho-geun Yu (28) | Member of Democracy Labor Party | 07.09.02 | pacifist | free on bail, on trial |
| Chi-yun Lim(26) | University Student | 07.30.02 | pacifist | on trial |
| Dong-hyeok Na(27) | University Student | 09.12.02 | pacifist | free on bail, on trial |
| Jun-ho Choi(23) | Graduate from <i>Pulmu</i> Agriculture Technology School | 03.03 | ecological pacifist | imprisoned |

⁸ UN Commission for Human Rights, Resolution 1998/77

| Do-hyeong Kim(24) | Buddhist, University Student | 04.30.03 | pacifist according to religious beliefs | unrestrained, |
|------------------------|--|----------|--|---------------------------|
| Seong-hwan Lim(28) | President of Outsider Publishers | 07.01.03 | pacifist | unrestrained, on trial |
| Tae-hun Lim(29) | Representative of LGBT group, Korea Section of Amnesty International | 07.22,03 | pacifist, opposition to the conscription authorities which judges sexual minorities as mentally disordered persons | in prison, on trial |
| Chang-geun Yeom(28) | Graduate School Student, participating in anti-Iraq war peace group | 11.13.03 | pacifist | free on bail, on trial |
| Cheol-Min Gang(23) | Private of the Army | 11.21.03 | Opposition to the dispatch of Korean soldiers to Iraq | in prison, on trial |
| Min Yeong(25) | joy3.net, a labor culture broadcast | 01.26.04 | pacifist | on investigation |

As conscientious objection to military service became an important social issue in Korean society, university students who have not yet been conscripted formed a so-called 'Preliminary Objection Movement' in September 2002, declaring their objection to military service in advance⁹.

2.2 Punishment

Under the Korean Military Service Act, there is no provision for the right to conscientious objection, and thus there are no provisions for a genuine civilian alternative service for conscientious objectors. Therefore, conscientious objectors in the Republic of Korea are, without exception, punished with imprisonment of three years or less on the charge of mutiny under the provisions of Article 44 of the Military Penal Code or on the charge of military service evasion under the provisions of Article 88 of the Military Service Act. After discharge from active military service, anyone who objects to an assignment to reserve forces is punished with a fine of 2 million won or less or imprisonment of 6 months under the provisions of Article 90 of the Military Service Act.

⁹ Press interviews of Dong-hyeok Na, a conscientious objector, and students who declared their stance as preliminary conscientious objectors (9.12. 2002)

Prior to mid-2001, almost all objectors to military service were forced to enlist and report to the barracks; therefore, all objectors were automatically sentenced, on the charge of mutiny, to 2 or 3 years imprisonment, the maximum sentence available under the law¹⁰. However, since the customary practice of forced enlistment by the Military Manpower Administration was abolished in 2001, most conscientious objectors today refuse to enlist, and are punished under the Military Service Act. They are now being sentenced to one and a half years to two years imprisonment by civilian courts. Under the Military Service Act, those who are sentenced to imprisonment of one and a half years or more are exempted from military service in Korea¹¹. Therefore, those who serve prison sentences are no longer conscripted for military service. Currently most civilian courts sentence conscientious objectors for a period of one and a half years, which releases them from military service under the law.

Conscientious objectors to military service in reserve forces, on the other hand, are repeatedly called for military training in reserve forces even after being subject to punishment once for their objection to military training. The fact that objectors are subject to repeated punishments for the same offense is a serious matter and the total amount of fines from such punishments are of an amount that can threaten livelihoods. Recently, a conscientious objector to military training in reserve forces was sentenced, on separate occasions, to imprisonments of 10 months and 8 months. Although this conscientious objector served in prison for over one and a half years, since each of the prison terms, on its own, did not reach the one and a half year threshold, the vicious circle of summoning him for military training and punishing him for his objection continues.

Cases of Conscientious Objectors to the military service of the Reserve Forces:

• Hong-gi Choi became one of Jehovah's Witnesses after being discharged from active military service in 1999 and began to object to the military training of the reserve forces. Through summary proceedings, he was sentenced to pay a fine of 3,350,000 won; five other cases are pending, and in one case, he received a suspended sentence of one year of imprisonment. Such heavy fines and frequent trials have made it difficult for him to live a normal life, and if he is again sentenced to be guilty, he will have to serve the new prison term and the previous suspended prison term together.

With regard to punishment, the human rights violations against conscientious objectors in the Republic Korea can be classified as follows:

First, the Constitution of the Republic of Korea stipulates that a defendant is presumed to be not guilty until ruled guilty, and it is an accepted general principle of the Criminal Procedure Code that when there is no fear that the accused may destroy the evidence of crime, the accused shall be put on trial without being physically detained. However, conscientious objectors have generally been detained from the

The court maximum sentence under the Military Criminal Code was increased from two years to three by the revised law No. 4703(revised on 1.15,1994).

¹¹ Paragraph 2 of Article 136 of the Enforcement Decree of the Military Service Act

commencement of investigation. Since the activities of civilian groups to improve the state of human rights have begun in earnest in 2002, the number of cases where objectors were investigated without being incarcerated has risen; however, currently, most conscientious objectors are being detained and investigated. Furthermore, they are not candidates for government provisions toward inmates such as an amnesty, which is granted several times a year.

With regard to their in-prison treatment, Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors in prison were not permitted to hold religious meetings in prisons until mid-2003 on the reasons such as "They violate positive laws and evade military service, and thus, are serving their prison terms because of peculiar religious doctrines; therefore, permitting them to have religious meeting which can strengthen their beliefs is against the purpose of correction and education" Such discriminatory treatment was finally resolved in mid 2003, as the Ministry of Justice accepted the recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission, and permitted Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors and other prisoners of minor religions to hold religious meetings in prison. 13

The practice of repeated imprisonment, independent of the questions whether someone refuses to enlist or refuses to perform reserve duties, is in breach of the international principle *non bis in idem*, as expressed by the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in its Recommendation No. 2 on Detention of conscientious objectors (E/CN4/2001/14 paragraphs 91 to 94), and UN Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/45.

2.3 Attempts to influence legislation

Until the amendment to the Constitution of the Republic of Korea in 1987 provided for a Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court was the highest court in the country, which had the authority to review laws to determine their Constitutionality. Conscientious objectors appealed to the Supreme Court in 1969, 1985, and 1992 claiming that conscientious objection should not be considered a violation of the Military Service Act because conscientious objection arises from the freedom of religion and conscience guaranteed by the Constitution. However, the Supreme Court has repeatedly refused to accept their claims, holding that "the so-called conscientious decision such as the objection to the military service on account of religious doctrines does not fall within the freedom of religion and conscience guaranteed under the Constitution" Following these precedents, courts in the Republic of Korea have, without exception, have handed out guilty verdicts to conscientious objectors.

Reply from the Ministry of Justice to the suggestion for adjusting its discriminatory procedures in prisons(Gyo Hwa 61490-24)

News report of the National Human Rights Commission dated July 18, 2003, "Permission of Meetings of Minor Religions in Confinement Facilities by the Ministry of Justice"

¹⁴ Godo Decision 1534 of the Supreme Court[Mutiny] (9.14,1992)

However, on January 29, 2002 Gyeong-su Lee, on trial at the Nambu Branch of Suwon District Court as a conscientious objector to military service, appealed to the Constitutional Court to review the Constitutionality of Article 88 of the current Military Service Act, which provides for punishments without providing a genuine civilian alternative service for conscientious objectors and thus infringes upon their freedom of religion and conscience as guaranteed by the Constitution. The Constitutional Court has granted certiorari and the case is under review. Since then, courts have generally decided to postpone their decisions on conscientious objection until the Constitutional Court makes its ruling, and accordingly, many conscientious objectors are free on bail, awaiting the decision of the Constitutional Court. Since more courts have postponed their decisions or sentenced objectors to the minimum period of imprisonment needed to grant them exemption from re-conscription, the number of conscientious objectors in prison decreased from 1.640 at the end of 2000 to 521 in February 2004.¹⁵

In early 2001, there were attempts by National Assemblymen to promote a Bill to Introduce an Alternative Service for Conscientious Objectors, but since that attempt was foiled due to strong opposition from conservative Christian churches, there has been no further progress from the legislature since. Korea Solidarity for Conscientious Objection (KSCO) has attempted to draft a proposed legislation providing for conscientious objection and thus for a genuine civilian alternative service and conducted a signature campaign in April 2002 where lawyers, law professors, human right activists, etc. participated. However, the government and the National Assembly, to this point, have yet to respond.

2.4 A Social Movement for Conscientious Objection

In 2001, as the long-standing stance of conscientious objection by Jehovah's Witness became known to the general public, and Tae-yang Oh, a Buddhist and pacifist, declared his conscientious objection, the level of interest in conscientious objection within society has rapidly increased. The fact that approximately 10,000 Jehovah's Witnesses have objected to military service for reasons of conscience over the past 50 years and that Korea has the largest number of imprisoned objectors in the world served as a wakeup call to the value of human rights which had been pushed aside for reasons of national security. Various areas of society such as the press, academia, legal and religious circles have had various debates or discussions over the issue of conscientious objection and adoption of the right to conscientious objection, and an alternative service, and in February 2002, the "Statement by 1,000 Persons Urging the Recognition of Conscientious Objection and the Adoption of an Alternative Service System," signed by 1,552 people, including distinguished persons from the media, academia, legal and religious circles, and civic groups, was published. Korea Solidarity for Conscientious Objection (KSCO), in which 36 civic and social groups are participating, has been conducting various debates and forums, providing counseling and legal services for conscientious objectors, and promoting the legislation of conscientious objection and an alternative service system since it was founded in early

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According to the information provided by Jehovah's Witnesses, as of February 2004, 66 conscientious objectors have been arraigned without physical confinement and 89 others are on trial, released on bail, in addition to these imprisoned conscientious objectors.

2002. By doing so, KSCO is making efforts to expand the concerns of the society for conscientious objection. In April 2002, a delegation of KSCO and MINBYUN-Lawyers for a Democratic Society attended the 58th session of the UN Commission for Human Rights and reported on the issue of conscientious objection in the Republic of Korea, and in March 2003, a member of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and a delegation from the Taiwan Military Manpower Administration attended an International Conference for Conscientious Objection held in Seoul with the cooperation of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and War Resisters' International (WRI).

Under such circumstances, even public opinions which opposed the recognition of the right to conscientious objection and the adoption of an alternative service system on the grounds that it favors a certain religion, threatens national security, and promotes inequality in military service are recognizing that a realistic amendment to the system needs to be made for conscientious objectors. The appeal to the Constitutional Court to review the constitutionality of the Military Service Act, the increasing decisions by lower courts to release on bail and postpone their decisions on objectors, and the court sentences of one and a half year imprisonment on conscientious objectors are a reflection of the social shift in recognizing and becoming more sensitive to the issue of conscientious objection.

However, the government and legislature have yet to show any effort to recognizse conscientious objection and to adopt a system of alternative service even as conscientious objection to military service has increased in importance as a social issue. In fact, the government and the Ministry of National Defense have been working to oppose conscientious objection to military service. On October 2002, then-president Kim Dae-jung revealed his position in stating that "Under our circumstances, evasion of military service cannot be allowed for any reason whatsoever and allowing for such measures would not be equitable," and thereafter, furthered the practice of conducting investigations on objectors while detaining them. On March of 2003, the Ministry of Education was criticized for sending an official document to universities asking them to stop the spread of objection to military service. The Ministry of Defense also refuses to budge from their stance of opposition since it announced its "Position of the Ministry of Defense on Alternative Service for Objectors to Military Service" in October of 2001. They also held a training program for current soldiers, telling them conscientious objection to military service must not be permitted under any circumstances.

Also within the legislature, the issue of objection to military service is treated negatively. When in June 2003, the National Human Rights Commission as a part of an movement to encourage the formation of private organizations, supported the production of a documentary about objection to military service, the Legislation and Judiciary Committee criticized them, stating, "The National Human Rights Commission supported the production of a documentary on conscientious objection to military service; are they trying to lend support to the movement of young people to evade military service?"

Under such circumstances, the National Human Rights Commission has not yet presented a clear position on the issue of objection to military service, despite the submission of several petitions on the issue. Reflecting on the resolution 2002/45 of the

¹⁶ See Attachment 2

UN Commission on Human Rights which urged the National Human Rights Commission of each country to review its law and practices concerning conscientious objection 17, the National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea is required to make more positive effort to do so. Conservative Christian associations such as the Christian Council of Korea which treats Jehovah's Witnesses as heretics have not shown any change in their position 18 of opposing conscientious objection and alternative service systems for conscientious objectors.

On the other hand, conscientious objection is expanding as an important method of practicing the recently intensified anti-war sentiment and pacifism. The incidence in June 2002, when two female middle school students were killed after being run over by a tank of American forces stationed in Korea and the increasing military tension between North Korea and America around the North Korean nuclear issue have made many Korean people doubt the viability of the traditional national security policy which relies on military might and increase support for anti-war and peace movements. The decision to dispatch Korean soldiers to Iraq that the National Assembly made and passed through over two sessions in April 2003 and in February 2004 provided occasions for the anti-war and pacifist movement to expand greatly. Tens of thousands people came out into the streets and raised a united front against war and dispatching troops, and many people headed to Iraq vowing to act as human shields. However, the government and National Assembly justified American invasion into Iraq and their decision to dispatch soldiers to Iraq on the logic that dispatching troops is unavoidable and is beneficial for the nation under the current circumstances where Korea must rely upon America militarily and economically. In addition, they took measures to pour cold water over the movements for human rights and peace through the making or passing measures such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act¹⁹ and the revision of the Assembly and Demonstration Act²⁰ arousing great opposition from civic groups.

¹⁷ UN Commission on Human Rights, Resolution 2002/45

¹⁸ See Attachment 3

The Anti-terror Act whose deliberation was suspended at the National Assembly because of the strong opposition of civic groups in 2002 was reattempted in the middle of 2003 but was aborted again this year due to civic groups' opposition. However, the government has not yet withdrawn the bill. Some provisions of this law contain factors to infringe upon human rights. For example, it stipulates the concepts of 'terror and 'terrorist organization' very vaguely and also gives an authority for the Counter Terrorism Center under the National Intelligence Service to monitor and control even the legal political activity by reason of preventing terror. Many human rights organizations point out that the anti-terror law is almost not related to terror but only a bill designed to strengthen again the power of the National Intelligence Service which has been down-sized gradually from the end of the military dictatorship governments from the beginning of 1990.

The Law Concerning Assembly and Demonstration passed through the National Assembly in December 2003 began to effective in March 2004. According to this law, the freedom of assembly and demonstration is in fact terminated because any assembly or demonstration is prohibited by the reason of so-called 'violent demonstration' even though it may be a trivial defensive violent incident occurring during the assembly or a peaceful procession on a major street where order-conductors are stationed is prohibited or an assembly is prohibited near an elementary school or middle school or high school or military facilities or any assembly which generates noise over a certain level designated by a presidential decree is prohibited. Furthermore, assemblies shall be reported one month in advance, making it difficult for a large assembly to be held because the place and time should be chosen in advance, but only small assemblies on holidays which are not against foreign official residence or office are permitted. Civic groups are opposing the revised assembly and demonstration law is in fact 'a law prohibiting assembly and demonstration' which infringes greatly upon democracy and the freedom of expression and planning a civic movement of disobedience.

Under these circumstances, conscientious objection is receiving much attention from youths who are at the age of conscription as a way to voice anti-war and pacifist sentiments. Since Tae-yang Oh became the first non-Jehovah's Witness to declare conscientious objection towards the end of 2001, a total of 10 persons who are not Jehovah's Witnesses declared their objection to military service based on their beliefs in pacifism and have been already punished or are on trial at the court. The issue of conscientious objection, which began to be brought to the fore as Jehovah's Witness conscientious objectors came to be known to the public in 2001, is now an issue of protecting human rights, and at the same time, is now being recognized as a peace movement with such human rights at its foundation.

<Attachment 1>

Current Status of Conscientious Objectors in Prison (as of February 15, 2004)

| No. | Name | Prison | Applied Law | Length (month) | Charges | Begin of imprisonment | Release Date |
|-----|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | An Hyeongdo | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Nov-03 | 23-May-05 |
| 2 | Baek Jongguk | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 3 | Baek Seungho | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Jan-03 | 13-Jul-04 |
| 4 | Bak Boram | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 5 | Bak Changwon | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Sep-03 | 22-Mar-05 |
| 6 | Bak Cheolmin | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 15-Jan-04 | |
| 7 | Bak Cheonhong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 8 | Bak Chunman | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 9 | Bak Gihak | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 10 | Bak Gyunil | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 11 | Bak Heungrae | Gongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Oct-03 | 21-Apr-05 |
| 12 | Bak Hyeokjin | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 13 | Bak Hyeongjun | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Dec-02 | 24-Jun-04 |
| 14 | Bak Hyeonmuk | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 15 | Bak Hyeonsik | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 16 | Bak Hyeonu | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 19-Sep-03 | 18-Mar-05 |
| 17 | Bak Hyeonu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 18 | Bak Hyogyeong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 19 | Bak Inbok | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Mar-03 | 10-Sep-04 |
| 20 | Bak Jehyeon | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Jan-04 | 27-Jul-05 |
| 21 | Bak Jeongeung | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 22 | Bak Jeongsu | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Nov-03 | 1-May-05 |
| 23 | Bak Jihyeok | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Aug-03 | 19-Feb-05 |
| 24 | Bak Jinu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 25 | Bak Jun | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-03 | 1-Jun-05 |
| 26 | Bak Junhan | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 30-Dec-03 | |
| 27 | Bak Mingyu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 28 | Bak Munjong | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
| 29 | Bak Munsu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 19-Jun-04 |
| 30 | Bak Naeseok | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Oct-03 | 14-Apr-05 |

| 31 | Bak Nomin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
|----|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 32 | Bak Sangmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 33 | Bak Sejong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 34 | Bak Seju | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Mar-03 | 3-Sep-04 |
| 35 | Bak Seongho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Dec-02 | 20-Jun-04 |
| 36 | Bak Seongho | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 37 | Bak Seongjin | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 38 | Bak Seongseo | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Mar-03 | 19-Aug-04 |
| 39 | Bak Seongyeol | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Feb-03 | 27-Aug-04 |
| 40 | Bak Seongyeol | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 6-Dec-03 | 5-Jun-05 |
| 41 | Bak Seongyu | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 42 | Bak Seuk | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 43 | Bak Taejun | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Sep-03 | 25-Mar-05 |
| 44 | Bak Taesu | Wonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-03 | 4-Jun-05 |
| 45 | Bak Wonil | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 46 | Bak Wonjae | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Nov-03 | 25-May-05 |
| 47 | Bak Wonsang | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 48 | Ban Jiu | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Jan-03 | 22-Jul-04 |
| 49 | Bang Jihun | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Jun-03 | 27-Dec-04 |
| 50 | Byeon Hongseop | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Jun-03 | 17-Dec-04 |
| 51 | Cha Wonjae | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 52 | Cha Yeongjun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Apr-03 | 12-Oct-04 |
| 53 | Chae Seunghyeop | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Oct-03 | 9-Apr-05 |
| 54 | Chae Yeonghun | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Dec-02 | 9-Jun-04 |
| 55 | Chang | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jul-03 | 8-Jan-05 |
| 3 | Donghyeon | beoriju_r risori | Willitary Service law | 10 | Convicted | 9 Jul 03 | 0 3411 03 |
| 56 | Choe Changsu | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 57 | Choe Chunghui | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Jan-03 | 15-Jul-04 |
| 58 | Choe Daegeun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 59 | Choe Donghyeok | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-May-03 | 28-Nov-04 |
| 60 | Choe Duyeon | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Aug-03 | 12-Feb-05 |
| 61 | Choe Geunyeong | Gimcheonsonyeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 1-Dec-03 | |
| 62 | Choe Gichae | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Jan-03 | 15-Jul-04 |
| 63 | Choe Gijun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 64 | Choe Gwangjae | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Dec-02 | 12-Jun-04 |
| 65 | Choe Hongu | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Apr-03 | 16-Oct-04 |
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| 66 | Choe Hosik | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Aug-03 | 5-Feb-05 |
|----|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 67 | Choe Hyeonggeun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 68 | Choe Hyeonseon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 69 | Choe Inseok | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Aug-03 | 20-Feb-05 |
| 70 | Choe Jehan | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Nov-03 | 17-May-05 |
| 71 | Choe Jihun | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 72 | Choe Junsu | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 73 | Choe Minhyeok | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 29-Jan-04 | |
| 74 | Choe Myeongjin | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 75 | Choe Seonghun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 76 | Choe Seongtaek | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Dec-02 | 2-Jun-04 |
| 77 | Choe Seunghyeon | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Nov-03 | 11-May-05 |
| 78 | Choe Sinyeong | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Oct-03 | 17-Apr-05 |
| 79 | Choe Yeongmin | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Aug-03 | 1-Feb-05 |
| 80 | Choe Yeongnam | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 81 | Chu Minhyeop | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 82 | Do Hyeonseok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-May-03 | 1-Nov-04 |
| 83 | Eo Minu | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-May-03 | 26-Nov-04 |
| 84 | Eo Sehyeong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Dec-02 | 10-Jun-04 |
| 85 | Gang Chungseong | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 86 | Gang Hodong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 87 | Gang Hyoseon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 88 | Gang Indeok | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 89 | Gang Jaegu | An-dong_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 90 | Gang Jihun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Jan-03 | 14-Jul-04 |
| 91 | Gang Jinsu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 92 | Gang Jinyeong | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 93 | Gang Jonghui | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Dec-02 | 9-Jun-04 |
| 94 | Gang Minu | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 95 | Gang Mungyu | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-03 | 4-Jun-05 |
| 96 | Gang San | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 97 | Gang Seongheon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 98 | Gang Seongmin | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Jun-03 | 22-Dec-04 |
| 99 | Gang Seunguk | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 24-Sep-03 | |

| 100 | Gang Songhak | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 31-Mar-03 | 30-Sep-04 |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 101 | Gang Wonsan | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 19-Dec-02 | 18-Jun-04 |
| 102 | Gang Yeonghun | Seosan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Aug-03 | 3-Feb-05 |
| 103 | Gang Yeongjun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 104 | Gil Yonghun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jan-03 | 23-Jul-04 |
| 105 | Gim Bobae | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 106 | Gim Boknam | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Apr-03 | 22-Oct-04 |
| 107 | Gim Bulno | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 14-Aug-03 | 13-Feb-05 |
| 108 | Gim Byeongho | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 109 | Gim Byeongseo | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 110 | Gim Byeongsu | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Dec-03 | 20-Jun-05 |
| 111 | Gim Changmin | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 112 | Gim Changyeong | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 20 | Convicted | 14-Jan-03 | 13-Sep-04 |
| 113 | Gim Chanu | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Nov-03 | 27-May-05 |
| 114 | Gim Daeung | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 115 | Gim Dohan | Gongju_Prison | Insubordination | 24 | Convicted | 28-Apr-03 | 27-Apr-05 |
| 116 | Gim Dongchan | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Dec-02 | 18-Jun-04 |
| 117 | Gim Dongmyeong | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 118 | Gim Dongsu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 119 | Gim Euntae | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 120 | Gim Geonu | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Jan-04 | 12-Jul-05 |
| 121 | Gim Gwangeop | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Jul-03 | 17-Jan-05 |
| 122 | Gim Gyeongeon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Jan-03 | 9-Jul-04 |
| 123 | Gim Gyeongho | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Mar-03 | 26-Sep-04 |
| 124 | Gim Gyeongjin | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 125 | Gim Gyujin | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 126 | Gim Gyuwon | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 127 | Gim Hakseon | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Oct-03 | 7-Apr-05 |
| 128 | Gim Hoyeong | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Mar-03 | 21-Sep-04 |
| 129 | Gim Huiseong | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jun-03 | 1-Dec-04 |
| 130 | Gim Hun | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 131 | Gim Hwiyeong | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 132 | Gim Hyeon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Nov-03 | 20-May-05 |
| 133 | Gim Hyeonggeun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 14-Mar-03 | 13-Sep-04 |
| 134 | Gim Hyeongjin | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Sep-03 | 1-Mar-05 |
| 135 | Gim Hyeongjun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Jan-03 | 28-Jul-04 |

| 136 | Gim Hyeonjae | Hongseong_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jan-03 | 8-Jul-04 |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 137 | Gim Hyeonsu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 138 | Gim Hyeonu | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Feb-03 | 15-Aug-04 |
| 139 | Gim Hyeonu | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Jun-03 | 24-Dec-04 |
| 140 | Gim Hyoseong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 141 | Gim Ilro | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Dec-02 | 20-Jun-04 |
| 142 | Gim Inho | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Nov-03 | 26-May-05 |
| 143 | Gim Jaehak | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 144 | Gim Jeonghun | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-May-03 | 11-Nov-04 |
| 145 | Gim Jeonghun | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Oct-03 | 20-Apr-05 |
| 146 | Gim Jeongsik | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 147 | Gim Jihun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Jul-03 | 27-Jan-05 |
| 148 | Gim Jihwan | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 24-Dec-03 | |
| 149 | Gim Jinhong | Wonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 6-Jan-03 | 6-Jul-04 |
| 150 | Gim Jinhui | Anyang_Prison | Insubordination | 24 | Convicted | 26-Apr-03 | 25-Apr-05 |
| 151 | Gim Jinu | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Mar-03 | 25-Sep-04 |
| 152 | Gim Jitae | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 153 | Gim Jiyun | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Jul-03 | 2-Jan-05 |
| 154 | Gim Jongha | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 155 | Gim Jongil | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Jul-03 | 15-Jan-05 |
| 156 | Gim Jongmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Jan-03 | 15-Jul-04 |
| 157 | Gim Juncheol | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Jan-03 | 21-Jul-04 |
| 158 | Gim Juncheol | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Jun-03 | 30-Dec-04 |
| 159 | Gim Jungseop | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Dec-02 | 28-Jun-04 |
| 160 | Gim Junha | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Feb-04 | 8-Aug-05 |
| 161 | Gim Juwon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 162 | Gim Mincheol | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Sep-03 | 30-Mar-05 |
| 163 | Gim Minsu | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 164 | Gim Myeongcheol | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 31-Mar-03 | 30-Sep-04 |
| 165 | Gim Myeongjin | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Sep-03 | 25-Mar-05 |
| 166 | Gim Namhyeok | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 167 | Gim Namsu | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Jul-03 | 10-Jan-05 |
| 168 | Gim Pyeonghui | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-02 | 4-Jun-04 |
| 169 | Gim Raehyeon | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 170 | Gim Sanghun | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Dec-02 | 22-Jun-04 |
| 171 | Gim Sebin | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |

| 172 | Gim Sehyeok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
|-----|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 173 | Gim Seokjun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jul-03 | 23-Jan-05 |
| 174 | Gim Seongjin | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Mar-03 | 3-Sep-04 |
| 175 | Gim Seongjin | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 176 | Gim Seongjun | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Aug-03 | 1-Feb-05 |
| 177 | Gim Seongjun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 178 | Gim Seongyu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 179 | Gim Seulgi | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 180 | Gim Seungjin | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 31-May-03 | 30-Nov-04 |
| 181 | Gim Suyeong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 182 | Gim Taeeun | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 183 | Gim Taeha | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 184 | Gim Taeho | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 19-Jun-04 |
| 185 | Gim Taehwan | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 186 | Gim Taehyeon | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 187 | Gim Taein | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 188 | Gim Taeju | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 189 | Gim Taemin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Jan-03 | 4-Jul-04 |
| 190 | Gim Taeu | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
| 191 | Gim Taewon | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 192 | Gim Ujin | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 193 | Gim Wanho | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 194 | Gim Yeongchae | Mokpo_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Nov-02 | 30-May-04 |
| 195 | Gim Yeonghun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Oct-03 | 27-Apr-05 |
| 196 | Gim Yeongjae | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 197 | Gim Yeongmin | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 30-Jan-04 | |
| 198 | Gim Yeongmok | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Jun-03 | 29-Dec-04 |
| 199 | Gim Yeongsaeng | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 31-May-04 |
| 200 | Gim Yeongsang | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 201 | Gim Yeongseon | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jun-03 | 23-Dec-04 |
| 202 | Gim Yeongsun | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 203 | Gim Yeongtae | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Nov-02 | 1-May-04 |
| 204 | Gim Yongjun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Dec-02 | 27-Jun-04 |
| 205 | Gim Yongtae | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jan-03 | 8-Jul-04 |
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| 206 | Gim Yujun | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 13-Jan-04 | |

| 208 | Gim Yuncheol | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Sep-03 | 8-Mar-05 |
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| 209 | Gim Yunsu | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Dec-02 | 7-Jun-04 |
| 210 | Go Byeongyong | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Jan-03 | 22-Jul-04 |
| 211 | Go Hayeong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 212 | Go Hyeonyeong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 213 | Go Wongeon | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 6-Jan-04 | 5-Jul-05 |
| 214 | Go Yeonghun | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 215 | Gu Hanyeong | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Jan-03 | 16-Jul-04 |
| 216 | Gu Huisang | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Jun-03 | 17-Dec-04 |
| 217 | Gu Jongseok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 218 | Gwak Chungso | Gongju_Prison | Insubordination | 24 | Convicted | 26-May-03 | 25-May-05 |
| 219 | Gwak Daeho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 220 | Gwak Dongju | Busan_Prison | Insubordination | 18 | Convicted | 1-Mar-03 | 1-Sep-04 |
| 221 | Gwak Hyohun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Jan-03 | 24-Jul-04 |
| 222 | Gwak Jihun | Yeongdeungpo_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jan-03 | 23-Jul-04 |
| 223 | Gwon Dongjin | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Nov-03 | 17-May-05 |
| 224 | Gwon Giwang | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 19-Sep-03 | 18-Mar-05 |
| 225 | Gwon Hun | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 226 | Gwon Hyeondon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Dec-02 | 16-Jun-04 |
| 227 | Gwon Seyeong | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 7-Jan-03 | 6-Jul-04 |
| 228 | Gwon Sumin | Gimcheonsonyeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 1-Jan-04 | |
| 229 | Gwon Suncheol | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Apr-03 | 11-Oct-04 |
| 230 | Gwon Sunsang | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 231 | Gwon Suyong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 232 | Ha Hyeonsu | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Jan-03 | 7-Jul-04 |
| 233 | Ha Ilhan | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 234 | Ha Seongeun | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 235 | Han Changhun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 236 | Han Chungsu | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jan-04 | 1-Jul-05 |
| 237 | Han Daehui | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 238 | Han Gaheun | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 239 | Han Jangseong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Jun-03 | 2-Dec-04 |
| 240 | Han Jeongcheol | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 241 | Han Minsik | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Oct-03 | 14-Apr-05 |
| 242 | Han Sangeun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 243 | Han Seonggeun | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Feb-03 | 1-Aug-04 |
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| 244 H | Han Seunghui | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
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| 245 H | Han Taesu | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 19-Jun-04 |
| 246 H | Han Yeonghun | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Dec-02 | 29-Jun-04 |
| 247 H | Heo Gyeong | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Mar-03 | 17-Sep-04 |
| 248 H | Heo Gyeongdeok | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 249 H | Heo Jeong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 250 H | Heo Seonyang | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Dec-02 | 24-Jun-04 |
| 251 H | Hong Bada | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Jan-03 | 14-Jul-04 |
| 252 H | Hong Daeho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 253 H | Hong Inpyo | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 19-Jun-04 |
| 254 H | Hong Jicheol | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jan-03 | 23-Jul-04 |
| 255 H | Hong Seungjin | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Jun-03 | 16-Dec-04 |
| 256 H | Hong Yeolpyo | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Mar-03 | 1-Sep-04 |
| 257 H | Hong Yeonggwon | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 258 | Hwang Gwanghyeon | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Aug-03 | 1-Feb-05 |
| 259 H | Hwang Jinseong | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-02 | 4-Jun-04 |
| 260 H | Hwang Junbeom | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 14-Jun-03 | 13-Dec-04 |
| 261 H | Hwang Sungeun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 262 H | Hwang Uhyeon | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Oct-03 | 22-Apr-05 |
| 263 H | Hwang Yeongsik | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 264 H | Hyeon Seongyun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Nov-02 | 27-May-04 |
| 265 I | Baek | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Jan-03 | 7-Jul-04 |
| 266 I | Changhui | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 267 I | Changhyeon | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Mar-03 | 29-Sep-04 |
| 268 I | Chihyeong | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 269 I | Donggyo | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jul-03 | 8-Jan-05 |
| 270 I | Donghyeok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 271 I | Dongjun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 19-Jun-04 |
| 272 | Dongyeol | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Apr-03 | 28-Oct-04 |
| 273 I | Donhyeok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Apr-03 | 27-Oct-04 |
| 274 I | Donseong | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Jan-03 | 27-Jul-04 |
| 275 I | Geonhyeong | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Jan-03 | 21-Jul-04 |
| 276 | Geonuk | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 277 | Gilro | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jan-04 | 8-Jul-05 |
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| 279 | l Gwangbae | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-May-03 | 10-Nov-04 |
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| 280 | I Gwangmin | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Aug-03 | 10-Feb-05 |
| 281 | I Gyeongjin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Dec-02 | 20-Jun-04 |
| 282 | l Gyuseong | Wonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Nov-03 | 4-May-05 |
| 283 | l Haeyong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Jan-03 | 9-Jul-04 |
| 284 | l Hosan | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Dec-02 | 23-Jun-04 |
| 285 | l Hyeon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 10-Nov-03 | |
| 286 | l Hyeonbeom | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Mar-03 | 14-Sep-04 |
| 287 | l Hyeonu | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 288 | l Hyojun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Feb-03 | 12-Aug-04 |
| 289 | l In | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Jul-03 | 21-Feb-05 |
| 290 | l Jaegwang | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 291 | l Jaeho | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Jul-03 | 25-Jan-05 |
| 292 | l Jaehun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Jan-03 | 14-Jul-04 |
| 293 | I Jaehun | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Nov-03 | 19-May-05 |
| 294 | l Jaeyeon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 295 | l Jaeyeong | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Sep-03 | 1-Mar-05 |
| 296 | l Jeonggyu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 297 | l Jeongho | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Dec-02 | 25-Jun-04 |
| 298 | l Jeonghun | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 299 | l Jeonghyeok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 300 | l Jeonghyo | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 301 | l Jeongmin | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-May-03 | 15-Nov-04 |
| 302 | l Jeongsu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 303 | l Jeongun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 304 | l Jiho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 305 | l Jihyeong | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Sep-03 | 22-Mar-05 |
| 306 | l Jihyo | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 307 | l Johun | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Feb-03 | 14-Aug-04 |
| 308 | l Jonghun | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
| 309 | l Jongu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 310 | l Juhyeok | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 311 | l Junbeom | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 312 | l Junbok | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Aug-03 | 27-Feb-05 |
| 313 | l Junho | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jun-03 | 23-Dec-04 |
| 314 | I Mingyu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
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| 315 | I Minho | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 316 | l Minseong | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Jan-03 | 22-Jul-04 |
| 317 | l Minseong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 318 | l Myeonggu | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 319 | l Myeongguk | Jeju_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 1-Jan-04 | |
| 320 | l Myeongil | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 321 | l Myeongjin | Ulsan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 322 | I Myeongmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 323 | l Myeongyeol | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 324 | l Namhun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Dec-02 | 26-Jun-04 |
| 325 | I Sangcheon | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Mar-03 | 7-Sep-04 |
| 326 | I Sanggyu | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Jun-03 | 9-Dec-04 |
| 327 | I Sanggyun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 328 | I Sanghun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Jan-03 | 20-Jul-04 |
| 329 | I Sangjun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 330 | l Seongbae | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 331 | I Seongi | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Jun-03 | 9-Dec-04 |
| 332 | I Seunggap | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 333 | I Seungil | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 334 | I Seungil | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 335 | l Sokeun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Jan-03 | 7-Jul-04 |
| 336 | I Sumin | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 15-Dec-03 | |
| 337 | l Taeyang | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-May-03 | 19-Nov-04 |
| 338 | l Ujeong | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Oct-02 | 8-Apr-04 |
| 339 | l Ung | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 340 | l Wangyeong | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 341 | I Wonjun | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 342 | l Yeongdae | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 343 | l Yeonggyu | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Jan-03 | 25-Jul-04 |
| 344 | l Yeonggyu | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Aug-03 | 12-Feb-05 |
| 345 | l Yeonggyu | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 8-Jan-04 | |
| 346 | l Yeonghun | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Jun-03 | 27-Dec-04 |
| 347 | l Yeongjae | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 348 | I Yeongju | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 349 | l Yeongun | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Mar-03 | 19-Sep-04 |
| 350 | I Yongho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |

| 351 | l Yungi | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Dec-02 | 25-Jun-04 |
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| 352 | l Yunho | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Sep-03 | 1-Mar-05 |
| 353 | l Yunseop | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Feb-03 | 15-Aug-04 |
| 354 | l Yunu | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 16-Jan-04 | |
| 355 | lm Byeongjun | Yeongdeungpo_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Jan-03 | 1-Jul-04 |
| 356 | lm Daehyeon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Sep-03 | 24-Mar-05 |
| 357 | lm Dongjin | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Nov-03 | 11-May-05 |
| 358 | lm Giwan | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 13-Jan-04 | |
| 359 | lm Gwibin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 360 | lm Gyubaek | Gyeongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Jan-03 | 16-Jul-04 |
| 361 | lm Gyuseok | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Feb-03 | 1-Aug-04 |
| 362 | Im Gyutae | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-May-03 | 15-Nov-04 |
| 363 | lm Huirak | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Jan-03 | 10-Jul-04 |
| 364 | lm Hyeonung | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Dec-02 | 29-Jun-04 |
| 365 | lm Mil | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 366 | lm Myeongju | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 367 | lm Sanghyeon | Gunsan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Sep-03 | 14-Mar-05 |
| 368 | lm Sangmin | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 26-Dec-02 | 26-Jun-04 |
| 369 | lm Seongbae | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 370 | lm Taewon | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 371 | Jang Baeksang | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Dec-03 | 1-Jun-05 |
| 372 | Jang Beomdu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 15-Feb-03 | 14-Aug-04 |
| 373 | Jang Gyeongmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 374 | Jang Junsu | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Jul-03 | 23-Jan-05 |
| 375 | Jang Wonjin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Nov-02 | 17-May-04 |
| 376 | Jang Yongmin | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Feb-03 | 12-Aug-04 |
| 377 | Jeon Daeseok | Daegu_Jail | Insubordination | 36 | Convicted | 5-Sep-01 | 5-Sep-04 |
| 378 | Jeon Dongyun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Dec-03 | 15-Jun-05 |
| 379 | Jeon Muhyeon | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Feb-03 | 4-Aug-04 |
| 380 | Jeon Yanggyu | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |
| 381 | Jeong Daun | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 382 | Jeong Dongjin | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Oct-03 | 29-Apr-05 |
| 383 | Jeong Eojin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 384 | Jeong Euntae | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
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| 385 | Jeong Gwanghun | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Dec-02 | 1-Jun-04 |

| 387 | Jeong Honggyu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
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| 388 | Jeong Hoyun | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
| 389 | Jeong Hyeongi | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-May-03 | 26-Nov-04 |
| 390 | Jeong Hyeonju | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 391 | Jeong Hyeonmin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 392 | Jeong Hyeonu | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 20-Dec-02 | 20-Jun-04 |
| 393 | Jeong Incheol | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 394 | Jeong Jaeheon | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 7-Jan-04 | |
| 395 | Jeong Jaehyeok | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Nov-03 | 12-May-05 |
| 396 | Jeong | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 6-Oct-03 | 5-Apr-05 |
| | Myeongcheol | | | | | | |
| | | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 398 | Jeong Seungyong | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 399 | Jeong Uihyeon | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 2-Sep-03 | 1-Mar-05 |
| 400 | Jeong Yeonggyun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Oct-03 | 17-Apr-05 |
| 401 | Ji Hun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 402 | Ji Sanghun | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 403 | Jin Donggeun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 404 | Jin Janggwan | Gwangju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 405 | Jo Hyeongmin | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 406 | Jo Hyeonyu | Gimcheonsonyeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 1-Jan-04 | |
| 407 | Jo Ilhyeong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 408 | Jo Jeongnam | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Jul-03 | 3-Jan-05 |
| 409 | Jo Junhyeok | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 410 | Jo Ocheol | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 15-Jan-04 | |
| 411 | Jo Seongho | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 412 | Jo Seungha | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 413 | Jo Yeongbok | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 414 | Jo Yeongguk | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Dec-02 | 26-Jun-04 |
| 415 | Ju Gicheol | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Oct-02 | 1-Apr-04 |
| 416 | Ma Hyeonsu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 417 | Min Myeonggi | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Jan-03 | 3-Jul-04 |
| 418 | Mun Daeseok | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Feb-03 | 11-Aug-04 |
| 419 | Mun Daesik | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Feb-03 | 11-Aug-04 |
| 420 | Mun Hasong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 421 | Mun Huigyun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |

| 422 | Mun Hyeondeok | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Sep-03 | 29-Mar-05 |
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| 423 | Mun Sehwan | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Oct-03 | 7-Apr-05 |
| 424 | Mun Seongmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 425 | Myeong Jangwon | Gongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 19-Jul-03 | 18-Jan-05 |
| 426 | Na Hyeongmin | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 427 | Na Jinsu | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 428 | Na Yeongmin | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 429 | Nam Hyeonguk | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Feb-03 | 27-Aug-04 |
| 430 | Nam Sangsin | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 431 | Nam Seungho | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 432 | Nam Yeongnyeon | Gimcheonsonyeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 1-Dec-03 | |
| 433 | Nam Yunho | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Nov-03 | 27-May-05 |
| 434 | No Gwanho | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 435 | No Junho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 436 | No Yeongjin | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 437 | O Daehyeon | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Nov-02 | 30-Apr-04 |
| 438 | O Giseop | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Sep-03 | 8-Mar-05 |
| 439 | O Gyeongcheol | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 440 | O Gyeonghun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 441 | O Hyeonin | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Feb-03 | 1-Aug-04 |
| 442 | O Jinuk | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 443 | O Semin | Mokpo_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Dec-02 | 28-Jun-04 |
| 444 | O Seokyeol | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Dec-02 | 22-Jun-04 |
| 445 | O Seongmin | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 31-Jul-03 | 31-Jan-05 |
| 446 | Pyo Jeongwan | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 27-Nov-03 | 27-May-05 |
| 447 | Raseongheon | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 448 | Seo Cheonghun | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 25-Jan-03 | 24-Jul-04 |
| 449 | Seo Ganguk | Cheonan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
| 450 | Seo Hyeongmin | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-Dec-02 | 18-Jun-04 |
| 451 | Seo Jaemin | Mokpo_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Dec-02 | 15-Jun-04 |
| 452 | Seo Jaeyong | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Jul-03 | 11-Jan-05 |
| 453 | Seo Jeongil | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 454 | Seo Jihun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Nov-02 | 22-May-04 |
| 455 | Seo Jinyong | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Dec-03 | 28-Jun-05 |
| 456 | Seo Juhyeong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 457 | Seo Nakwon | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Jan-03 | 13-Jul-04 |
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| 458 | Seo Seongdae | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jul-03 | 1-Jan-05 |
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| 459 | Seo Seungjin | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 16-Sep-03 | 15-Mar-05 |
| 460 | Seok Jindong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 461 | Seong Gwanghun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 462 | Seong Hyeonje | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Sep-02 | 28-Mar-04 |
| 463 | Seong Hyeonsu | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Oct-03 | 8-Apr-05 |
| 464 | Seong Juhyeon | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 8-Jan-04 | |
| 465 | Seong Sichan | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 10-Apr-03 | 9-Oct-04 |
| 466 | Si Daehun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 467 | Sim Gyeonghun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 468 | Sim Hyeonsu | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 12-Feb-03 | 11-Aug-04 |
| 469 | Sim Seonggi | Seoul_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 11-Jun-03 | 10-Dec-04 |
| 470 | Sin Byeongjin | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 471 | Sin Jaegwang | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 13-Feb-03 | 13-Aug-04 |
| 472 | Sin Jeongsu | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 473 | Sin Jiwon | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Dec-03 | 8-Jun-05 |
| 474 | Sin Minseop | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 18-May-03 | 17-Nov-04 |
| 475 | Sin Minsu | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 28-Jun-03 | 28-Dec-04 |
| 476 | Sin Seongcheol | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 6-Dec-03 | |
| 477 | Sin Seongho | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 478 | Sin Seungjun | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 21-Dec-02 | 20-Jun-04 |
| 479 | Son Gwon | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 8-Dec-02 | 7-Jun-04 |
| 480 | Son Changhwan | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Nov-03 | 4-May-05 |
| 481 | Son Daehan | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Sep-03 | 2-Mar-05 |
| 482 | Son Inchan | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jun-03 | 1-Dec-04 |
| 483 | Son Jinho | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Dec-03 | 3-Jun-05 |
| 484 | Son Jinyong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 485 | Song Dongseop | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-May-03 | 1-Nov-04 |
| 486 | Song Hakgi | Pyeongtaek_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 17-Oct-03 | 17-Apr-05 |
| 487 | Song | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 23-Jun-03 | 23-Dec-04 |
| 707 | Hyeonggeun | pacjeon_r Hsull | williary Service law | 10 | Convicted | 20 Jun-00 | 20 060-04 |
| 488 | Song Min | Jeonju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Jul-03 | 21-Jan-05 |
| 489 | Song Siyeong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 490 | U Changgeun | Busan_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 491 | Won Jongmin | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-02 | 4-Jun-04 |
| 492 | Yang Byeongchan | Yeongdeungpo_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 14-Jun-03 | 13-Dec-04 |
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| 493 | Yang Chungsil | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 29-Dec-03 | 28-Jun-05 |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 494 | Yang Eunseok | Cheongju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 24-Oct-03 | 23-Apr-05 |
| 495 | Yang Seongeun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 496 | Yeo Minseong | Daegu_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 3-Dec-02 | 2-Jun-04 |
| 497 | Yeo Seongyong | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 498 | Yeom Jaeseop | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 30-Sep-03 | 29-Mar-05 |
| 499 | Yeom Munsu | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 500 | Yu Daegeun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 501 | Yu Geumsang | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 502 | Yu Gildong | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 503 | Yu Jaechun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 504 | Yu Junsang | Gangneung_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | | |
| 505 | Yu Seunghyeon | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 5-Dec-02 | 4-Jun-04 |
| 506 | Yu Seungjun | Daejeon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 22-Oct-02 | 26-Mar-04 |
| 507 | Yuk Geunse | Uijeongbu_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Jul-03 | 8-Jan-05 |
| 508 | Yun Chan | Incheon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 4-Dec-02 | 3-Jun-04 |
| 509 | Yun Changgyu | Chuncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 510 | Yun Changhun | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 511 | Yun Gyeongmin | Masan_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 512 | Yun Hyeonguk | Suncheon_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 9-Aug-03 | 8-Feb-05 |
| 513 | Yun Sangyeon | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | | Pending | 15-Jan-04 | |
| 514 | Yun Sehun | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Apr-03 | 1-Oct-04 |
| 515 | Yun Suhwak | Suwon_Jail | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 516 | Yun Yeongsu | Yeoju_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | 1-Jan-03 | 1-Jul-04 |
| 517 | Choi Junho | Hongseong_Prison | Military Service law | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 518 | Yun Yeongcheol | Yeujeongbu_Prison | Insubordination | 30 | Convicted | | |
| 519 | lm Hyeujae | Yeoju_Prison | Insubordination | 18 | Convicted | | |
| 520 | Gang Cheolmin | The army_Prison | Desertion | | Pending | 28-Nov-03 | |
| 521 | Yeom Changeun | Seongdong_Jail | Military Service law | | Pending | 27-Jan-04 | |

<Attachment 2>

Position of the Ministry of Defense Concerning Alternative Service for Conscientious Objectors

October 23, 2001

The Ministry of Justice makes clear its standpoint as follows on the conscientious objection of a specific religious group with which the media are dealing as a social issue, how it affects the national defense and the common sense of the Korean society on the obligation of military service.

The obligation of military service forms a basis of the democratic civil awareness that is "citizens can exist as long as the State exists", and also reflects a fundamental social agreement for the existence of a State. We have enjoyed freedom and happiness despite numerous invasions from other countries because of the sacrifices of common and virtuous consciences, and because of their performing duties as a citizen even now.

But, as an opinion, which insists that conscientious objectors should be permitted an alternative service for several reasons such as the prevention of increasing criminals, the protection of minorities' human rights, etc., is gaining power, this matter is being misunderstood as a matter related to human rights and the security of national benefit.

The military service system was decided based on various factors such as political and economic situations, social and cultural traditions, and defense conditions of a country. However, conscientious objectors in Korea are requiring a special favor of exemption from the obligatory military service including the basic military training and the 8-year reserve service, without considering our special defense situation of the divided Korean peninsula and the people's expectation for the implementation of impartial obligatory military service. The conscientious objectors are insisting that if the period of alternative service is long and they are allowed to serve in poor and hard fields, the fairness of service will be respected. But we should keep in mind that it is not a matter of service period but a matter of country's existence related to this question "who will perform a military service risking his life?".

Especially, the Republic of Korea has lots of various religions comparing to other countries, and the Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion and also stipulates that everyone should not be treated 'discriminately' and also should not receive a 'special favor'. Recently, social concerns about conscientious objection and opposition to conscription are spreading through many meetings and international joint seminars. But we should consider the question, "how can we safeguard the conscience and

morale of soldiers who are keeping the basic promise as a citizen of a democratic country for the security of the nation even now?".

In conclusion, the objection to military service is an objection to the basic duty to keep our freedom and rights under our special defense situation of the divided Korean peninsula. Therefore the Ministry of Justice makes sure that any alternative service for conscientious objectors cannot be accepted under the present defense situation and conscription system not only because it will disturb the fairness of obligatory military service system but also because it will disturb the unification of people due to the dispute of a special favor for a specific group.

<Attachment 3>

Statement of the Christian Council of Korea

June 1, 2001

We, the Christian Council of Korea, strongly object to the legislation of an alternative service system for 'Jehovah's Witnesses' who object to the obligatory military service.

Recently, Jeong-Bae Cheon(assemblyman of the Millennium Democratic Party) and Yeong-Dal Jang(assemblyman of the Grand National Party) are preparing for presenting a bill on a so-called 'alternative service system' for conscientious objectors based on their beliefs, which would permit them to perform public services instead of being punished and extend the period of their service term. We, Korean churches, object to this legislation on the adoption of alternative service system and the revision of the Military Service Act, which would endanger our nation and foster a sense of social incongruity.

According to recent television programs of KBS and MBC and the articles of 'Hankyorye 21', it was shown that 'Jehovah's Witnesses' are maneuvering the movements behind and it is sure that the legislation is a special favor for them. Everybody knows that 'Jehovah's Witnesses' is a heresy wearing a mask of Christianity and has caused social problems such as 'objection to being armed(evasion of military service)', 'objection to blood transfusion', 'objection to saluting the national flag', etc.

The reason why Jehovah's Witnesses object to military service is because they regard nations and governments as organizations of Satan. If they insist that they cannot participate in wars killing people and be armed because of their conscience based on their religious beliefs, they are deceiving their own conscience. An opinion, which considers Jehovah's Witnesses as conscientious religionists conniving at their bad effects by insisting the freedom of religion and the guarantee of minorities' human rights, is very dangerous.

This legislation will cause big ill effects. It is because there are religions prohibiting killing lives, any religion could make a theory to object to conscription order or war, and it is expected that a new religion that takes advantage of objection rights would appear. And, since nobody can prohibit anyone to convert his/her religion, there are many possibilities that draft dodgers make bad use of the alternative service system.

<Attachment 1> Current Status of Conscientious Objectors in Prison (as of February 15, 2004)

<Attachment 2> Position of the Ministry of Defense Concerning Alternative Service for Conscientious Objectors

Attachment 3> Statement of the Christian Council of Korea