

Under the name of Human Right

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A young woman was watching for a bus at the bus stop, she thought 'how come the bus not shows up?' and 'what's wrong with this bus? I got bunch of works to do..when would I finish that?' While she is thinking to herself adjusting her coat to shut out the wind, a man pulled over his car in front of her at the bus stop and rolled down a window of a passenger seat side. It seemed like he made a favorable impression on her. "I can give you a ride if you can't stand and wait your bus in this freezing weather. Where do you bound for?", "Really? I happened to be on my way that town. If you mind, you don't really need to get in a car. I also don't want to do an uninvited favor." There's some conversation between them for a few minute, but something made her make a decision to get in a car. He was making a joke and talking very friendly all along, so she soon got eased. After a while, he pulled over his car again at some places she has never been. She felt that something is going wrong, and asked in trembling voice,. "Where are you taking me? Where am I? I wanna go home." At that moment, he locked the door automatically as if he has done this many times and planned. And he blocked her mouth with his left hand and another hand was struggling to take off

her coat. After sometime, she was strangled and buried at some hill a long way off the main road. As soon as he buried her, he started to burn his car and left that place leaving the burning car and the dead woman.

How does it sound like to you? Do you think this is just some part of a thriller movie or fiction? Neither is correct. It has happened in 2008 December. 9<sup>th</sup>. one more thing which made people freaked out is that the same person had killed more than seven women in almost 3 years. Moreover, he is a suspect of killing his 4<sup>th</sup> wife and her mother by firing his house.

Now, guess!

Who is this crazy man?

Yes, you're right.

It's Ho-soon Kang.

It's impossible not to know him, if you are Korean, because news sources have reported his crime and him through TV, Radio, internet, newspaper all the time since he was arrested. To add that, everyone had been talking about him and even his family history and details about his life were revealed. Some of them were rumor. It is called 'Kang ho soon syndrome' Actually he has done many things in this society as a century's serial killer, not only shocked people because of

his accurate and cruel way of killing people, but also made various issues such as a innovative investigation way, CCTVs, death penalty, and lastly HUMAN RIGHT. This serial killer, that is to say, has been making people re-think about the human right of criminals especially human right of some psychopathic criminals just like ho-soon Kang or young-chul Yoo who is also well-known serial killer and notorious for the brutal way when he murdered people. After he was arrested, there was very controversial issue whether the press has to reveal his photos or not, regarding Ho-soon Kang's right. Majority of people strongly claimed that the criminal can't be a human-being, and the criminal is too brutal and inhumane to protect his human right. It had been dominant agreement that to reveal any criminal's picture is okay for the public interest, though, nowadays, there are many people concerning about one's human right no matter what kind of crime the one committed. 'Great killer', who opened so called 'Ho-soon Kang's fan café' which caused a lot of noise and fierce critical comments from many netizens say that he had made this community to prevent Ho-soon Kang's right as a human-being. However, the host of this community's nickname, 'Great killer' and some replies or writing from people supporting Ho-soon Kang enraged people. One of the writing started with this following line. "I love Ho-soon Kang, and dear. My hero" There was several more

comments like this. When this community opened at first, it was not that popular among people. However once this community's existence was reported from internet news, many people who were shocked and angry at his inhumane crime started to spread out the community and even some of them had opened anti-'great killer's community. After for a while, the 'Great killer's identity has been revealed by outraged netizen, then 'Great Killer' made an announcement about his endless love for human being, and the importance of protecting human rights, all of a sudden what he did has changed to something precious. But still many people criticize him by claiming that the one who doesn't have a regard other's human right doesn't have any right to prevent his or her own human right.

According to Dr. Robert Hare who has been observing criminals for over 30 years in cell, gives certain characteristics of psychopaths in his book, "The Hare Psychopathic Checklist-Revised", he points out that these are the features which are found in common among the psychopaths and it is recognized as the most recognized psychopathic personality and behavior. Following is the list of the items based on his research and derived from his book, "The Hare Psychopathic Checklist-Revised"; Glibness, Superficial charm, grandiose sense of self worth, lack of guilty or remorse,

pathologic lying and short periodical relationship, etc. The reason why psychopaths are regarded potential criminals lies under these factors. Do you think they are patients with mental disorder? If you do, do you think they need to be

hospitalized and get some mental clinic treatment rather than imprisonment? If you think that no matter what kind of personality disorder they have they are still dangerous killers and criminals who must be sentenced, what would you do? To sentence death penalty? It's very sensual and at the same time controversial agenda, not only because Korea hasn't practically executed any death penalty for 30 years but also many people object and agree at the same time. It was reported that 130 professors who are specialized in law are against for execution of death penalty to regard human rights and they made an agreement document and hand it to government to convey their strong stand against bringing back the execution of death penalty. This will obviously cause fierce fights between who support death penalty and who don't.

Going back to the former issue about providing them some medical treatment, many experts point out that there is no chance to remove their psychopathic characteristics in their personality. According to some research or studies based on psychologists' observation, psychopaths can't be cured completely. Instead of being improved, they rather use what they learnt through treatments to commit another crime because

they get to know about people's way of thinking and emotion much better. It's possible, and it happens in reality. Then what would you do? Would you keep your opinion about giving medical treatment?

You don't need to answer right away, for this worth thinking deeply and consider with time.