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## **A year after the disastrous Sewol Pain and resentment**

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***It's been 1 year since Sewol's sinking, the pain has gone up as more questions remain.***

Hundreds of [relatives](#) of the victims of the [cataclysm sinking Sewol ferry](#) on April 15 began [organizing memorial activities](#) on the waters where [traumatic accidents](#) occurred..

### **Unbearable**

The main pier at Paengmok harbor on Jindo island in Korea is tied with gold ribbons, handwritten hopes and hundreds of banners along the way. Those who come here are leaving food cards to commemorate the victims.

In addition, a memorial ceremony took place on board a ship near Sewol that crashed off Jindo Island on April 16, 2014. In the midst of immense sea, dozens of families bring flowers and souvenirs of the departed.



***Relatives remember the victims of the sinking ferry Sewol Photo:  
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*According to Channel NewsAsia* , Chun Da-yun's aunt (one of nine missing) visited the family on behalf of the family. Da-yun's parents refuse to go because they are too stubborn. "We believe she's stuck inside the ferry. The ferry has to be lifted so we can take her home, "said the aunt.

When the wind was cold, many parents wished that on the fateful day, it was not cold at this time. "I thought about the cold that boys suffered that day. I was warming up with tight clothes, and I was probably panicking and shaking, "said one father while looking out to sea.

At Danwon High School in Ansan, home to hundreds of students, many of the classrooms became memorials. Family and friends of the victims came here to leave flowers, photos and mourn over the blackboard. The corridor is full of crates of paper and yellow ribbons. Here, people encounter when the birthday cake child, when the bag of potato chips or soda on the study table. A father said that he went to school, sitting in the chair of the child looking forward to the familiar fragrance but seemingly hopeless.

One year after the tragedy, *according to Reuters*, many parents still kept their bedrooms, not removing anything from stuffed animals to books. The bed was moved from the room of his student Kim Dong-hyuk but the rest remained intact. In addition to the bed, the only other change was a portrait of a 16-year-old boy in his room. "I talked to him through pictures but did not dare look at Dong-hyuk's eyes because I was still very hurt," said the father.

### **Pressure on the government**

According to the *Associated Press* , families of victims threatened to boycott the memorial service on April 16 if the government did not immediately commit to salvaging the Sewol ferry - an estimated \$ 110 million. In addition, dozens of families also set up temporary shelters in Gwanghwamun Square to pressure the government to investigate the same tragedy.

A petition was launched throughout South Korea with five main objectives: to find nine missing victims, salvage Sewol ferry without damaging it, investigate the cause of the tragedy, punish those responsible and build a safer society.

Yang Seung-ham, a professor at Seoul's Yonsei University, noted government superficial reforms following the accident - as South Korean President Park Geun Hye announced the dissolution of the coast guard. Sea - difficult to prevent similar disaster. Many victims' families still refuse to receive compensation and assume that money is not a major concern. The Government of Korea has announced compensation of \$ 380,000 for victims.

Sewol ferry has been one of the worst marine disasters in South Korea in decades. The ferry crashed with 476 passengers, including 325 students from Danwon High School. Only 75 survivors. More than 50 people were put on trial, including 15 crew members fled the ferry. The captain was sentenced to 36 years in jail, while three other senior sailors were sentenced to 15-30 years in prison.

### **Diver's obsession**

Not only the victim families, many professional divers and amateurs will not forget the tragedy of Sewol. Two diver died in search of the victim. Divers Kim Kwan-hong and his colleagues have so far been obsessed with facing decaying bodies. Divers Kim Dong-soo suffered severe psychological trauma and suicide attempts only killed 10 people.

Police said Kim and other divers suffered mental, physical and financial losses due to lack of government support after completing the rescue mission.

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### **A year after the sinking of the Sewol ferry, divers were still haunted**

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**Although a year has passed, many divers in the Sewol ferry rescue operation are still living in the obsession and fear of witnessing the deaths of so many people.**

***Divers may still not be able to forget  
the terrible memory of Sewol's sinking ferry***

As the Sewol ferry sank in the cold waters of April 2014, many professional divers and amateurs headed straight for Jindo Island in southeastern South Korea to carry out a rescue and recovery operation. The victims.

Despite the harsh weather conditions and dangers, some divers still dive in the April water as cold as ice five times a day. Underwater vision at this time is limited, so in addition to finding the bodies, divers must also find ways to avoid underwater obstacles. Not to worry about their lives, these quiet heroes only wish to collect as many corpses as possible, so that the illiterate victims will be returned to the warm arms of the family.

"Sewol sinking area is not only deep but there are many big waves," said Jung Yong Hyun, director of the Korea Diving Industry Institute. Near the ferry area is a tidal power station, which is famous for the Myeongnyang naval battle. Still, thinking of relatives of the bad guys, the divers had to cross the big waves to dive deep into the sea.

And, not everyone survived on this special assignment. Two divers have died of unconsciousness in the search process. Meanwhile, for those lucky enough to survive, the past 12 months are like a nightmare stuck for them every night.

"I feel scared when I'm in the dark alone because the horrible images will come to my mind," says Kim Kwan Hong, "so I try to meet people every day. And constantly moving in open spaces. Whenever I walk, I will think less of it. "

Witnessing the decomposing bodies in front of the eyes is probably what Kim and his colleagues cannot forget. A diver named Kim Sang Woo said, "I dived deep into the water with a sad mood and when I entered the ship, I was really scared. The condition of the bodies exceeds our imagination. All of them have been decomposed to an unrecognizable level. "

Divers Kim Dong Soo is also one of those who experience serious psychological problems after this catastrophic accident. Although becoming a hero in the eyes of the Korean people when rescuing more than 10 people from the Sewol ferry, but for Kim himself, nothing can lessen the sense of guilt for not being able to save the whole of life. Guests on the ferry.

Last month, his name was on the front pages after suicide failed. Sharing the reason for this action, Diver Kim Dong Soo said he could not forgive himself for not trying to save more lives. South Korean police say Kim Dong Soo has suffered too much physically, psychologically and financially as the government has yet to agree on a subsidy for divers to join Sewol's rescue operation. lift up.

The search for and salvage of bodies ended in November 2014. So far, the ferry still dips in the icy waters off Jindo Island.

On the anniversary of this terrible catastrophe, many people have flocked to Jindo Island to commemorate the victims. For them, being in the disaster area brought terrible memories of the day a year ago when the Sewol ferry deepened to the sea, killing more than 300 passengers, mostly student.



**"Diver Kim Kwan-hong, we will always remember you as a hero and a righteous man."**

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[Fact TV] In the wake of the sinking of the MV Sewol, private diver Kim Kwan-hong dedicated himself to recovering the missing victims, on the morning of June 17th he was found to be deceased. Mr Kim joined the underwater recovery effort 7 days after the Sewol sank and worked for over two months. He and his diver colleagues entered the scene alongside the Coast Guard Sea Salvage & rescue Unit (SSU) and recovered 292 of the 295 missing victims.

After Sewol, Mr Kim suffered from decompression sickness and a spinal disc injury among other conditions and he was forced to give up his occupation. He tried to make ends as a surrogate driver and also worked alongside the Sewol families campaigning for an investigation into the Sewol.

Last September, Mr Kim spoke as a consultant at the Sewol parliamentary audit, he expressed the frustration of the private divers as he levelled criticism at the Coast Guard who had shirked responsibility for their role in the death of one of his diver colleagues during the recovery operation. The Coast Guard attempted to shift the blame over diver Lee Kwang-wook's accidental death to fellow private diver Gong Woo-young, Mr Gong was charged with criminal negligence and sentenced to one year in prison.

He also attended the first Sewol Special Investigation Team hearing as a witness last December and described the confusion and illogical situations that arose on the ground during the recovery operation. When he saw government officials who had been in charge at the time take the stand and repeatedly answer questions with, "I can't remember," he confronted them, "I want to ask the senior government officials something. I remember everything. I can't forget and the memories forged into my bones – how can you say you don't know or forget?"

In the lead-up to the 20th general election, Mr Kim volunteered for the campaign of then-candidate, now-lawmaker 'Sewol Lawyer' Park Joo-min, working as his driver amongst other roles that he shared with the Sewol families. On June 8, Mr Kim attended a press conference calling for the newly established 20th parliament to amend the Sewol Special Law and on the day before his death, he attended a Sewol-related cultural event alongside Sewol family members.

Mr Kim passed away on the morning of June 17, leaving behind a wife and three children as well as his parents. At 7pm the following day, a crowd of 500 gathered to pay their respects and comfort his family at the memorial that was set up at the funeral parlour at Seobuk Hospital, Yeok-chon, Eun-pyung, Seoul. The parlour was filled with the sound of the song. Not only his family but many others also shed tears.

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Park Rae-gun, chairperson of the 416 Network spoke about their relationship, "I thought we would continue to work together like family but he has gone ahead of us. We said we would get our revenge on the wretches who failed to rescue the students from inside the Sewol, who still think money is more important than lives, who are too busy looking out for themselves to notice the suffering of others, we said we would get our grand revenge."

"Looking at your three children who have not yet comprehended the death of their father and the wife who stood by and saw how you suffered, my heart is torn to shreds." Becoming increasingly choked up he continued, "Now you can let go of everything and rest, all the sleep you tried but couldn't achieve, catch up on it all and rest. As for the rest of us who are still here, I promise we will find the truth of the Sewol, cheer us on from heaven."

Jung Myung-sun, chairperson of the 416 Family Council declared, "Today's situation is completely unjust, it is deplorable, it is difficult to accept. We will do our best to look after the people that Mr Kim loved the most, his family – his two daughters and son and his parents."

"While the government failed to rescue and refused to even recover our loved ones, private divers like Mr Kim risked their lives and voluntarily did the job for them. We call these divers the heroes of the Sewol." He went on emphatically, "We will never forget. We will always remember you as a hero and a righteous man."

Park Jong-hoon, senior member of the Sewol Special Investigation Team also paid his respects, "I have been meeting with the private divers since the summer of 2014 and few were as courageous as Mr Kim," he went on to say, "Even though it could have disadvantaged him, he spoke up at the hearing, clearly outlining the situations in which the government performed poorly. I can still hear him saying 'if it's right, it's right, if it isn't right then it's wrong.'"

Kim Sang-woo was a diver colleague who also work at the site of the Sewol and reminisced about their work, "Even when (Kim Kwan-hong) got hurt, he knew that if he didn't go back in, someone else would have to – he said that we had to share the load and help each other. He was energetic and always cheerful. When we got holes in our wetsuits, he would patch them for us. He helped us in a lot of ways." Park Joo-min "He nagged me a lot... he must have been particularly desperate for me to get elected."

Newly elected The Minju Party lawmaker Park Joo-min arrived in tears and said, "When I was the last person to become a nominee and when I was sent to an unfamiliar electorate (Eunpyung), Mr Kim was an especially special member of the campaign. He stayed closer to me than anyone else throughout the campaign."

Mr Park went on to say, "He nagged me a lot, 'Why is your posture so bad?' 'Why do you keep hesitating when handing out your card?' 'Make eye contact when talking to people.' 'Why is your voice so quiet?' It was a bit difficult to take at times." However he teared up as he continued, "Looking back Mr Kim must have been particularly desperate for me to get elected. There were pressing matters that he felt that could be addressed through my getting elected. I didn't understand that clearly at the time."

"I knew about his difficulties but I thought he would be doing okay. I cried a lot yesterday. I haven't cried like that in a long time. But from today, even though I am still in mourning, I will eat and get my strength up to work towards achieving our goals. I will address the problems that Mr Kim was so agonised by." He concluded on emphatically, "(Through this memorial) A fire has been lit in our hearts, a fire that cannot be extinguished. We must use this fire as a lamp, to light the way towards the society that Mr Kim dreamt of. We cannot let our tears put out this fire."

A cousin of Mr Kim's spoke as a family representative, "My cousin who wasn't interested in social problems at all, who was proud and always confident (after Sewol) seems to have been exposed to an overwhelming torrent of emotions all at once. The powerless are already sacrificing enough. Those in positions of power have to do more (in order to discover the truth behind the Sewol disaster).

He then addressed members of the media who were present and criticised them for distorting the facts around the Sewol, "I want to ask you if you think happiness is just a clickbait-worthy headline. I want you to know that every decision you make can turn someone's life upside down."

"Ssangyong Motors, Hanjin Industries, Sewol. I didn't think those stories would apply to my family. But it happened to my family too. I hope everyone realises that now." He choked up as he said, "I can still clearly picture Kwan-hong's swaggering. I miss him so much."

Following this, the host of the memorial, Yoo Gyoung-geun Executive Director of the 416 Family Council addressed Mr Kim's family, "Once the funeral is over, you go home and care for your three children, the fact that your neighbours can continue to carry on like normal will make you angry." He continued, "Let's overcome this together. Let's come back to life with the Sewol families and supporters. We will stay with you so that your family can live the life that Mr Kim wanted for you."

After the tribute speeches, there were performances of songs such as by the 416 Choir and a choir named after Lee So-sun, the mother of worker's rights martyr Lee Tae-il. Following the performances, crowds of mourners stood in line to place white chrysanthemums in front of a photograph of Mr Kim. Mr Kim was laid to rest at 8.30am on June 19 at Beokje Cemetery.

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## **Betrayed by the state: Sewol diver dead in apparent suicide**

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### ***Man in his early forties suffered psychological and emotional trauma since he pulled Sewol victims from the ship with his bare hands***

Kim Gwan-hong's voice took on an indignant tone as he testified as a witness in a parliamentary audit of the Ministry of Public Safety and Security last September by the National Assembly Security and Public Administration Committee. Then 42, he was a civilian diver who had gone to the scene at Jindo on Apr. 23, 2014, a week after the Sewol ferry sinking. "It wasn't somewhere I went to make money. My 'crime' was going there as a matter of conscience. If there's a disaster, don't call

the public. The government needs to figure this stuff out on its own [in the future],” Kim said.

“The victims were tangled together in their utter terror, and I prayed for and cradled each one of them as I brought them,” he raged after braving the pitch black conditions in the 48-meter ocean depths.



Early in the morning of June 17, Kim was found dead in the greenhouse where he lived in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province, three days before he turned 43 years old.

No specific cause of death has yet been reported. But closed circuit camera footage showed him returning home around 2 am that night and drinking on his own before collapsing an hour later. The images, along with the discovery at the scene of a fallen pill bottle and final text messages to acquaintances with messages such as “I’m sorry” and “I’ll see you in a better place in a next life,” lead to the seemingly inescapable conclusion that he took his own life. No signs of trespassing were found.

Family members of victims in the sinking were horrified by news of Kim’s death, which came as salvage efforts have been stymied by the damage to part of the hull during the raising of the Sewol’s bow.

“He really changed after the Sewol,” said Kim’s aunt during a visit to Seoul Metropolitan Seobuk Hospital, where his wake was being held.



Oh Byeong-hwan, the 44-year-old father of Danwon High School student and sinking victim Oh Yeong-seok, remembered Kim as "someone who was always cheerful when you saw him, someone who would joke with you and ask after you."



**Lawmaker Park Ju-min (left) and Yoo Kyung-geun of the Sewol Victims Families Committee, cry at Seobuk Hospital funeral home in Seoul at a service for diver Kim Gwan-hong, June 17.  
(by Kim Myoung-jin, staff photographer)**

But for the 787 days from his fateful visit to Jindo until his death, Kim's life remain locked in the Sewol's confines. While former Minister of Oceans and Fisheries Lee Ju-young and other officials in charge of the Sewol response have moved even further up the ladder, a civilian diver who personally recovered bodies faced indictment by prosecutors for errors in the process, accusations of taking financial advantage, and psychological trauma severe enough to have him declaring in a radio interview last year that he "wakes up in the morning thinking only, 'How will I die?'"

Kim also suffered disk injuries to his neck and lower back during his diving for the Sewol search effort, as well a rotator cuff tear and paralysis to his left thigh - injuries that prevented him from continuing to make a living through diving. Instead, he earned money working at his wife's flower shop and serving as a substitute driver.

"He hurt himself recovering the bodies, but after recognizing him as a civilian diver, the government turned around later and said he wasn't, so he couldn't receive

disaster relief payments," said Hwang Byeong-ju, a 57-year-old diver who also took part in the efforts to recover bodies from the Sewol.

"He suffered a lot emotionally as those things kept happening to him," a tearful Hwang added.

For the civilian divers, the time since the sinking has been nearly as traumatic as it has been for those who lost their family members.

"We were touching each of those children from the Sewol with our bare hands as we brought them up. Even now, I can't hold my wife or my children," said a diver colleague of Kim's. "I can't stand the feeling of skin."

Despite his physical and financial troubles, Kim was also one of the most active in calling for a more thorough investigation into the sinking. As recently as an hour before his death, he was sharing news about the Sewol salvage effort on his Facebook account.

"I can remember everything that happened," he said while appearing as a witness last December in the first hearing of the special Sewol investigative commission, after numerous government officials claimed they had "no memory" of the events in Apr. 2014.

"I can't ever forget it. It pierces me to the core," he said. "How can these senior government officials not know or remember?"

Kim also volunteered as a personal staffer to "Sewol attorney" Park Ju-min during his run in the Apr. 13 general elections as a candidate for the opposition Minjoo Party of Korea.

"I thought he was someone who would do whatever it took to investigate the Sewol tragedy," he said in an April 2016 interview with the Hankyoreh. In Park, he saw someone who could potentially "help relieve the injustice for the family members and listen for once to what the divers had to say."

Sources said Kim spoke often of his frustration as the government began treating an early end to the special Sewol commission's activities as a foregone conclusion without a thorough investigation into the tragedy.

"Kim was very concerned that the truth about the Sewol was going to end up buried," said Oh Byeong-hwan.

"He did everything he could to bring back our children, and instead he was betrayed by the state. He was tormented by that, and by his sense of guilt for not saving the children."

## **Private Diver who Searched for Sewol Victims Found Dead**

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A private diver who took part in the search for victims of the sunken Sewol ferry has been found dead in his garden.

According to the police, the family of 43-year-old Kim Gwan-hong found him lying on the floor dead in the greenhouse garden that he ran in Goyang, Gyeonggi Province at around 7:25 a.m. Friday.



The police examined security camera footage inside the greenhouse and did not find any trace of an outside intrusion. Also with no injuries to the body, the police have likely ruled out foul play.

Earlier Kim is known to have sent a note hinting at a suicide to an acquaintance.

The police suspect Kim may have taken his own life.

Officers will request an autopsy with the National Forensic Service to identify the exact cause of death.

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"It is not the scene I tried to make money. It is a sin to go conscientiously. Do not call the people to any disaster. The government must take care of it in the future. " Kim Kwan-hong (43), who attended the National Assembly's Safety Administration Committee's inspection of the National Security Service in September last year, said in a raging voice. He was a private diver who ran off the coast of Jindo on April

23, 2014, a week after the disaster of Seowall. 10 meters in front of the eyes of the darkness is not secured 48 meters deep in the depths of the sea "in extreme fear of the victim's body was caught in the corpse of a victim," said Kim, Was found dead at his vinyl house. It was a day before three forty-three birthdays.

Signs have not yet been made clear. However, it is said that Kim, who came back home at 2 am on the day, drinks CCTV footage, which falls down after an hour of drinking alone, and a medal that was away from the scene, and 'I am sorry' The last letter to his acquaintances, including the content of his words, will only make him guess that he would have killed himself. During the lifting of the ship, a part of the hull was damaged during the lifting operation, and the "Red Signal" was lit in the works, the news of the death of Mr.

"It is different even when the person is different before and after the disaster of Seowall." Mr. Kim 's aunt met at the Seoul Northwestern Hospital where Mr. Kim, who is remembered by Oh Byeong-hwan (44), the father of Owon Seok-kun, who died in the disaster of Seowong-ho, was "the one who always joking with his bright face when he met, However, from the day when he ran off the coast of Jindo to the day he went around the world, Kim's life had been trapped in the lake. Lee Ju-young, former minister of maritime and fisheries ministers, is in a win-win situation, and a private diver who has taken charge of the mainland has been indicted by the prosecution for his faultless responsibilities. He was given the impression that he would have caught it firmly. "(Last year's radio interview), I was suffering from mental trauma.

He suffered a severe dive during the search for the time of the year, a disk in his neck and back, a shoulder spin fissure and left thigh paralysis. Because of this aftereffect, he could no longer do his duties, his livelihood. I continued my livelihood with my wife's flower shop and substitute driving. Hwang Byeong-joo (57), a diving company that had taken the carcass together at the scene of the Sewol incident, said, "I was injured while working on the main sword. The government recognized Kim as a private diver, I have been hurt in my mind repeatedly, "he said. Since Seowall, private diver has suffered serious trauma as well as the family. Kim's fellow diving company said, "I touched the children of Seowall with one hand in the water and got them out. I still cannot hold my wife and children. I do not want to get tired ... "He said.

Even in the physical and economic difficulties, he has been the leader of the Seolwol activities. Until a few hours before his death, he shared news on his Facebook account for years. When I attended the first hearing of the Special Investigative Committee of the Special Investigation Committee of the 4th and 16th Months of last year in December last year, the government officials consistently replied that I can not remember, saying, "I am thinking at the time. I can not forget and I work on my bones. Why do not senior officials remember and remember? "

Park Joo-min, who has been working as a lawyer for Seowol during the 4/13 general elections, volunteered to act as secretary for Park's candidacy at the

election camp of Democratic candidates. "It was because I thought that it would be a lone person to do the identification of the seowall tragedy" (interview with <The Hankyoreh> in April). He wanted Park to say, "Once the bereaved families are released, the diver should listen to the stories only once."

The truth about the disaster in Seowal has not been worked out properly, but the government has made it clear that the early termination of the special investigation committee of the Seowoorhoe, and that it has been the cause of the frustration around it. Oh Byeong-hwan said, "Kim was worried that the truth of Seowall would be buried," he said. "We did our best to arrest our children, but they were betrayed by the nation and guilty of not saving their children."

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### **Another three-issue of pain....The death of any private dive**

:2016-06-17 Lee Jae-wook clap reporter

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Cause of death is not yet known exactly what you did. Just at 2 am after a cup of alcohol alone, Kim returned home after an hour or so going to succumb to the closed circuit television (CCTV) footage containing a scene scene flung about pain, and ' I'm sorry ', and then meet with the other aspects of life such as ' put the content of the last letter sent to acquaintances, he guessed that the fact Iran to quit smoking to do their lives as well. During the operation the player three issue (bow), lifting the hull to salvage operations, such as being compromised part of the

' red ' is in the midst of the situation, said Kim died, including three in the news issue of oil family that terrible.

"Three people so different between before and after issue of the Holocaust." leaders, the mortuary has been met at Northwestern Hospital, Seoul municipal leaders, the aunt has said so. Three killed as a lesson and student Councilor Oh Young-issue seats military father Oh, Byung-hwan (44), Mr. Kim to remember is "always a bright face when it encounters a ' brother, brother, ' jokes, and regards even ask first worlds". But progress depends on the ' day ' went from offshore and the world was written in three days, the leaders, the 787, until the day boiled in or trapped inside the issue. Former Minister of Maritime Affairs and fisheries, such as the Holocaust two weeks young officer were hugely successful, and worked in a private dive saga carcasses as a prosecutor being accused of negligence, ' caught ' tightly played point to Iran, he said, "but the idea that death happens in the morning, hang out with" (a radio interview last year) and enough mental trauma.

He searched the three issue is unreasonable when working with dive disk in the neck and waist, shoulder rotation fascia rupture and left thigh numbness symptoms. This is because of his day job and making a living, the aftereffects of divers were able to do more work. Driving with my wife's flower shop and earn a living as a surrogate. Tax issue was control of the carcasses with devastation Hwang Byung-Joo (57) dives to work "carcasses was injured, the Government acknowledged as private Kim sleep investigation was not blessed me later once I'm relief costs properly ₩ nail was given. Such a thing is repeated, "and received a lot of tears, a broken heart. Buy three issue as a private dive after a serious trauma as a metaphor for families. Kim peers dive in the water children "live issue one can take a hand touching the humid. My wife and kids still don't hug. I hate to touch live ..., "he said.

In the physical and economic difficulties, and he more than anyone else on the issue of the age of truth has been at the forefront of the activity. Even a few hours before it gets a breath of his Facebook account, the three had to share the news, featuring news relevant to salvage issue. Last December, 16-year-old issue of Holocaust Special Investigation Committee 4/1 of the car would have been in attendance as a witness in the hearing, government officers who do not remember the answer invariably flies ' consistent with ' let "I thought at the time it all. Can not forget the bone hit senior officials don't know why the Secretary can't remember? "and it days spit.

When the general elections in the last four and 13 hwaldonghaeon night as residents ' tax issue lawyers ' camp at night with Democratic nominee election candidates Secretary volunteered to serve. "It's saying to the three issue Holocaust truth because I thought I'd be doing" (<한겨레> interview in April). He had hoped to Park "released their chagrin the bereaved then dives serpents also contains only once".

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the early termination of an established fact, he is said to have dabdabhameul often in the vicinity of the Toro. Oh, Byung-hwan's "Kim would be buried three issue were worried about the truth of" and "do your best to our kids, but the betrayal to the country, and did not save the children work with a combination of guilt he annoyed," he said.

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## **Death of a Diver**

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2016-10-17 Lee Jae-hoon, reporter, Sang\_ eun

A civilian diver, Kim Kwan-hong (43), who participated in the search for the missing person at the time of the explosion, was found dead at 7:52 am in a plastic house in Yongdu-dong, Gyeonggi Province on March 17.

Kim was reported to have left a text message suggesting suicide at 3 am on the day. Police are currently investigating bereaved family members and planning to ask for an autopsy to determine the exact cause of the death.

Kim was voluntarily involved in the search for the missing person at the time of the Seowall disaster, and suffered from trauma and received psychiatric treatment. He attended the National Security Service audit at the National Assembly last September and explained the situation of the victims of the Seweong Lake and the private diver. He also attended the hearing held by the special investigation committee of the 4th and 16th year We have been leading the identification activities. He made a heart-stopping remembrance remembrance that he left on December 16, last year's hearing. I edited footage of the fact TV that I made an agreement with <Hankyoreh>.

## **Private diver Kim Bridge**

Without medicine, I can not sleep,  
Then, about July, I met with the bereaved family members.  
I met him and said, "Thank you." As soon as I heard that, I stopped the psychiatric treatment. In one word.  
Psychotherapy is not curable. Drugs are just pressuring. One word for me ...  
I am a citizen before I become a diver. He was running because he was a citizen. My job was because I was in a situation where I could work at the scene, because I was a national citizen, not a patriot or a hero.

At the end, we did not give up. Why did we have to leave at the time when there were 11 of them, why did we have to be kicked out that way, we could not give up, they ... I wonder why we had to go out. To your family ... We did not do rescue work. (Crying) I was just trying to find it ... and find it ...  
I would like to ask senior officials. We think at that time. I can not forget, I work on my bones, why do senior officials like the social leaders know why I do not know and why. There are those who are better than me, aka Nogada.  
More than that, I do not want to talk. Do not misunderstand us, your family. We are simple. It's a slip or something. The truth may be different, but the situation needs to be told exactly, the situation is. Even if I swear. I will finish here.

[Editorial] Death of a Sewol Diver Reveals the Heavy Responsibility of the State  
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Kim Gwan-hong, a civilian diver who took part in the search operations after the tragic sinking of the Sewol, left this world when his coffin was carried out of the funeral house yesterday, leaving behind three children. Kim was found dead in a greenhouse on June 17. His death testifies that we cannot bury the Sewol tragedy in the past just like this. At the same time, his death tells us that identifying the truth of the accident and punishing those responsible is not the task of just the bereaved family members, but all of us who are still alive.





The president and the government, obligated to protect the people's safety and lives according to the Constitution, should seriously look back on themselves. The diver, Kim had joined the search operations of the ship aware of the danger related to the deep-sea diving operation at the time of the tragedy in 2014. He helped bring back twenty-five bodies. He once lost consciousness, swept away by the currents, during an operation, but returned to the site three days after receiving emergency treatment.

Although a civilian diver, he jumped into the deep ocean water in the place of the Coast Guard, which was busy sparing itself, and brought back the bodies of the dead children in his arms one by one. During that whole time, the country did nothing. The only thing that Kim received in exchange for his contribution in the search operations was a wrecked body, hospital bills and economic hardships. The government opposed designating thirty of the thirty-nine civilian divers injured during the search operations as persons wounded for righteous causes. The government even held them responsible for the death of their fellow civilian divers. Kim's colleague Gong Wu-yeong was charged for professional negligence resulting in death instead of the Coast Guard just because he was a senior diver. Another colleague of Kim relayed that Kim had a hard time watching Gong stand trial.

Since the Sewol sank to this day, the country has not once shown us any action worthy of a state. It was extremely incompetent in saving lives and it was busy putting the responsibility on civilians after the disaster. The country even ignored the task of identifying the truth. So far, the special committee for the Sewol investigation was held back by members recommended by the ruling party, which called the committee a "tax robber." It failed to uncover the cause of the disaster and the reason why the rescue operations were delayed, including the seven hours of the president. If the committee is forced to shut down at the end of this month leaving its tasks in the current state, the country will be piercing the hearts of the victims a second time. The opposition party submitted an amendment of the special bill on the Sewol incident to guarantee enough time for the committee to conduct the investigation as the first bill of the twentieth National Assembly. However, Saenuri Party's floor leader Chung Jin-suk said, "They have investigated all they could," and is opposing the attempt to extend the activities of the committee. If the country concludes the investigations without even salvaging the ship, who would believe the results? Kim stood before the lawmakers at a parliamentary hearing last December and criticized, "Don't ever call the people for any disaster. The government should take care of it." The government and the ruling party should, at least now, stop blocking the people from getting at the truth of the incident, if they feel in the least responsible for the death of Kim. May he rest in peace.

▶ [Original Korean story \(한글기사 원본\)](#)

## Online campaign asks for support for widow of heroic Sewol diver



**Late Kim Kwan-hong in the top photo and the business card of his wife who runs a flower store. / Captured from the Internet**

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/12/116\\_219928.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/12/116_219928.html)

2016-12-11 By Park Si-soo

An online campaign to help the widow of Kim Kwan-hong, a diver who is revered for his heroic rescue efforts in 2014, is gaining momentum following President Park Geun-hye's impeachment.

A captured business card of Kim Hye-yeon, wife of the late diver, is spreading on social media and community websites with a memo asking netizens to buy flowers at her shop.

Kim was found dead in his home in an apparent suicide in June, ending his fight against post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) he had suffered after his risky search of the doomed Sewol ferry. He suffered from PTSD, along with acute decompression sickness, after jumping into the water numerous times in a desperate effort to save people trapped in the ferry, which capsized on April 16, 2014.

President Park has been accused of being lazy in responding to the disaster that claimed the lives of more than 300 people, mostly high school students.

The diver is widely remembered for a line he left in his suicide note: "Please take care of things left unsolved."

Attending a public hearing as a witness last December, Kim condemned government officials for their lack of enthusiasm and will to explore the many questions linked to the ferry disaster, including the exact cause of the sinking and the government's allegedly slow rescue operation.

"I'm not a hero. I just dashed to the scene because I had skills and knowledge with which I was able to help," the diver said during the hearing.

Pointing out government officials who were trying to reduce their responsibilities, Kim said, "Do you really not remember everything that happened that day? I can remember everything clearly and I won't be able to forget it. Please be true to yourself."

## **They are filming the tragedy of the Sewol ferry**

<http://www.erzeki-korea.hu/arch-hir-brief-2016/filmes-hirek-16/>

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Close sources close to the Korean film industry have confirmed in the past that next year they will be launching the comedy series of more than 300 lives that will require life.

The film titled "Marine Tiger" is based on a novel by Kim Tak-hwan, which in the rescue works places the divers in the history of life by sacrificing their lives.



The writer wrote his novel about the memories of KIM Kwan-hong diver. Shortly after their encounter, the rescue diver committed suicide.

He was, not mentally or psychologically unable to process the heroic, but almost hopeless, effort of seeing the faces of the desperate and helpless drowned children