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### UNH Researcher Available to Discuss UN Report on North Korea's Human Rights Violations, China's Role

DURHAM, N.H. -- Chris Reardon, associate professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire, is available to discuss the recent United Nations report detailing human rights violations in North Korea and China's role in "aiding and abetting crimes against humanity" by sending migrants and defectors back to North Korea to face torture or execution.

"The recent UNHCR report accuses China of violating 'its obligation to respect the principle of non-refoulement under international refugee and human rights law.' In effect, China has aided and abetted North Korea by providing background dossiers on the repatriated North Korean migrants, which North Korea used to determine the final disposition of the migrants," Reardon said.

"The report details how such opponents of the North Korean regime are treated, which can be compared to the final solution in Germany and the killing fields of Cambodia, another tyrannical regime supported by China," he said.

Reardon's research focuses on the elite strategies in opening China's economy to the outside world in the 1980s. He has published "The Reluctant Dragon: Crisis Cycles in Chinese Foreign Economic Policy," and translated two volumes of Chinese foreign economic policy documents. He is a research associate at the John King Fairbanks Center for East Asian Studies at Harvard University and coordinator of Asian Studies at the University of New Hampshire. He is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

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