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### **North Korea: UN Human Rights Council urged to set up Commission of Inquiry**

*Amnesty International's North Korea specialist available for interview from Geneva*

On Monday the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is due to present his findings to the UN Human Rights Council.

Rajiv Narayan, North Korea Researcher for Amnesty International, is at the UN in Geneva to reiterate the call for UN Member States to establish an independent Commission of Inquiry into the grave and systematic human rights violations taking place—including crimes against humanity.

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Last Thursday, Amnesty International published analysis of new satellite images showing the North Korean government is blurring the lines between its political prison camps and the surrounding population. See <http://tinyurl.com/bmernhl> for more.

Hundreds of thousands of people—including children—are held in political prison camps and other detention facilities in North Korea, where they are subject to human rights violations, such as forced hard labour, denying food as punishment, torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.

Many of those held in political prison camps have not committed any crime, but are related to those deemed unfriendly to the regime and detained as a form of collective punishment.

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