

Gas Chambers in North Korean Camps?

The Observer reports eyewitness testimony alleging that terrible atrocities are taking place in North Korean prison camps:

Over the past year harrowing first-hand testimonies from North Korean defectors have detailed execution and torture, and now chilling evidence has emerged that the walls of Camp 22 hide an even more evil secret: gas chambers where horrific chemical experiments are conducted on human beings.

Witnesses have described watching entire families being put in glass chambers and gassed. They are left to an agonising death while scientists take notes.

If this is true, why is the world permitting it to happen?

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To save North Korea we must be ready for a war with the People's Republic of China. As long as our leadership thinks of the American people as something to be protected from the big, bad world we will not be getting ready.

I'll write more on the subject at my own place

Alan

It's usually the obvious that gets you by surprise

by [mythusmage](#) on Mon, 02/02/2004 - 04:49 | [reply](#)

Update

Here's the essay I mentioned above. Archiving isn't working for me, so the link will send you to the blog's mainpage.

Alan

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picky point

actually, it's variants on obvious things that might get you by surprise, not actually obvious things.

-- Elliot Temple

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re: China

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But that doesn't really answer the question because the world is not taking the stance you indicate. If it were, Mr Bush would be announcing in his next address to the American people, and Mr Blair would be declaring in Parliament: "The Government of China is, to its eternal shame, continuing to subject the North Korean people to these appalling atrocities by threatening us with nuclear attack if we should dare to save them, which, otherwise, we would be doing right now."

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Re: Atrocities

Some acts are blatantly atrocious. Why "the world isn't taking action" might boil down to essentially two reasons:

1) The "world" is world government authorities, who either a) know this, and aren't willing to act in any form, or b) don't know this, the latter, less likely; or c) some degree of a) or b) above.

And/Or:

2) The "world" is ultimately people like you and me who up to now, did not know this, and a) now speak out about it until something is done to put pressure to bear on our own government authorities to act to change it, b) live under various degrees of citizen restriction where we have a blunted and ineffectual voice, or c) simply do not care.

The "world" I would hope is ultimately us, who know and take action within our means to do so. Information is a start.

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The Reason...

America is occupied with Iraq and the rest of the world neither care or are capable of doing anything but talk about how humanitarian they are and how evil America is.

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