News Release — Russ Hiebert — Member of Parliament

Hiebert Highlights Brutality of North Korean Regime

(Ottawa) - Conservative MP Russ Hiebert condemned the brutality of the North Korean regime and its leader, Kim Jong-Un, in the House of Commons today.

"As we know, North Korea has one of the most brutal regimes on the planet, denying its own people the most basic rights and freedoms," said Mr. Hiebert. "Indeed, those who would dare question the totalitarian regime of Kim Jong-Un, or even try to escape from it, are sent to concentration camps, many to die of torture or starvation. Amnesty International estimates there are 200,000 political prisoners in these camps."

"This week the Parliament of Canada will hear testimony from a high profile defector, Jang Jin-Sung, who has documented many of the evils of the North Korean regime in his recently published book, 'Dear Leader'. However, Kim Jong-Un is not content to oppress just his own people," Mr. Hiebert said. "His regime also threatens the west with nuclear weapons, and attacks our right to free speech as the recent Sony 'hack' demonstrated. Canada will not be intimidated. We will continue to criticize the cruelty of Kim Jong-Un and call for an end to his regime."

Jang Jin-Sung, a senior insider of the North Korean regime who subsequently defected, will testify before a televised meeting of the International Human Right Sub-Committee at 1PM on Thursday, January 29 in 237-C, Centre Block. He will also be a featured speaker during an all-party event being held this evening at 6PM in Room C-180, 1 Wellington (one door west of Chateau Laurier Hotel.)

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