

SYNOPSIS:

NORTH KOREAN WOMEN FOR SALE

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North Korea is dying from hunger.

Since 1995, 2 million people died from hunger and malnutrition.

Meanwhile Chinese farmers and labourers from across the country have trouble finding wives in their villages, effect of the one child policy.

So at the Chinese-North Korean border a new kind of traffic is flourishing. A human traffic.

Women and girls from North Korea are smuggled out for food and money and sold to Chinese as brides meanwhile some less lucky end in karaoke and brothels from the north of China.



Key dates:

- **1945:** After the defeat of Japan, Korea was separated in two countries, a communist (north) and the other under American influence (south).
- **September 9, 1948:** Kim Il-sung became president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- **25 June 1950:** North Koreans crossing the border from 38 ° parallel. The civil war broke out.
- **July 27, 1953:** A demilitarized zone (DMZ) is provided by the agreement Armistice. The two countries remain technically at war.
- **May 1985:** North Korea signs the Nuclear Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).
- **September 24, 1991:** The two Koreas are admitted to the United Nations.
- **March 1993:** North Korea withdraws from NPT.
- **July 8, 1994:** Kim Jong-il took over when his father, the head of North Korea, died.