



Human Rights Without Frontiers International (HRWF Int'l), an independent nongovernmental organization, has released a 62-page report that documents the abduction and confinement of Japanese citizens for the purpose of religious de-conversion, and the failure of Japanese police and judicial authorities to investigate and prosecute those responsible for such cases of domestic violence.

In an HRWF press release the study's co-author and HRWF director, Willy Fautre, was quoted as saying: "The failure to provide the victims of such kidnappings with equal protection under the law, and the impunity of those responsible, constitute a serious violation of the Japanese people's constitutionally guaranteed rights and the international human rights standards to which Japan is legally bound."

Dr. Aaron Rhodes (pictured above), who helped prepare the report and wrote its introduction, stated: "It is completely unacceptable that all known complaints against parents and exit counselors have been declared ineligible. In the face of such official negligence and impunity, one cannot state that there is freedom of religion in Japan."

[You can read the report at this link.](#)