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summary

The country is still reeling from the shock of a series of horrible **sex crimes** that sparked a debate over **tougher punishment for sex offenders**. This past month, a seven-year-old girl was kidnapped from her own home and then violently raped. The young victim survived with serious injuries after her 23-year old neighbor tried to **strangle her to death**. Just weeks before, a 10-year old girl was found dead in the mountains in southern Korea. The innocent child was found to have been **brutally** raped and killed by a local resident who was a known sex offender. The **high-profile cases** have fueled public outrage as many feel these terrible tragedies **could have been avoided** with **harsher sentences** for convicted **pedophiles**.

Facing intense criticism, the National Police Agency is **cracking down on** child pornography and recruiting 1,250 more police officers to monitor **former convicts**. The government is also looking to expand its controversial **chemical castration** law to convicted sex offenders who attack minors under 19 years of age, instead of the current 16. Chemical castration involves taking medication to **reduce the level of libido** in the body rather than the surgical removal of sexual organs. In addition, the Ministry of Justice is looking into improving its online sex offender registry so that any concerned parent can be informed of **past sex offenders** in their local neighborhood. It's a shame that it took the death of a young girl to improve public safety. However, for many parents, the new government policies give little relief in the protection of their children.

Key Words

1. 성범죄 sex crime; sexual crime
2. 성폭력/성폭행 sex assault; sexual assault
3. 전자발찌 ankle monitor; GPS ankle bracelet
4. 성범죄자 sex offender
5. 아동성범죄 pedophilia; child molestation
6. 아동 성범죄자 pedophile; pedo; child molester
7. 극악무도한 범죄 horrible crime; heinous crime; unspeakable crime
8. 화학적 거세 chemical castration
9. 전과자 repeat criminal; former convict; (someone) with multiple convictions; (someone) has multiple convictions
10. (관리만 잘 해도) 막을 수 있었다 this would have been prevented; this would have been preventable
11. 단호하게 처벌해야 한다 Sex offenders require harsher punishment; require longer jail time; require harsher sentences
12. (화학적 거세를) 당해도 싸다 Sex offenders deserve chemical castration
13. 세상이 어떻게 되려고 이러나 What is the world coming to?; What kind of world do we live in?
14. (이런 범죄를 저지르는 사람은) 인간도 아니다 These people are not human; These people are beasts/animals
15. (관련 뉴스를 들으면) 마음이 아프다 it tears me up inside; I feel shame that this crime happened

More Key Words

1. 처참하게, 잔혹하게 brutally
2. 세상을 떠들썩하게 한 뉴스 high-profile case
3. 단속하다 crack down on
4. 성욕을 낮추다 reduce the level of libido
5. 목 졸라 죽이다 strangle someone to death