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Paul's Summary (transcribed)

This past Friday singer and radio personality Kim Heung-guk **shaved his head** in front of the MBC headquarters, to **protest** the broadcast network's decision to fire him from his radio program. He was **dismissed** without warning with MBC citing that he was **leaving due to personal reasons**. Unfortunately Kim disagrees and has been **holding a one-man demonstration** every day since he was forced to leave his job. The main reason for this dispute was Kim's **political affiliations with the Grand National Party**, more specifically Kim's visible support of a GNP candidate in the by-elections. Kim was told by his superiors that he was supposed to **keep neutral** ahead of the election in May but went ahead with his support, defending that he never used the MBC broadcast show to promote his own political views.

This comes at a time when many other notable celebrities are being censored or fired for their political views. MBC had made a similar action with the **forced resignation** of Kim Mi-Hwa who was the host of the network's radio show based on her criticisms of the current government. Comedian Kim Je-dong has also coincidentally decided to quit with regards to his upcoming talk show. It was rumored that the television network had decided to cancel the show after Kim hosted the one-year anniversary memorial service for the late former President Roh Moo-hyun.

It is clear that many celebrities are more than **one-dimensional characters** but people who are **socially aware** and intelligent enough to make decisions on **where they stand politically**. But the question posed by these recent events is that shouldn't they **conform to** their employer's neutral stance. Others argue that celebrities are still equal citizens and therefore share the right to freedom of speech. It will never be easy to separate personal life and work..

Key Words

1. 해고되었다 be let go; be dismissed; (MBC) let me go
2. 사회적 의식이 있다 be socially aware
3. 정치적 입장이 어떠한지 where they stand politically
4. 대중의 주목을 받는다 (celebrities) are in the public eye
5. (연예인의 의견은) 영향력이 더 크다 (their voice) carries more weight
6. 의견을 적극적으로 표현하는 outspoken
7. 정치 참여적인 politically involved
8. 사회 참여적인 socially aware
9. 대중의 관심을 이용한다 take advantage of their fame (popularity)
10. 연예인도 시민이다 celebrities are still citizens
11. 대중의 주목을 받기 위해 to keep the spotlight on them

More Key Words

1. 삭발하다 shave one's head
2. 개인적인 이유로 그만두다 leave due to personal reasons
3. 1인 시위를 하다 hold a one-man demonstration
4. 1차원적 인물 one-dimensional character
5. 중립을 유지하다 keep neutral
6. (회사의) 결정을 따르다 conform to
7. 막 유명해지고 있는 연예인 rising star
8. 나서지 않다 lay low