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With over 16 million readers the online serial novel "Dogani" or "The Crucible" has become one of Korea's most talked about books. Popular author Gong Ji-young had published her story in 2008 where a new teacher, at a school for **hearing impaired children, uncovers** a trail of **sexual abuse**. What has shocked readers and the public is that the novel was based on **real-life events** of an actual school in Gwangju from 2000 to 2004. The powerful and gripping novel has now been **adapted into a film** and recently released to the public. One of the hopes for the film's release is that it will **raise awareness** of the incident and of the disabled in general.

In a recent press conference, it was revealed that some of the cast and crew had been hesitate to go ahead with the movie due to the terrible and cruel **nature** of the true story. However, it was agreed that Gong Ji-young's story and the victims had the right to be heard. One of the controversial parts of the true story was that even after the teachers and principal were caught, and their horrible crimes **brought to light**, there was a **cover-up** to **keep it a low-profile incident**. An even bigger slap to the face to the victims was light sentence of **less than one year jail-time** or **probation** for the faculty that sexually abused children for years. The teachers were even allowed to come back to work at the school. It's hoped that the popularity of "The Crucible" and the release of the film will finally give a voice to those who had none.

Key Words

1. 청각장애인 hearing impaired, hearing challenged
2. 성추행하다 sexually abuse
3. 새로 부임한 교사 a new teacher that came, a new teacher that was transferred
4. 사실을 밝혀내다 uncover the story
5. ~을 고발하다 press charges against ~
6. 장애인 the handicapped, the disabled, the challenged
7. 시각장애인 visually challenged
8. 지적장애인 mentally challenged, intellectually challenged
9. 가해자 abuser, offender, criminal (상황에 따른 가해의 내용을 표현)
10. 피해자 victim
11. 솜방망이 처벌 a slap on the wrist
12. 징역2년 집행유예 3년에 처함 be sentenced two years in prison and three years probation
13. 집행유예를 선고받음 get probation for ~ years, be given probation by the court, be on probation
14. (사실을 알리지 않도록 회유하다) coax the parents to not come out, coax the parents to not press charges
15. 은폐하다 cover-up, keep it a low profile incident
16. 장애인 인권에 관한 의식을 제고하다 raise awareness

More Key Words

1. 픽션보다 현실에서 이상한 일이 더 많이 일어나기도 한다. Life is often stranger than fiction.
2. (부정적인 내용을) 생생하게 전달하는 graphic
3. 내용이 (부정적으로) 자극적임 graphic subject matter
4. 차마 눈뜨고 볼 수가 없다, 차마 대할 수가 없다 hard to face