

### [International] Korean Government Seeks Death Penalty For Captain

South Korean prosecutors have recently announced their decision to seek the death penalty for the captain of the Sewol Ferry that capsized earlier this year, along with life in prison for the other three crew members on board at the time.

Although uncommon, the death penalty is still an option in South Korea, and the captain, Lee Joon-seok, may face such punishment for his role in the ferry disaster that killed at least 294 people, many of which were high school students.

The Sewol incident caused widespread anger in South Korea over the lax safety standards and seemingly unconcerned actions of the crew who did not make announcements to evacuate passengers and didn't use the safety equipment (such as rafts and lifeboats) that were available to them. The captain claims he was changing clothes and smoking at the time of the incident, however he was filmed being rescued in his underwear while hundreds of victims listened to announcements telling them to stay put.

The final verdict and sentencing will be given November 11th.

### 重要單字片語

1. punishment (n.) 懲罰

The *punishment* for speeding is usually a fine rather than jail.  
對於超速駕車的懲罰通常是罰鍰而非拘禁。

2. standard (n.) 標準

This album set the *standard* for great jazz music.  
這張專輯為偉大的爵士樂立下了標準。

3. unconcerned (adj.) 漠不關心的；無興趣

to be *unconcerned* with politics  
對政治不關心

4. evacuate (v.) 撤離

Twenty families were *evacuated* when a forest fire threatened their homes.  
當森林大火威脅到家園時，有二十戶人家被撤離。

5. verdict (n.) 判決

The *verdict* was “guilty,” and he was sentenced to twelve years in prison.  
判決結果是「有罪」，而他被判服刑十二年。

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### Analysis

1. on board 登機、登船

on board 可以指登上飛機、登上船或是登上火車等等。

Have all the students come *on board*? 所有學生都上來了嗎？

2. stay put 待在原處

stay put 就是指待在同個地方，不要動的意思，是比較口語的說法。

*Stay put* honey. Mommy will be back in a minute.

乖寶待在這別亂跑。媽咪馬上回來。

### [國 際] 韓國政府對船長求處死刑

南韓檢方最近宣布他們向今年稍早沉沒的「世越號」船長求處死刑的決定，此外，其他三名當時也在船上的船員則求處無期徒刑。

儘管不多見，死刑仍是南韓的刑罰選項之一，而船長李俊錫因為在這起造成至少 294 人死亡，其中大部分為高中生的渡輪災難中的作為，有可能面臨這樣的刑罰。

「世越號」事件在南韓引發了眾怒，是由於其鬆懈的安全標準及船員並未宣布疏散乘客，也沒有使用可供乘客利用的安全設備（例如救生筏和救生艇）這般似乎漠不關心的舉措。船長聲稱，事發當時他正在更換衣服及抽菸，然而他被拍到穿著內衣獲救的同時，其他數百名受害者則聽從吩咐他們留在原地的廣播通知。

最後的判決及刑罰將會於 11 月 11 日宣判。