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Abduction Issue

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The abduction issue has dominated Japanese politics and Japanese foreign policy and paralyzed relations between Japan and North Korea for years.

The book, "Bortført i København – Japanske skæbner i Nordkorea" (Abducted in Copenhagen – Japanese destinies in North Korea) by Asger Røjle Christensen was published in Danish in October 2011.

It is a detailed story about the destinies of one of the abductees, Keiko Arimoto, and her three abductors. Neither of them are great personalities, neither of them are terribly good or bad persons, but they become small pawns in the big cynical cold war.

The presentation is aimed at trying to illustrate how emotionally stifled the abduction issue continues to be in Japan.

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