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A small number of former comfort women attended The Hague final judgment event, representing an estimated 200,000 women from Korea and other Asian countries who were victims of Japan’s military sexual slavery system before and during World War II.

(upper left) Former comfort woman Kum Nyo Kwak of North Korea, Chung Ok Yune of the Korean Council and former comfort woman Eun Rye Kim of South Korea, visit the Yi Jun Museum in The Hague. The museum was named for Jun Yi, a leader of the Korean independence movement who was denied entrance to the International Peace Conference in The Hague in 1907. The delegation was there to tell the world of the injustice of Japanese occupation. Yi died there of exhaustion. (top) Suhanah, former comfort woman from Indonesia listens to the judgment being read. (center) South Korean Eun Rye Kim, on right, and North Korean Kum Nyo Kwak listen to testimony. (above) Former comfort women from North and South Korea, Philippines and Taiwan take a coffee break. (right) Jan Ruff-O’Herne, former comfort woman, originally from the Dutch East Indies, describes her ordeal at a press conference.

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