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Amnesty for KAL Saboteur

On 13 April South Korean President Roh granted a special amnesty to Kim Hyun-Hui, the 28-year-old North Korean agent convicted last year of planting a bomb on Korean Airlines Flight 858 in November 1987. The plane exploded off the coast of Burma, killing all 115 passengers and crew. According to press reports, Hyun-Hui was pardoned because she confessed her crime and admitted to acting on behalf of North Korea. At her trial, Hyun-Hui asserted that the bombing was ordered directly by Kim Chong-II, son of President Kim II-Song. She has also publicly denounced North Korea's policies.

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