

A sex-abuse scandal *incenses* millions of South Koreans

"First he just asked for a picture of my body, but then he asked if I could send one that showed my face, " the girl told a local radio show on the morning of March 24th. She went on to describe a weeks-long *ordeal* during which she sent more than 40 graphic videos to a man. "He had all my personal information... I was afraid he would threaten me with that if I quit."

incense 激怒

ordeal 折磨

She is only one of dozens of apparent victims in the latest sexual-abuse scandal to rock South Korea.

On the same day that she described her *plight*, police revealed the identity of the man, Cho Ju-bin, who stands accused of running a range of porn channels, known as "nth rooms" on the Telegram chat app, charging up to 30, 000 subscribers between \$200 and \$1, 200 for access to graphic sexual content extorted from young women and under-age girls.

plight 困境; 境况

The authorities are keen to be seen to be cracking down hard. South Korea's president Moon Jae-in vowed to take a *stern* approach to digital sexual-abuse crimes, calling the offenders "cruel" and public *fury* "justified".

stern 严厉的; 坚定的

fury 狂怒

But it remains to be seen whether all the public hand-*wringing* will result in justice for the victims. Activists have long complained of South Korea's *sketchy* record on prosecuting sexual abuse and the *misogyny* entrenched in the law, which still regards being drunk as a valid defence for those accused of rape. And even with the best of intentions, attempting to *stamp out* the distribution of *abusive* material online can be a wild-goose chase, as *perpetrators* shift from one anonymous platform to the next.

wringing 拧; 湿透的

handwringing 绝望的

sketchy 概略的

misogyny 厌女症

stamp out 扑灭；踩灭

abusive 辱骂的；虐待的

perpetrator 犯罪者