Role of Journalism for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific: Korean Experience

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'Redevelopment' is supposed to repair the worn-out housing, maintaining the existing residential area. However in reality, this 'redevelopment' in Korea has built up a completely new large-scale apartment complex, forcing the native residents to leave their homes and pulling down the old houses. This 'redevelopment' process was led by the government in the 1970s and taken over to residents since the 1990s. However, the 'redevelopment' still remains violent due to locals trying to gain profit by increasing house prices. Journalism had remained silent under the dictatorial government in the past. Still they are slow in criticizing the 'redevelopment' process because of the profits coming from advertising for major construction firms. Public opinion tends to shift towards the way the work is advertised. Large-scale public works may be processed with journalism remaining silent if advertisement profits are at stake. How can we overcome the complexity of 'development' which destroys ecosystem, corrupts the public officials, and leaves journalism silent?