

# The Asaki Case Resurfaces

In a sidebar to the *Forbes* article, author Benjamin Fulford presents a distorted account of the death of a suburban Tokyo city councilwoman and Soka Gakkai critic, Akiyo Asaki almost entirely from comments from the deceased's daughter, Naoko.

The councilwoman's death was ruled a suicide by the Tokyo Public Prosecutor's Office. Astonishingly, *Forbes* saw fit to reprint Naoko Asaki's unfounded charges of foul play by the Soka Gakkai despite the fact that this very issue was judged false by the Japanese courts. The Soka Gakkai prevailed in every defamation case in which Asaki's death was at issue — not merely “some cases” as the article claims.

Had the author investigated the incident, he would have discovered that Naoko Asaki brought meritless lawsuits against everyone involved in the incident — including the fire department and the emergency personnel who transported her mother to the hospital. Those lawsuits were dismissed.

**More information is available at:**

**[http://www.sokagakkai.info/html3/viewpoint3/record3/record\\_index3.html](http://www.sokagakkai.info/html3/viewpoint3/record3/record_index3.html)**