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Ms. Liu Shuling Tortured to Death in Harbin City Drug Rehabilitation Forced Labor Camp

(Clearwisdom.net) Ms. Liu Shuling and eleven other Falun Gong practitioners were tortured in the Harbin City Drug Rehabilitation Forced Labor Camp in Heilongjiang Province from July 1 to July 3, 2010. Ms. Liu died on July 3. According to a witness, she was tied to an iron chair (a metal chair used to restrain a victim while they are being tortured) and died after being shocked with an electric baton.

Below is a personal account from a fellow practitioner, describing what she experienced and witnessed at the Harbin Drug Rehabilitation Forced Labor Camp, around the time of Ms. Liu's death.

Twelve practitioners tortured

At around 1:00 p.m. on July 1, a group of guards pushed me to the ground, handcuffed me and kicked my legs. A guard named Hei Jialun kept slapping my face. I was then dragged to the 5th floor.

In the hall on the 5th floor, I saw Ms. Yu Xiaohua. She was seated in an iron chair, with her hands cuffed behind her back. Her mouth was stuffed with a rag and sealed with adhesive tape tightly wrapped around her head.

Ms. Tong Yaqin was then dragged up to the 5th floor by a male guard while her hands were cuffed behind her back. She was in extreme pain, her face was pale and her eyes were tightly closed as she struggled to cope with the pain. After torturing Ms. Tong and Ms. Yu, the guards came towards me, and cuffed me to the iron chair that they had just used to torture Ms. Yu.

On July 3, all of the tortured practitioners were given a "ghost" haircut, which meant that the hair was shaved off half the head. This was a humiliation tactic left over from the Cultural Revolution.



Illustration of guard shocking victim with an electric baton

The rooms on the 5th floor were sealed off, the glass windows and doors covered with newspaper and all the windows were closed. I was told that Ms. Liu Shuling was in the room next to mine.

It was probably July 2 or 3, when I heard horrible screaming coming from Ms. Liu's room. I asked the guard Zhang Chunjing what it was, and she replied, "I put her on the iron chair."

I then heard a piercing whine. Although the doors and windows were shut tightly, the sound could still be heard. After a while, I heard many people going in and out of Ms. Liu's room, making a lot of noise. Then everything was silent. I was unexpectedly released from the iron chair on July 4. When I heard about Ms. Liu's death, I realized that the guards were afraid of any repercussions from her death, and so they stopped torturing the other practitioners.

Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. Introduced by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China, the practice consists of five gentle exercises including meditation, and diligent effort on the part of practitioners to follow the universal principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance in daily life. Falun Gong is not only beneficial to one's own health and well-being, it also benefits others. Although the practice originated in China, today it is practiced throughout the world by people of all races and walks of life. In the face of the most brutal and vicious persecution perpetrated on them by the Chinese Communist Party, Falun Gong practitioners have found the spiritual strength to resist peacefully and tirelessly by upholding the principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance.



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 100 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.

Italian Youth Minister Expresses Indignation at the Persecution

(Clearwisdom.net) Giorgia Meloni, the Italian Minister of Youth Policy, has recently expressed her indignation at the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

On November 13, 2010, Falun Gong practitioners from more than twenty countries, including the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, the Netherlands and Belgium, gathered in Rome, the capital of Italy, to hold a massive parade. Many European Union and Italian officials wrote letters or came to join in the parade in support of Falun Gong. In her letter, Giorgia Meloni wrote supporting the practitioners' efforts to end the persecution in China and called upon the worldwide community to become involved and to show support for the persecuted practitioners.



*The Falun Gong practitioners' parade
leaving the Mouth of Truth Square in Rome*



*Candlelight vigil at
Four Rivers Fountain Square*

Ms. Meloni wrote, "I feel very indignant at the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. No one has the right to restrict people from practicing this ancient meditation for the purpose of cultivating mind and body. They [Falun Gong practitioners] are a peaceful group which does not spread violence and hatred."

Meloni called on the Western world to help stop the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of Falun Gong. She stated, "The free world should not turn a blind eye to the fact of hundreds of millions of people who have lost their freedom of thought, belief, religion and association."

How I Have Benefited from Falun Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) I am 70 years old, and have been practicing Falun Dafa since 2007. Before I learned Falun Gong, I suffered from all kinds of serious diseases like emphysema, asthma, and persistent cough. I had to take medicine every day, and got infusions frequently. During the wintertime, I couldn't get out of bed. My husband had to bring water to the bed to wash my face. At the age of 61, I had a cerebral hemorrhage. Although I survived it, the headaches still persisted.

One day in 2007, I went to the home of my eldest daughter, who happens to be a Falun Gong practitioner. My daughter gave me the book *Zhuan Falun* (the book outlining the principal teachings of Falun Gong), and asked me to read it without any notions or intent of curing my illnesses. My daughter taught me the five sets of exercises too. I could only do them for a few minutes at first, but later on my confidence strengthened, especially when I could do the second and fifth exercises for over twenty minutes. Even though at the time I was taking antipyretic, anti-inflammatory drugs, and asthma drugs, my fever hadn't come down. I then threw away all the medicines in anger. That night, I felt very comfortable, and I then realized that the fever and the asthma were gone, and I was cured completely.

After returning home, I studied *Zhuan Falun* diligently, and held myself to a high standard following Dafa's principles of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance. Gradually, I could practice all five sets of exercises. My body changed significantly after that and I have not taken any medicine since. My complexion became glowing and the people around me all remarked about how great I looked!

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