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News and Events from Around the World



FDI: Statement from the Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) Association

A Notice to Those Who Continue to Torture and Kill Falun Gong Practitioners in China...and Those Who Wish to Stop

The following is an excerpt from a statement from the Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) Association.

Since 1999 when dictator Jiang Zemin initiated the bloody persecution of Falun Gong in China, the CCP has relied on state power and an array of CCP terrorist mechanisms under its control to suppress innocent Falun Gong practitioners to the greatest extent possible. Under Jiang and the CCP's menace, many provincial and municipal officials have acted as ringleaders or collaborators in the torture and killing of Falun Gong practitioners. Using their official positions, they have participated in this persecution to varying degrees, not only as initiators, co-conspirators and ringleaders, but also as aiders, abetters, and other types of accomplices.

During the political movement that swept the entire nation, all provinces and cities established regional or local "610 Offices," whose sole purpose was to persecute Falun Gong. Governmental and CCP officials and leaders planned, instigated, ordered, authorized, aided, abetted or incited police and other security forces to commit abuses suffered by the Falun Gong practitioners, and used all resources to directly participate in such a large-scale, systematic persecution. Police and the CCP's political and judiciary committee secretaries at various levels, and directors of 610 Offices at each level directly planned, and conducted the persecution mercilessly. The crimes they committed include, but are not limited to, genocide, torture, extra-judicial killing, prolonged arbitrary detention, forced labor, and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment...

From today, overseas Falun Gong practitioners will file civil or criminal lawsuits against all important government or CCP officials who participate in or continue to implement the persecution of Falun Gong and as a result, commit new crimes in addition to those they have already perpetrated against Falun Gong...

Even for those who have committed wrongdoings, [however,] there is still an opportunity for them to abandon the evil path and choose to be good. For all those who have committed crimes against Falun Gong but want now to correct their mistakes, they can submit, under safe circumstances, a guarantee statement or regret letter to Minghui (Clearwisdom.Net) or to any regional Falun Dafa Association to be archived. We will not investigate the various crimes of those who are determined to correct their mistakes. However we will continue to monitor their actions.

"World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong" Implements a Global Monitoring and Tracking System

A Global Monitoring and Tracking System has been formed, consisting of human rights organizations and individuals located in nearly 300 cities in more than 70 countries. The World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG) coordinates its operation. The goal of the system is to monitor and keep track of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Chinese government officials who are actively involved in the persecution of Falun Gong, so as to assist victims in pursuing legal action in a timely manner. The tracking system focuses on those who give orders, arrest, brainwash, abuse, torture, and murder Falun Gong practitioners, and those who are directly involved in blocking information, instigating the media, and sentencing practitioners without legal basis.

On October 9, the Falun Dafa Association published an announcement which states, "From today, overseas Falun Gong practitioners will file civil or criminal lawsuits against all important government or CCP officials who participate in or continue to implement the persecution of Falun Gong and as a result, commit new crimes in addition to those they have already perpetrated against Falun Gong."

WOIPFG implemented the Global Monitoring and Tracking System on October 9. New cases of severe persecution are documented and filed daily. Periodically, the cases will be compiled and released to the public, while the names of the perpetrators and those who give them their orders are added to the list of people to be monitored. When they leave China, appropriate legal action can be taken against them.

WOIPFG urges those who are persecuted and other people with conscience in China to assist in monitoring and tracking provincial, regional, municipal, and county officials and staff who continue to persecute Falun Gong, as well as CCP officials who are directly responsible for the persecution. In particular, information is sought regarding the perpetrators' overseas visits. Wherever possible, reports should include name, gender, age, position, and facial characteristics (photo would be best), the country, city, and time of visit, and whether they have any illegal assets or commercial activities overseas. Please send the information to WOIPFG or forward it through reliable channels.

WOIPFG published an open letter on February 14, 2005 to CCP officials who participated in the persecution. Since then, WOIPFG has received oral promises from provincial and municipal officials that they will cease to participate in the persecution. Some staff members who had persecuted Falun Gong in the past expressed a willingness to change their behavior and correct their mistakes. These people are advised to send their guarantee statement or regret letter through safe channels to the Minghui/Clearwisdom website.

United Nations Commission on Human Rights Report States That the Chinese Communist Party Interferes with the Judicial System to Persecute Falun Gong

On August 27, 2004, Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, sent an allegation letter concerning the situation of Wei Jun, an attorney from Baicheng law firm in Baise city, Guangxi province, who had allegedly been threatened and harassed for defending Liang Changying, a Falun Gong practitioner.



Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers gives a speech at the 2005 United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva (second from left)

Attorney Wei was threatened and harassed for defending practitioner Liang Changying. Ms. Liang was sentenced to 5 ½ years in prison. After the court adjourned, the public prosecutor allegedly asked about the existence of a regulation stating that lawyers cannot defend Falun Gong practitioners who plead "not guilty". The same day Mr. Wei's home phone, cell phone and office phone were put under surveillance, and several days later police officers asked the Judiciary Bureau to suspend Mr. Wei's license to practice law and to sentence him to three years of forced labor. After the director of the Judiciary Bureau refused their request, the police reportedly warned Mr. Wei that in the future he would not be allowed to defend Falun Gong practitioners, and confiscated all of his materials regarding Ms. Liang's case.

On October 15, 2004 the Special Rapporteur sent a joint urgent appeal with the Special

Rapporteur on the question of torture, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, the Special Rapporteur on the right to everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, to express their concern at reports of systemic repression against the Falun Gong.

Over the past five years, hundreds of cases of alleged violations of the human rights of Falun Gong practitioners have been brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteurs. Many of these allegations have been reported to the Chinese authorities and are reflected in reports of the Special Rapporteurs to the Commission on Human Rights. The Special Rapporteurs are concerned that reports of arrest, detention, ill-treatment, torture, denial of adequate medical treatment, sexual violence, deaths, and unfair trials of Falun Gong practitioners are increasing. They expressed concern that these allegations may reflect a deliberate and institutionalized policy by the authorities to target specific groups such as the Falun Gong.

An analysis of reports indicates that the alleged human rights violations against Falun Gong practitioners, including systematic arrest and detention, are part of a pattern of repression against members of this group. Most of those arrested are reportedly heavily fined and released, but many are detained and ill treated in order to force them to formally renounce Falun Gong. Those who refuse are sent to re-education through labor camps, where torture is reportedly used routinely and in many cases has resulted in death. When charges are laid they reportedly include allegations such as "disturbing social order", "assembling to disrupt public order", "stealing or leaking State secrets", or "using a heretical organization to undermine the law."

According to the information received, those prosecuted have been unfairly tried and many have received lengthy prison sentences. In this respect it is reported that on November 5 1999, a notice issued by the Supreme People's Court instructed all local courts to do their "political duty" in bringing to trial and punishing "severely" those charged with "organization crimes", "particularly Falun Gong", and to handle these cases "under the leadership of the Party committees".

San Francisco, USA: Falun Gong Practitioners File Criminal Lawsuit against Huang Huahua for Participating in the Persecution of Falun Gong

On the morning of October 14, 2005, International Advocates for Justice and Human Law Projects filed a criminal complaint to the U.S. Federal Court in Northern California against Huang Huahua, Governor of Guangdong Province of the Chinese communist regime, for torture. The complaint also asked the Federal courts to thoroughly investigate Huang's crimes and carry out a criminal trial of those who have committed crimes of torture outside the U.S., in accordance with federal laws. In the meantime, the complaint requested the Federal Court to inform U.S. Customs, Immigration Office, Homeland Security and the FBI about Huang Huahua's crimes.



Falun Gong practitioners call for an end to the persecution outside the hotel where Huang Huahua conducts his business event.

On October 14, Huang Huahua and his delegation held a commercial event at the Hilton in San Francisco to attract investment in China. Falun Gong practitioners from the Bay Area unfurled banners outside the hotel. The banners read, "Bring Evil Police and Evildoers Who Persecute Falun Gong to Justice," and "Stop the Persecution of Falun Gong in China." They held a press conference at noon to publicize the lawsuit against Huang Huahua. One of the plaintiffs, Ms. Zhou Xuefei came to the site and bore witness.

Ms. Zhou Xuefei originally worked as a bestseller editor at an advertisement company in Shenzhou City, Guangdong Province. Because she practices Falun Gong, she was unlawfully sentenced to 3 years in a labor camp where she almost lost her eyesight due to the persecution. Later, through overseas practitioners' great rescue efforts and support and help from U.S. government officials and international human rights organizations, she was rescued to the U.S. at the end of last year. Ms. Zhou said, "Many Falun Gong practitioners are illegally imprisoned in labor camps. At one time, the vicious guards used four electric batons to simultaneously beat and shock a female practitioner. The miserable cries to from this torture made one tremble with fear..."

Ms. Duan Li, representative from the Western American Falun Dafa Association pointed out that according to incomplete statistics, during Huang Huahua's tenure as

Secretary of the Guangzhou Municipal Communist Party Committee, thirteen Falun Gong practitioners died from the persecution, three practitioners became handicapped due to torture, three practitioners were persecuted so badly that they suffered severe mental collapse, and sixty-six Falun Gong practitioners were subjected to various tortures. Because the Chinese communist regime strictly controls the flow of information, the actual persecution case numbers could be much higher than what is known.

In addition, international human rights organizations have already confirmed the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. The Chinese communist regime's persecution of spiritual belief has been documented at length by the United Nations and other international human rights organizations. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, UN Working Group on Disappearances, and UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions have issued their reports in this regard.

Ms. Duan Li said that according to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act, Section 212(a)(2)(G), and International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (IRFA), foreign government officials who have engaged in particularly severe violations of religious freedom in the past 24 months, , are inadmissible to the United States. And this also includes their spouses and children.

The criminal lawsuit filed against Huang Huahua is the first suit Falun Gong practitioners filed after the Falun Dafa Association announcement was published on October 9, 2005. The announcement pointed out that, "Those who refuse to do the right thing and instead continue to follow Jiang's [*Zemin's*] scoundrel regime's persecution policies will be severely punished as perpetrators of unforgivable crimes."

"At this critical historical moment, the Falun Dafa Association has made a special announcement: From today overseas Falun Gong practitioners will file civil or criminal lawsuits against all important government or CCP officials who participate in or continue to implement the persecution of Falun Gong and as a result, commit new crimes in addition to those they have already perpetrated against Falun Gong."

Some Chinese government officials complained about overseas Falun Gong practitioners' legal actions and considered that the suppression of Falun Gong was decided by "national policies" and they themselves should not be made accountable as they just passively "executed the policies." In response, U.S. Falun Dafa practitioners pointed out that it's understandable that people tend to protect their vested interests. However, it indeed violates the law to take the blood and lives of Falun Gong practitioners, who follow the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, as a price to protect their vested interests. In addition, the persecution plays an extremely bad role in that it demolishes social morality and destroys social stability.

Killing is killing. Whether you take the initiative to kill or you dispassonately kill for others; you are still committing a crime.

Hong Kong: Falun Gong Practitioners Proclaim Announcement to Urge Chinese Communist Party Officials to Forsake Evildoing

On the morning of Friday, October 14, 2005, a group of Falun Gong practitioners gathered on the street opposite the China Liaison Office in Hong Kong. They displayed posters to clarify the truth about Falun Gong and unfurled banners to call for an end to the persecution. In particular, they included the Falun Dafa Association announcement published on October 9 on their banners to sternly advise those government officials and public figures who have assisted the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to persecute Falun Gong practitioners to take this opportunity to forsake their evildoing. Practitioners urged them to immediately stop the persecution, so that they would not lose their bright future under Heaven's law that good and evil will receive due reward or retribution. The event drew attention from passers-by, and practitioners handed out flyers to them.





Hong Kong Falun Gong practitioners read out the Falun Dafa Association announcement in front of the China Liaison Office

Falun Gong practitioners send forth righteous thoughts on the street opposite the China Liaison Office.

At about noon, several Falun Gong practitioners walked from the place where they held the sit-in appeal to the front gate of the China Liaison Office, and solemnly unfurled the banner imprinted with the Falun Dafa Association announcement. The announcement stated, "Ever since the publication of *The Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*, Chinese people have more clearly recognized the nature of the CCP and the evil nature of the persecution. More than 4.8 million have withdrawn from the CCP and its related organizations. Heaven's destruction of the CCP is a historical inevitability. Gods must punish those criminals who have sinned against Falun Dafa. Those who refuse to do the right thing and instead continue to follow Jiang's scoundrel regime's persecution policies will be severely punished as perpetrators of unforgivable crimes."

The announcement warned that overseas Falun Gong practitioners will file civil or criminal lawsuits against all government or Chinese Communist Party officials who participate in or continue to implement the persecution of Falun Gong once they leave China. In the meantime, the announcement also advised that those who have followed the CCP and committed wrongdoings still have the opportunity to abandon their evil path and choose to do good.

Together with fellow practitioners from all over the world, Hong Kong Falun Gong practitioners are trying their best to convey the message of the Falun Dafa Association announcement to Chinese government officials at all levels and people from all walks of life as quickly as possible.

Facts of the Persecution



September 2005: Deaths of an Additional 44 Falun Gong Practitioners Confirmed

The deaths of another 44 Falun Gong practitioners have been verified in September 2005. Since the CCP and Jiang's group launched the persecution of Falun Gong on July 20, 1999, 2,742 Falun Gong practitioners have died, most as a result of torture.

Among the 44 deaths, 24 were female practitioners, 55% of the total; 31 practitioners were above 55 years of age, 70% of the total; 24 practitioners died in 2005, among whom 7 died in September. According to statistics on the Minghui website, 360 Falun Gong practitioners died between January 2005 and September 2005.

The 44 cases are distributed across 12 provinces and autonomous regions. Eight deaths took place in Hebei Province, six deaths in Heilongjiang Province, six in Shandong Province, five in Liaoning Province, five in Sichuan Province, four deaths in Jilin Province, four deaths in Henan Province, two deaths in Guizhou Province, one in Gansu Province, one each in Hunan Province, Shaanxi Province and in the Guangxi Zhuang Ethnic Autonomous Region.

In the past six years, Falun Gong practitioners in Mainland China have been deprived of their right of freedom of belief, their right to appeal and to defend themselves in court, and their right to express their opinions openly in society. Some practitioners were arrested, sentenced to prison or forced labor and tortured to death only because they told their neighbors or colleagues about Falun Gong's health benefits and the facts about the persecution.

The Information Regarding Mass Arrests of Falun Gong Practitioners in Beijing around October 1, 2005

In Beijing, at least eighty Falun Gong practitioners were subjected to mass arrest and interrogation in the days leading up to October 1, the CCP's National Day. Many practitioners' colleagues, family members, and relatives were also interrogated and harassed for no justifiable reason.

The mass arrests had the following characteristics:

1. The emphasis was on several locations - the Haidian District where many universities are located, truth clarification material preparation sites, and on suspected key practitioners who had been under police watch over a long time. For example, in the Haidian District alone, in just one night, on September 28, twenty-eight practitioners were arrested.

2. The various districts of the city and even other cities and regions acted in a coordinated fashion. They had made careful, long-term preparations. Many of the arrested practitioners had been followed for several months and even longer. Regarding those targeted practitioners, the authorities had monitored their cell phone usage for a long time. They frequently made use of cell phone tracking and locating techniques. Falun Gong disciples Bei Shaohua, Liu Haihong and others were arrested this way.

3. Businesses started by practitioners were targeted for confiscation. Some of the companies were ransacked even before they were in business. Falun Gong practitioner Liu Yujian, who was teaching an MBA training class at the University of Science and Technology Beijing was considered a principal arrest target by the Beijing City Police Department, because he was the designated legal person of the Beijing New Epoch Cultural Development Company Ltd. His company office was broken into and his computer and office documents were confiscated. Bai Shaohua, an employee of the company, also became a principal arrest target. Bai was followed many times.

4. During this round of persecution, authorities were both frenzied and diffident. To "illegally arrest" Liu Yujian, they went to his wife's employer. His wife is not a Falun Gong practitioner. They threatened and forced her to lead the police to ransack her home and abduct Liu Yujian when he returned home. After she betrayed her husband under threats, Liu's wife was sorrowful, blaming herself.

After arresting Falun Gong practitioner Bai Shaohua's wife, Ji Lei, the general manager of Beijing's Langwei Video Science and Technology Co. Ltd., the authorities carried out a large-scale search at Ji Lei's company. At least five computers were removed from the business and sent to the city police department for "examination." The company's safety cabinet was pried open. All the employees (more than thirty of them) were searched and taken to the Haidian District Wanshousi Police Station. Ceng Hui, an employee of the company, is still at the station because the police found Falun Gong truth-clarifying materials in her bag.

The mass arrest of practitioners prior to October 1 was obviously a political plot. It was done to create an atmosphere of terror among Falun Gong practitioners and to hinder dissemination of the "*Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party.*" The authorities were trying to use the Falun Gong issue to bolster the current Chinese government of Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao, right before the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the 16th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party.

Patients are "Purchased" and Enslaved for Profit at Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp, Baoding City

Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp enslaves Falun Gong practitioners and others serving terms as patients in the forced labor camp in order to make more profit. Practitioners are also tortured there.

Policeman Li Xuejun, who is in his 30s, was a supervisor at the camp. He persecuted Falun Gong with much enthusiasm, and was therefore promoted to division head. For his own financial benefit, he resorted to all means to persecute Falun Gong practitioners. As division head, he profited by frequently "buying" patients who were scheduled for release, or whose terms were canceled due to illness, to enslave them and count them as additional laborers.

The first group of nineteen included four Falun Gong practitioners. The second group of forty also included four Falun Gong practitioners. All of them were patients that did not meet the physical requirements to work in the forced labor camp. Those responsible for buying and picking up the patients include Shi Jiangxia and Li Yanji, among others.

After these patients were brought back to the labor camp, the guards did not allow them to see a doctor or ask their relatives to send money. The patients were only given a little medicine, or if they did not have money, not even that. If they were able to do light work, they were forced to work in the carpet factory managed by the forced labor camp. Whether they could work or not, the prison gained by counting them as laborers. Many of the patients had infectious diseases such as syphilis and hepatitis.

As a rule, highly infectious patients were never allowed to go downstairs or stand close to guards in the labor camp. They had to stay three meters away from the guards when they talked to them. The labor camp officials required all of the infectious patients to stay with Falun Gong practitioners. Infectious patients were in every ward occupied by Falun Gong practitioners

Around July 20, 2005, when supervisors were scheduled to inspect the forced labor camp, Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp officials hid their criminal activity by transforming the prison into a seemingly comfortable place, with sofas and flowers in the lobby, clean. white sheets on the beds, and no disabled or paralyzed patients to be seen - they were all transferred to a big manure pit several hundred meters away.

Division head Yang Zemin called all the Falun Gong practitioners and inmates together and threatened them so that they would cooperate when the supervisor came for the inspection. They were required to lie and say that the labor camp staff treated them very well. Practitioners who cooperated were told they would not suffer further efforts to transform them. Yet that same day, the prison guards secretly dragged two practitioners very far away, where the ostriches are fed. One of the practitioners was brutally force-fed by labor camp medical staff Bai Helin and others. Another practitioner, Li Cuiping, was tortured by guards Chang Junliang and Fang Bao with a high voltage electric baton.

Such tragedies occur in Gaoyang Forced Labor Camp every day.

Dr. Hu Borong Paralyzed after Brutal Torture by Officials at Hubei Xiaochi Police Station

On September 5, 2005, Dr. Hu Borong, an OB-Gyn physician from the Third People's Hospital in Huangmei County, Hubei Province, was arrested for the third time and taken to a brainwashing center in Hubei Province. The head of the hospital Guo Zaiqing deceived her by asking her to come to the hospital office to receive her living expenses.

Ever since the beginning of the persecution, the Xiaochi Police Station has been brutally persecuting Dr. Hu. In 2001, officials from the 610 Office in Huangmei County, the Public Security Bureau, and the Xiaochi Police Station sentenced her to the Shayang Forced Labor Camp because she went to Beijing to appeal for the right to practice Falun Gong. Because she was tortured, she was paralyzed from the waist down and released to go home for medical attention. This former healthy physician could not care for herself. Her husband could not accept the situation and divorced her, so her brother and sister took her in.

Since then, the hospital has stopped her salary and has not given her any living expenses. Dr. Hu has a daughter who goes to school and relies on her mother's salary to live. Once Dr. Hu's income stopped, she could only rely on the help of her relatives and friends to help her daughter until graduation. Her hospital is still withholding her salary. People from the "610 Office", the police station, and the hospital constantly came to her house to threaten and harass her.

In July 2003, the Public Security Bureau in Huanggang City confiscated all of the equipment that she used to make truth clarification materials. During the arrest she was forced to jump out of her second floor window, fracturing her pelvis. She had just recovered from her paralysis to the point where she could stand, and then she was paralyzed again.

In July 2004, the police chief, Chen Honggang, along with the head of the hospital Guo Zaiqing, arrested Dr. Hu at her dormitory. They took her to the County Detention Center and sentenced her to the Shayang Forced Labor Camp again. Since she could not stand, the labor camp refused to take her and the police had to release her.

On September 5, 2005, the County "610 Office," the Xiaochi Police Station, and the hospital authorities arrested her again. They deceived her into coming to the hospital office to receive her living expenses. A group of policemen took her away as soon as she arrived. She was taken to a brainwashing center in the province, where she was abused and paralyzed once more before she was released on September 27.

Mr. Lin Mingli Arrested in Shanghai, Brother From Canada Appeals for His Release

The Shanghai National Security agents began making large-scale, coordinated arrests of local Falun Gong practitioners on the evening of October 9. That evening, Falun Gong practitioner Lin Mingli was arrested in his residential district. His elder brother Lin Shenli in Canada is appealing for his rescue.

Falun Gong practitioner Lin Shenli, who now lives in Canada, was illegally detained in a forced labor camp in China for three years because he practiced Falun Gong. He arrived in Canada in 2003 with the help of a rescue organization and the Canadian government. His younger brother Lin Mingli had also been illegally detained in a forced labor camp for two years starting in April 2001. Because he conducted a hunger strike in protest of the persecution, he was repeatedly force fed, and his esophagus was ruptured. Lin Mingli was released in April 2003 with the help of overseas Falun Gong practitioners and the Canadian government.

Below are the details of the arrest of Lin Mingli, as described by his elder brother Lin Shenli:

At about 10 o'clock on the night of October 9, the electricity to my brother Mingli's home was suddenly cut, though at that time his neighbors' houses still had electricity. Acting on impulse, Mingli and my sister-in-law went for a walk. At around 11 o'clock, on their way back home, four policemen suddenly blocked their path. My brother and his wife were arrested, and then the four officers went into Mingli's home, ransacking it until about 2:30 in the morning. After that, the police took my sister-in-law to the local police station in Aomen Road, Putuo District.

The National Security police continuously interrogated my sister-in-law for many hours, and detained her until the next morning. My sister-in-law ran into the hall, strongly protesting the illegal arrest. At that time, my brother had just been escorted into the hall. My sister-in-law told him that the National Security police had arrested her and wouldn't let her go home.

My brother told police, "If you don't release her, I will die in here!"

Then he hit his head to the concrete floor. Blood immediately covered his head and face. [Note: The teachings of Falun Gong forbid killing, including committing suicide and self-injury. Although in some cases such methods can have some effect against the persecution, they can easily endanger lives. As Falun Gong disciples, we ought to clearly remember at every moment that we are practitioners. We must treasure our lives and avoid thinking and behaving in an *extreme and irrational manner*.] The police were shocked, and they released Mingli's wife. By that time it was already ten o'clock in the morning.

On the morning of October 11, the police sent my brother's detention ticket to my sisterin-law. The ticket confirmed that he had been charged with the "crime" of making Falun Gong information materials. Mingli is now being detained in the Putuo District Detention Center. The injuries to his head and face are severe.

Falun Gong Practitioners' Noble Actions in China



Saving People by Promoting the Nine Commentaries and Urging Them to Quit Communist Organizations

Understanding my responsibilities as a Falun Gong practitioner, I also believe that promoting the <u>Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party</u> and urging people to quit communist organizations is very important to saving the people of China. The following are a few examples of what I have done in the past months.

1. Distributing the Nine Commentaries in Beijing

Initially I felt nervous upon arriving in Beijing, and felt quite unnatural when I first told people about quitting communist organizations. I could only give them the *Nine Commentaries* indirectly and then chat with them about quitting those organizations. Feeling an ineffable uneasiness after returning to where I lived, since I understood that fellow practitioners had produced these nice copies of *Nine Commentaries* in the hope of saving sentient beings.

One day, after studying one of Teacher's poems in *Hong Yin*, I asked myself if I still had the attachment to fear. I had previously experienced so many crucial tests, but didn't see that there was still a heart of fear hidden so deeply inside myself.

Then I eliminated the fear and brought the *Nine Commentaries* out to tell people face to face about quitting communist organizations. Near the front gate of China Central Television (CCTV), I gave the *Nine Commentaries* to a passerby, but he said, "Do you want to talk politics? I am not interested." I told him, "This is a good book that you cannot get even by spending a lot of money, and I'm giving it to you because of our predestined relationship." As I talked with him I sent forth a righteous thought to save him and kept only this one thought in my mind.

The man opened the parcel and saw the *Nine Commentaries*. He immediately wrapped it up and put it in his bag and left with his family. Seeing them walking away, I could not help but shed tears. Sentient beings have not totally gotten lost in the lies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), and they are waiting to be saved by us.

2. Sending the *Nine Commentaries* to a TV station

A TV station is usually a place where the evil has tight control, but they too are sentient beings to be saved. When I took the *Nine Commentaries* to a friend there, he said, "I heard of it, and will read it thoroughly at home." The more severely the CCP tries to keep it away from people, the more desirable it becomes.

Another friend at CCTV was not there because he was out on business. I awaited his return. It delayed my journey back home, but I thought it was worthwhile because he would not throw it away. Though they are key persons of the TV station, they should understand the CCP's evilness more clearly, and their hearts for justice should not be changed by the CCP.

3. Persuading my family to quit the CCP

In the beginning, whenever I urged them to quit the CCP and introduced the *Nine Commentaries* to them, the results were not good. The thought in my mind was that you are my family members so why shouldn't you understand my heart.

As a matter of fact, I treated them as my private treasures and believed that they must listen to me. After I studied the Fa, I found my thinking was wrong. They are my family members only because of our predestined relationship and they are also sentient beings to be saved. By putting my mind on the right basis, the situation changed; they all quit the CCP and became more supportive of my cultivation.

4. Clarifying the truth to my former husband

I have been divorced for over 8 years. Every time I met my former husband, I told him how Dafa had changed me. Although I said this conscientiously, he just ridiculed me. But I didn't lose heart and told him, "I don't need money and neither am I afraid of death, but I will cultivate Dafa forever."

He asked me, "Why should you be like this though you were arrested and could not return home?" I replied, "I have waited for the Fa, which does not come by in thousands of years."

After my sincere efforts for 7-8 years, he understood the truth at last. He quit the CCP after reading the *Nine Commentaries*. He also read <u>*Zhuan Falun*</u>. Seeing the change in him, I thought: As long as we do everything with a sincere heart, the hearts of sentient beings around us will finally be opened.

People Awaken to the Truth



Stories about Officials Who Awoke to the Truth about Falun Gong in China

None of the Village Officials Assisted the Police

Most officials and residents in a village in Wendeng City have become aware of the truth about Falun Dafa. A few months ago, police officers from the <u>610 Office</u> arrived in police vehicles at the home of the director of a women's association to arrest Falun Dafa practitioners. The director told them, "Our entire village believes in Falun Gong. If you think you can, take everybody away with you." When the officers brought up specific names of practitioners, the director said, "They are the best people in our village. You can't take a single one of them." The officers were discouraged and left.

Around August 10, officers from the 610 Office again arrived in police vehicles. This time they came to the home of the accountant of one of the divisions. In order to protect practitioners, the accountant told the officers, "There are no practitioners in our village, stop coming here and harassing us." The police were again thwarted.

Only days later, they arrived in police vehicles again at the home of the village security director. The security director did not yield to their demands either. The police were defeated again.

"In the future, please give me whatever material you have."

A police officer from a county in Henan Province witnessed with his own eyes the true situation of Dafa practitioners being persecuted. He thought in his heart, "If Falun Dafa is not good, why do so many people practice it?"

Later this police officer understood the truth and came to know what Falun Dafa is. He took the initiative to look for Dafa practitioners in order to get Dafa books and said, "Many people have said this Dafa book is very good, so I also want to check it out." Before he left, he said to Dafa practitioners, "In the future, please give me whatever materials you have and I will <u>clarify the truth</u> for you." This police officer also decided to quit the CCP and has chosen a glorious future for himself.

Voice of Justice



New Jersey State Senator and Assemblymen Jointly Request President Bush Address the Persecution of Falun Gong with Chinese Leader

On October 4, 2005, New Jersey State Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr., Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D., and Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick jointly wrote a letter to President Bush requesting that when President Bush visits China in October, he address the crucial issue of the persecution of Falun Gong with Chinese leader Hu Jintao.

New Jersey Legislature

October 4, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to you today on behalf of all Falun Gong practitioners in China. In particular, we are writing on behalf of the orphans who are left behind, after their parents are arrested, detained and tortured simply for practicing Falun Gong.

It is our understanding that Falun Gong is a peaceful and spiritual practice cultivating the mind and the body of those who practice it. Unfortunately, however, the Chinese government feels that practicing Falun Gong poses a serious threat to the existence of the Chinese State. Therefore, starting in July of 1999, the government began a nation-wide suppression of Falun Gong.

We respectfully request that when you visit China in October, you address this crucial issue with Chinese President Hu Jintao. It is of vital significance that these human rights abuses be adequately investigated and those responsible punished. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation regarding this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Kean, Jr. Senator

Eric Munoz, M.D. Assemblyman

Jon M. Bramnick Assemblyman

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Media Reports and Opinions



Radio France Internationale: Benevolence and Dignity Exist Simultaneously

The Falun Gong Association Publishes an Announcement

The Falun Gong Association published an announcement that Falun Gong has filed international lawsuits in more than ten countries, including the U.S. and France, against Jiang Zemin and several of China's high-ranking officials, charging them with crime of genocide in their persecution of Falun Gong.

Zhang Jianping, a French Falun Gong practitioner, made the following introduction, "It has been six years since Jiang Zemin tyrannically launched the persecution of Falun Gong. The methods used to persecute Falun Gong practitioners are violence and lies. The brutality and evilness of the persecution is unspeakable. It has been verified that nearly three thousand practitioners were persecuted to death, while hundreds of thousands of innocent practitioners were arrested and imprisoned in labor camps where they were subjected to brutal torture and brainwashing."

"The purpose of publishing the announcement is to warn those involved in the persecution: In the past six years, Falun Gong practitioners have filed international lawsuits in France, America, Canada, Spain, Australia and other countries, against Jiang Zemin and his dozens of accomplices for the persecution of Falun Gong."

"The announcement includes two points. The announcement warns China's officials at all levels not to participate in the persecution of Falun Gong. Otherwise, if they travel abroad or if the unjust persecution of Falun Gong were reversed, they would be brought to justice., And if China's officials are determined to renounce the evil and join the camp of justice, they could write a letter to Falun Gong's Minghui.net or their local Falun Gong Association expressing their regret for their previous wrongdoing. Then we will place their letters on file, temporarily hold back the investigation into their criminal behaviors and wait to see if their regret is sincere."

TravelBlog: Falun Gong Reenacts Chinese Torture

A Chinese policeman in a blue uniform ties up a bloodied and bruised female prisoner. He then holds up a thick wooden stick and readies himself to beat her once again. Pedestrians stop in astonishment and curiosity to watch what will happen next.

This could be an act of real torture happening in China, but today it is only a reenactment taking place on 59th Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City courtesy of the Falun Gong.

The Falun Gong is of Chinese origin which in its own words is dedicated to improving the mind, body and spirit by means of meditation, exercise and teachings that are rooted in ancient Chinese culture. The Falun Gong estimates itself to have over a hundred million followers, with seventy million in China alone.

Over the years the Chinese government has sought to limit the influence of the Falun Gong seeing it as a challenger to its authority and some Falun Gong [practitioners] have been arrested and imprisoned.

But recently Falun Gong has attacked the Chinese government accusing it of torturing its [practitioners], especially women and girls. To make its case clear, the Falun Gong have begun reenacting torture scenes from Chinese prisons and labor camps on the streets of major American cities.

[...]

The live reenactments of Chinese police torture are usually made by volunteer [practitioners] of the Falun Gong, and in the case of the scene described above, by members from the Republic of China in Taiwan. The amateur actors use make up and food coloring to simulate blood. One sits in a cross-legged position in a tiny wooden cage with blood on her forehead and shirt. Nearby, a sign with the caption, "small cell," explains the means of torture more completely.

While the live reenactment of torture is happening, a friendly female member of the organization distributes the newspaper, Falun Gong Today that contains articles that describe in the minutest detail the torture endured by female Falun Gong [practitioners] in China.

One article entitled "Women Hung Spread-Eagle, Sexually Assaulted with Sticks," explains how Chinese prison officials torture female Falun Gong detainees by hanging them spread-eagle from the ceiling and then shoving sticks and rods, pepper oil, chili pepper sauce, toilet and shoe brushes and other items into the women's vaginas.

Another article lists the methods of torture used on women, including: electric shock clubs applied to the breasts and the genitals, piercing through the nipples with wire, being forced to stand naked in front of onlookers, gang rape, and being stripped and locked into male cells.

When the newspapers begin to run out, a Falun Gong truck arrives on the scene to deliver more newspapers and supplies to the Falun Gong volunteers.

One of the volunteers on the scene is Kathrina, a [practitioner] of the Falun Gong from Sweden who journeyed all the way to New York on her holiday to distribute newspapers and information about the Falun Gong. Explaining the importance of her work, she said, "The government and media do not talk about torture in China because of economic interests. That is why we are here today. We are asking people to sign a petition to pressure the Chinese government."

[...]

Reflector (Mississippi, USA): Falun Dafa workshop raises awareness

Local practitioners of a meditative exercise whose Chinese counterparts are persecuted for participating held a workshop Saturday for those interested in learning the simple exercises.

The exercise, Falun Dafa, was handed down in secrecy through chosen disciples for thousands of years before Li Hongzhi introduced it to the public in China in 1992.

Practitioners in the Golden Triangle area are involved in providing international support for those being persecuted. Many Saturday afternoons, on the corner of Lee Boulevard and George Perry Street, they perform the exercises with signs posted nearby to promote awareness of the persecution.

"Until '99, 100 million people practiced [Falun Dafa] in China," said Chyi-Hong Lin, 59, a civil engineering graduate of Mississippi State University from Taiwan.

Jason Wang, 41, a professor at Alabama A&M, shared that his mother practiced Falun Dafa in China, but authorities took her into custody and put her into a mental institution.

"The police put her into a mental hospital to torture, and she was forced to take injections harmful to the nervous system," Wang said.

Wang's mother is still alive, but the government will not allow her to leave China, he said.

The reason the Chinese government persecutes practitioners of Falun Dafa is due to the three principles the exercise is based on: truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, Wang said.

These principles contradict what the Chinese government hopes to accomplish. They want control over their citizens. They use propaganda and persecution to cause Chinese citizens to give up this practice and to view practitioners in a bad light, Wang said.

"What's going on in China is really against human rights," Lin said.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council collected information on hundreds of reported cases of torture and mistreatment of Falun Dafa practitioners.

One United Nations report said Zhang Whenfu of Dalian City was arrested and subjected to severe living conditions in several labor camps. He went on a hunger strike to protest his treatment, and the guards tortured him.

"He was also beaten with a wooden board," the report said.

More than 700 people had been tortured as of May 2003, but that number rose to 2,800 the following year, Wang said.

Falun Dafa is not something that will conflict with someone's beliefs, Lin added.

"It's not a religion," he said.

Italy's Federalism Weekly: A Free Market and Freedom from Torture

On September 26, 2005, the 938th edition of *Federalism Weekly* by the Italian Northern Alliance Party published a series of articles covering twelve pages that detailed human rights violations in China. Entitled "A Free Market and Freedom from Torture," editor Ms. Stefania Piazzo used five pages, including the whole front page, to report on the Chinese Communist regime's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.



The article was accompanied by a large number of torture pictures downloaded from Yuanming.net (the Chinese-language version of Clearharmony.net) and photos from the special Italian edition of *The Epoch Times* report <u>Nine Commentaries on the Communist</u> <u>Party</u>. It cited material from the fifth Commentary "On the Collusion of Jiang Zemin with the Chinese Communist Party to Persecute Falun Gong."

The article described in great detail the Chinese Communist regime's brutal persecution of Falun Gong. Mentioning the Tiananmen Square "Self-immolation incident" created by Jiang Zemin and the Chinese Communist regime to defame Falun Gong, Stefania wrote, "I almost couldn't find the words to describe the "self-immolation" tragedy created by the Jiang regime with the sole purpose of forcing people to believe that this spiritual group was a terrorist organization."

In the article entitled "Its Name is Red Nazism," the reporter used two whole pages citing in great detail the fifth Commentary "On the Collusion of Jiang Zemin with the Chinese Communist Party to Persecute Falun Gong." It exposed the number of deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in China as the result of torture and inhuman treatment, various torture methods used against practitioners and many illegal actions of the <u>610</u> <u>Office</u>.

Other content in this edition included an article by Alessandra Quiriconi who interviewed Francesco Visioli, the coordinator of the Italian branch of Amnesty International, talking about human rights violations in China. Francesco Visioli stressed, "The situation of Falun Gong is extremely serious. Falun Gong is a cultivation method that is absolutely non-violent, has no political aim and no intention of overthrowing the Chinese regime. It's a peaceful way of life. Despite these, Falun Gong practitioners still suffered persecution by the Chinese regime and were forced to go underground. At least 1000 Falun Gong practitioners have been persecuted to death."

When asked if the long arm of the Chinese Communist regime could extend overseas, he replied, "In certain situations, the long arm of the Chinese Communist regime will extend overseas. For example towards Falun Gong practitioners, although they can safely practice in Italy, the regime uses their relatives in China to threaten them. When they go to the Chinese Embassy for business, they are asked to write a guarantee letter to give up Falun Gong practice. But they can practice in Italy in peace because Italy is a democratic country. It's the safety of people living in China that is worrying."

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



The Power of Falun Gong Manifests in the Transformation of My Family's Health

I am a 54 year-old man who began to practice Falun Gong in 2001. I had been in very poor health before and suffered from arthritis, gastritis, and prostatitis. I hardly had the strength to walk very far and was continually in a muddleheaded state.

In May 2001 I was introduced to Falun Gong. After I learned Falun Gong, our Teacher purified my body. Within six months I gained strength and was more energetic than before. I could walk as far as I wanted with ease and I no longer felt tired at work. I felt that Falun Gong was really miraculous.

My family lives in the country. We have lots of work to do and are busy throughout the year. As a result of over-work, my wife had also contracted many diseases. She had arthritis and gastritis for years. I introduced Falun Gong to her and she started practicing in 2002. Now she too is also walking on the path of returning to her original, true self.

After four months of practice, my wife recovered from her arthritis. She used to have trouble sleeping because of pain but now she sleeps very soundly. Her gastritis is now under control as well. Her face glows with health as she tells everyone how amazing Falun Gong is.

Due to years of overwork, my eighty-year-old mother also suffered from all sorts of diseases. Seeing how my wife had changed, experiencing my own rebirth and having Teacher's words about the thousands of years we had been searching for this Fa resounded in my ear; I thought, "Why shouldn't I, as her son, introduce this most precious Fa to her? This way wouldn't I display my greatest filial piety to her?" So I took time to visit her, and to introduce Falun Gong and teach her the exercises. Now when I visit, we do the exercises together. After practicing, my mother is glowing with health and she looks like she is only fifty or sixty years old.

One of my sisters-in-law suffered from heart disease and dizziness. In the beginning she did not believe in Falun Gong, but after seeing the changes in my wife and our mother she approached me and asked me to teach her the exercises. Since she began to practice in August 2004, her body has been greatly purified. Our Master is most benevolent and the power of Falun Gong has manifested in the transformation of my family's health.

Here I want to express my heart-felt thanks to Master and Falun Gong. It is Falun Gong that purified our bodies and our hearts. But facts are the best proof. I sincerely hope that more people can practice Falun Gong. I pledge that I will remain persistent in spreading this Great Law during this most precious time in history.

I Don't Need Cardiac Monitoring Anymore

Before I started to practice Falun Gong, my health was terrible. At just over 40 years old, I had problems all over my body, the most serious of which were sleep apnea and an irregular heartbeat. The doctor said that my life was at risk. Life was easier during the day, but at night I needed special attention because it was very possible for me to die in my sleep. Hearing all that, my whole family was worried. In the middle of the night, I saw my wife's trembling hand turning on my cardiac monitor, but I was helpless to comfort her.

I had to take both Chinese and Western medicine every day. My heart problem did not seem to improve, but I started to have headaches, dizziness and numbness in my upper limbs. An examination found that I had pathological changes in a cervical vertebra. The doctor told me to get more bed rest and avoid physical activity. I had to undergo daily traction; otherwise later on I would be unable to control the muscles in my body. I consulted traditional Chinese medicine doctors, followed by Western medical doctors. After finishing with electrotherapies, I had massage therapy. Each week I paid several hundred <u>yuan</u> in medical expenses. It would be no problem if these high expenses showed results, but the treatments did not seem to work. I thought, "It seems I do not have many days left, but so what! It doesn't matter; it'll happen sooner or later. I will count my days one by one, living one day at a time!"

I remembered the many years that I had toiled to support my family, and now without much hope, I was shrouded by gloom and despair. I went out every morning to exercise, trying to relax my mind.

When I was doing morning exercises one day, I met a person who came to Beijing to visit her daughter from another part of the country. She was doing a kind of Qigong exercise. I thought the exercises to be very good while I observed her practicing. I followed her movements, trying to do them, too. After she finished her exercise, I asked her about them and learned that she was practicing Falun Gong and had attended Master Li's lectures. She did not talk about treating illnesses. She only said that she had tried many other Qigong practices and, after trying Falun Gong, she found this practice to be the best. She said that Falun Gong is the true cultivation method. There were no Falun Gong books to buy at that point. I borrowed a photocopied *Falun Gong* (revised edition). I was fascinated by the book. I knew this was a good practice and that Falun Gong leads people toward the righteous path. How right every statement by our Teacher is! Beginning in May of 1994, I had the good fortune to have stepped onto the path of cultivation.

Just a few days after I started to cultivate Falun Gong, I suddenly felt muscle numbness on one half of my face. The symptoms were just like my old problem of facial numbness. When the problem had recurred before, I would have to take acupuncture, electrotherapy and taken Chinese traditional medicine. It took a long time to get over it. Why did it recur at this time?

On my way back home after the practice, I talked this over with practitioners who started practicing Falun Gong earlier than I did. They told me that this was a sign of cleansing my body and this was to totally eliminate the illness. I thought that I had not seen Teacher and I had not taken any classes. Even my book was photocopied, and I only started the practice for two days. Had the effects already started? Was this practice so miraculously effective? I felt doubtful. After two days, all the symptoms were completely gone and I felt physically much relaxed. I was so excited - Falun Gong is really amazing! Everything I read from Master Li was coming true!

I continued to practice Falun Gong. Soon I suddenly found that I did not feel discomfort in my heart anymore. I do not even know when the discomfort disappeared. I no longer needed the cardiac monitor. I was energetic and full of vigor, and my face showed a bright, pinkish complexion. All the people who know me said that I had changed and looked younger. I tasted the feeling of being free from illnesses, and I was able to say a complete goodbye to the hospital and to all the medication.

Falun Gong set me free from being on the verge of death, and my hope for life was rekindled. I share this experience of mine in the hopes that people will know why so many people cherish this precious opportunity of cultivation.