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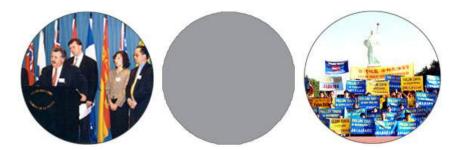
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News and Events from Around the World



Washington DC: Rally Held Celebrating Second Anniversary of the Publication of the Nine Commentaries

During the afternoon of November 11, 2006, the Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the branch office of *The Epoch Times* in Washington DC held a rally in front of Capitol Hill in the United States. Overseas Chinese from all circles in Washington DC and metropolitan areas, experts on China issues, and representatives of communities including Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian, who have suffered from the Communist Party's tyrannical rule, jointly celebrated the second anniversary of the dissemination of the <u>Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party</u> and supported the 15 million Chinese people who have withdrawn from the CCP and its affiliated organizations.



Rally in Washington DC celebrates the second anniversary disseminating the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*

On the afternoon of November 11, people gathered in front of Capitol Hill's Reflecting Pool, displaying banners reading, "Wide spread of the *Nine Commentaries*," "Quitting CCP for One's Own Safety," "Service Center for Quitting the CCP." A steady flow of Chinese tourists took pictures of this special scene. A tourist who was with a tourist group of teachers from mainland China said that many ordinary Chinese people have received the messages on the Internet about the *Nine Commentaries* and quitting the CCP.

People in Mainland China have recently been fond of collecting RMB (Chinese money) with the words, "Heaven will eliminate the CCP and Quit the CCP for one's own

safety." Quitting the CCP has become a hot topic for people in private chats. Some Chinese officials announced their withdrawal from the CCP and keep the codes for quitting the CCP [*as evidence*].

Mr. Yan who graduated from Fudan University in Shanghai said at the rally, "After reading the *Nine Commentaries*, I feel the writing is complete and precise, I've been deeply impressed, and have read it several times. *The Epoch Times* exposes the CCP's true nature by publishing the *Nine Commentaries*, and it is indeed encouraging, particularly for Chinese people. Many of them dare not speak their minds even though they are very angry. *The Epoch Times* now exposes the CCP's true nature to the public, and the true situation in China is also disclosed. Many people who have been deceived are awakening."

Mr. He, who is an expert on China issues said that the CCP sustains its power by fabricating lies and creating fear. Lies mentally prevent people from stepping forward, and fear prevents people from physically stepping forward. The *Nine Commentaries* and quitting the CCP fundamentally resolves the two problems. The *Nine Commentaries* destroys the lies, helps people step forward mentally, and quitting the CCP helps people step forward in action.

Mr. Willie J.K. Chang, chairman of the Global Alliance for Democracy and Peace, Baltimore Chapter, said that 1.3 billion Chinese people have been kept under the control of the CCP, and the problem of corruption has become worse, which is also manipulated by the CCP. If the situation was left to continue this way, it will not be a blessing of the Chinese people but their disaster.

Mr. Chang called on Communist Party members with conscience to quit the CCP and let this term disappear from the Chinese history.

Brian Marple, from the International Affairs Research Institute at George Washington University, called on America to support people who have quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations in China.

The editor-in-chief of *The Epoch Times*, Ms. Guo Jun, said that in the two years since the publication of the *Nine Commentaries*, there have been great changes in Chinese people. With the appearance of such a big event, as media we have a responsibility to tell the world's people what is happening in China. This is not only our responsibility but is done also from our morality and justice.

2006 Australia Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference Held in Sydney

The 2006 Australia Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference was held at Bankstown City Hall in Sydney on November 19, 2006. Falun Gong practitioners from around Australia attended the conference. Some people wanting to learn about Falun Gong also attended the experience sharing conference.



The conference started at 9:00 a.m. sharp. When the host read Master Li's congratulatory message to the audience, the whole audience applauded warmly. Nineteen practitioners made speeches sharing how they made use of various opportunities to clarify the truth to people from different circles.

The first speaker was practitioner Wang Xiaojie from Center Coast, New South Wales. The topic of her speech was "Xinxing Elevates amid Reciting Falun Gong books." Ms Wang started practicing Falun Gong in July 1999. Inspired by fellow practitioners' articles published on Clearwisdom.net, she had an idea of reciting Falun Gong books in 2003, though at the beginning she recited the Falun Gong books based on selfish intention, and with an attachment to pursuit. During the recitation in the past years, she has experienced a complete change in the origin of her life, which is hard to describe in words. While reciting the books, Master hinted to her several times and enlightened her to the principles of the different levels she was at, and her compassion has been promoted layer after layer.

Practitioner Dong Lingling from Sydney shared her experience of eliminating attachments in a different environment after leaving Mainland China to go overseas. She was arrested three times when she was in Mainland China, twice being detained at a detention center, and once being arrested and sent to a brainwashing center. With her determination in Falun Gong and with Master's protection and strengthening, she broke through all the way. After arriving in Australia, living in a peaceful and relaxed environment where there is no persecution, she can freely participate in any Falun Gong activities. However, in relaxed environment, the difficulty is increased. Things that could would not be encountered in China, and the attachments that are hidden deep have to be eliminated in the new environment. Facing a shortage of money and interference of sentiment in family, the unbearable pain and discomfort when letting go of attachments, she realized that it is even more likely that one will slack off in this free

and relaxed environment. Her requirements on herself unconsciously lowered. Only by truly understanding according to the principles of Falun Gong, can one control oneself, and eliminate all attachments.

The spokesperson for the Melbourne Falun Dafa Association, Michael Person-Smith, talked about how he discovered his deeply hidden jealousy. While working as a spokesperson, he unwittingly grew an attachment to validating himself. Sometimes he would get on the Internet to check his "online status," and upon seeing his name and photos, he would become complacent. Another western practitioner who is rather eloquent moved to Melbourne, and Michael noticed that he often paid attention to his speech, and he seemed to care much about that practitioner's objection to his opinions. He even talked with other practitioners about his dissatisfaction with that practitioner. Through continuous Falun Gong book study, he realized that this practitioner was actually arranged to be there to expose his jealousy. As a practitioner, it is the top priority to eliminate attachments.

Ms. Xu from Brisbane, Queensland shared her experience and understanding of truth clarification through holding anti-torture exhibits during the past two years. At the beginning, practitioners held anti-torture exhibits at the busiest section in downtown Brisbane. Some Chinese people who had not learned about the truth cursed them and reported them to the police, causing many people to surround and watch them. They used this opportunity to clarify the truth. One week later, a Chinese man came again, and carefully read contents of each display board, then quietly left in deep thought. Ms. Xu understood that everyone has his understanding side. No matter what attitude people have, we cannot judge them on their behavior on the surface, but we should instead break through the human notions.

Western practitioners Sonya and Key gave speeches entitled, "Western Practitioners Step Forward to Clarify the Truth," and "Experience of Participating in the Divine Land Marching Band," respectively. Sonya talked about how she let go of the attachment to fear one step after another, and went to Singapore to support the local lawsuit.

Xiao Zhonghua, a teacher from Melbourne started practicing Falun Gong at the end of 1998. He made use of the opportunity of working at school, and clarified the truth about Falun Gong to more than a thousand people, so that they had opportunities to be saved by Falun Gong. He gave a particular example in his speech to show that the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of Falun Gong has been spread to every field, including middle school students' college entrance examinations. On one occasion, his sister's school in China sent a teacher and more than twenty students to his school in Melbourne for a two-week exchange activity. That teacher told him about his personal experience in China. In 2004, when he marked Chinese test papers for college entrance exams, he read an outstanding essay. The essay discussed the truly stable role that religions and beliefs, and traditional morality play in a society, and further talked about

several major religions in the world including Falun Gong. As a rule from higher authorities, all essays talking about religions and beliefs, and particularly Falun Gong would be considered "failing" the exam, but according to the standard for essays, this article should be given a full mark. Instead he only scored a 19. Thus, this student was unable to go to college due to the result of his Chinese test, although he got excellent marks on all other subjects.

A group of practitioners from Sydney who made phone calls to Mainland China to clarify the truth shared their experiences of eliminating attachments to fear, and overcoming human notions while making phone calls to Chinese people to persuade them to quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations. The process of making phone calls is actually a comprehensive test for practitioners' states, including their understanding for the principles of Falun Gong. They clarified the truth to different persons with different states of mind in a short period of time, using their wisdom and compassion, to touch people's hearts and inspire their understanding sides to make the right choice for their own lives.

At 5:00 p.m., the Australia Falun Dafa Experience Sharing Conference successfully came to an end.

Singapore Practitioners Call for an End to the Atrocities of Live Organ Harvesting

The Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) atrocities of harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners for profit, and the wide spreading of the <u>Nine Commentaries on the</u> <u>Communist Party</u> both help the Chinese people become clear-minded about the CCP's violent and deceptive nature. The Communist Party, with its "party culture," has damaged traditional Chinese culture and morality. As a result, the Chinese people have completely lost hope in the wicked Party, and have renounced the CCP and its affiliated organizations. The number of withdrawals has reached 15 million. People in different countries around the world have held various activities to express their support for these brave Chinese people. Singapore Falun Gong practitioners also expressed their support by informing local people of the great deeds of the Chinese people and the grand trend of withdrawals from the CCP and its affiliated organizations.



Local people learn the truth

Some Singapore media, such as *Lianhe Zaobao* (a Chinese newspaper) hid the facts, and made false reports on a recent case where the police brought unreasonable charges against Falun Gong practitioners. Once again, the local media smeared Falun Gong and mislead the local people. Falun Gong practitioners, however, still persist in telling people about the grand trend of withdrawals from the CCP and the CCP's brutality.

The police confiscated practitioners' display boards that help to clarify the facts about the grand trend of withdrawals and expose the brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. Practitioners were required to pass an investigation over "applying for a public entertainment pass." The police insisted that practitioners apply for a permit to display the photos, although the activity has nothing to do with a "public entertainment pass." Under such difficult circumstances, practitioners wrote to five police divisions, emphasizing in the letters that Falun Gong practitioners have been brutally persecuted. It is not only a matter related to Falun Gong practitioners, it also involves all Singapore people, because Singaporeans also go to China for organ transplants. It is also related to our basic human rights as ordinary people to support those brave Chinese people who have quit the CCP and its affiliated organizations. We must make such brutal news as harvesting organs from live innocent people known to everybody.

Falun Gong Practitioners also made requests in their letters to apply for a permit to display photo boards. They stated that they would continue <u>clarifying the truth</u> and supporting brave Chinese people who quit the CCP until the permit is issued. When practitioners delivered the letters to police, the police reiterated that they had no way to help as they are under orders from their superiors. They have to confiscate the display boards for the sake of their jobs and families. There is a system called "Standard Operation Procedure (SOP)" like the CCP's Central Propaganda Department, monitoring Falun Gong in Singapore. Practitioners expressed understanding to the police, and also told the police that they cannot disregard the CCP's brutality for the sake of their stable job. The brutality is still going on. At the same time, practitioners also told those people who go to China for organ transplants, the crime of "killing one person to rescue another" should not be allowed to happen.

While facing the police charges, practitioners still took to the streets to express their support for the 15 million brave people who quit the CCP, and tell the local people of the CCP's atrocities and brutal persecution of Falun Gong. Some people who have learned about the truth were moved to tears. Some wanted to learn Falun Gong. Some wanted to quit the CCP immediately on the spot. Some requested the book entitled, the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party*. Even though some people are still deceived by the state-controlled media, Falun Gong practitioners believe that those people will change their minds with practitioners' compassionate and persistent truth clarification efforts.

Falun Gong Practitioners Participate in San Francisco Veteran's Day Parade

A grand parade is held in San Francisco on Veteran's Day each year. This year, the U.S. West Divine Land Marching Band participated in the parade for the first time and caught people's attention. One organizer of the parade said the band was very eye catching.



There were one hundred groups participating in the parade, including veterans' and U.S. Army military bands and guards of honor. Among the entrants, the peaceful Falun Gong practitioners' procession won spectator's applause along the route, showing their welcome and support.

It was the third time practitioners participated in the parade. The organizers welcomed the practitioners' participation. When the procession passed by the stage, the host announced, "Welcome Falun Gong's procession. Your performance is excellent."

Mr. Rene Champagne, an organizer of the parade, thanked practitioners for their excellent performance and said, "Very wonderful."

One lady thought the practitioners' procession was special after seeing the band's performance. She said that everyone walked in an upright and vigorous way.

Falun Gong practitioner Hong Zhang said that the band was participating in the parade for the first time. She said, "The host organization praised us highly and welcomed our participation in their event. They are from the army and saluted us when we proceeded by the stage. We had an excellent performance in the parade."

She said, "Whenever there is such an opportunity, we need to participate so that people will see the grace of Falun Gong."



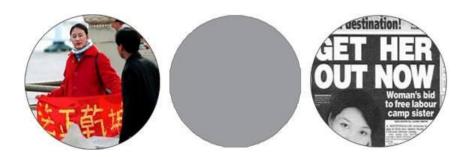
Veteran LeRue James supports Falun Gong practitioners' participation in the New Year's Parade in Chinatown

Mr. LeRue James is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, and an officer of the San Francisco Navy Pier. When the practitioners' procession reached the destination of the parade, he attempted to invite all the practitioners in the parade to lunch. Talking about the performance of the Divine Land Marching Band, he said, "I liked it very much. Wonderful." Falun Gong's procession expresses a belief, a promise, and support for graceful moral values. Hearing that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce denied practitioners' participation in the Chinese New Year Parade in Chinatown, he said that he and his friends did not agree with the chamber.

Supervisor Fiona Ma, who just won an election for California Assemblywoman, also showed up on the presiding stage. She said that veterans fought and sacrificed for the U.S. so we could have freedom and democracy. She also expressed appreciation for Falun Gong practitioners' participation in the event.

Falun Gong Practitioner Dr. Wei Chu said, "People in the world face war. We want to have them see the graceful principles of Truth-Compassion-Tolerance. When people see such a peaceful and graceful practice, they have deep feelings. We want to bring the information to more people."

Facts of the Persecution



Mr. Liu Yongchun Tortured to Death in Jiuquan City Prison, Gansu Province in November 2006

In early November 2006, Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Liu Yongchun from Wuwei City, Gansu Province was tortured to death in Jiuquan City Prison. His family was notified on November 4, 2006. When they went to the prison, the prison administration only allowed them to see his head from a distance. They were not allowed to go near the body or view his body below the head.

According to his native custom, Mr. Liu Yongchun's wife requested to take his body home for a proper burial, but the Prison Officers did not allow it. They asked her to sign a cremation permit. Mr. Liu Yongchun's family refused to do so.

Mr. Liu Yongchun, 52, lived in Baishu Village, Baishu Township, Wuwei City, Gansu Province. He started practicing Falun Gong in February 1999, and he became very healthy and strong. On June 12, 2003, he passed out truth clarifying materials and posted Falun Gong banners. Wuwei City National Security agent Chen Fenggang and others arrested him, brutally beat him, and took him home to ransack the place. He was covered with bruises and made to wear handcuffs and ankle shackles. He was detained in Wuwei City Detention Center, where he was tortured by being deprived of sleep, brutally beaten, and locked in a small cell (1), etc.

In 2003, Mr. Liu Yongchun was sentenced to five years in prison by Wuwei City Court, and was taken to Dashaping Prison in Lanzhou City. There he was beaten, which caused several of his teeth to fall out. Guard He Liqing (male) directed prisoners to beat him cruelly. Liqing said, "You are not to beat other prisoners, only beat Falun Gong practitioners, and beat them to death!" Guards also shocked him all over his body many times with an electric baton.

In 2004, Mr. Liu Yongchun was transferred to The 3rd Prison in Wuwei City. The guards let him eat only a tiny bit of food each day to starve him. Guards arranged four prisoners to closely watch over each Falun Gong practitioner. Besides cursing and beating him, they put ice cubes down Mr. Liu's collar and also stripped away Mr. Liu's cotton jacket, left it in the snow to form ice, then forced Mr. Liu to put it back on. After 2005, the prison administration did not allow his family to visit him, using the excuse that he refused to accept the brainwashing.

On December 1, 2005, twenty Falun Gong practitioners in Wuwei City Prison were transferred to Jiuquan City Prison. As soon as they arrived, they were taken to each ward and tortured by all sorts of means such as being scalded with boiling water, burned with cigarettes, beaten with a metal stove hook, burned with red-hot metal stove hook, having a live rabbit put in the pants and having it bite or scratch the private area, being cuffed in a position where the practitioner could not stand straight or sit

down, and having their arms twisted and head slammed against the wall by being pulled by the neck, etc. Falun Gong practitioners were often beaten until their faces were covered with blood and bruises covered their heads and bodies. If any practitioners refuse to accept the brainwashing, they were deprived of sleep.

On November 4, 2006, the Jiuquan Prison administration called Mr. Liu Yongchun's home and said that Mr. Liu Yongchun had died of an "illness" on November 3, 2006. When his family visited him on September 18, 2006, he was in good spirits and did not have any illness. Also, why did the prison administration forbid his family go near the body or take his body home?

Jiuquan City Prison has a nameplate on the gate saying "Jiuquan Engine Factory." The Sixth Ward is the worst for persecuting Falun Gong practitioners. Ward head Fang Xiang (male) and Chinese Communist Party (CCP) director Ma Xiangwen are leading the cruel torturing of Falun Gong practitioners. Jiuquan City Prison head Han Quanli (male) once said to the CCP Liuquan City Political and Judiciary Committee secretary Zhang Keqin (male), "If you have any plans or guidance on persecuting Falun Gong, we will cooperate completely. Other places only require Falun Gong practitioners to write the <u>three statements</u>, but we require four statements (providing a list of other practitioners as well)."

Information from Hulan Prison in Heilongjiang Province

Currently more than 100 Falun Gong practitioners are jailed in Hulan Prison, Heilongjiang Province. The prison is composed of 15 wards, plus a training team, a hospital, and a sanitary section. The 14th ward is the patient ward.

Fifty-nine-year-old Mr. You Dabing is a practitioner from Hulan District, Harbin City. He was sent to the 2nd Sub ward of the 9th Ward at Hulan Prison in 2003. Political instructors Zheng Hua and Liu Kai had prisoner Chen Xuejun beat Mr. You mercilessly. Liu Kai even dragged him and hit his head against the wall. Mr. You was forced to stand for more than ten hours a day for four days, and monitored day and night by other inmates that prevented him from moving around at will and speaking with other practitioners. Mr. You's teeth became loose due to the mistreatment, and his legs swelled, causing him unbearable pain. All of this was done in an attempt to force him to sign a guarantee statement. Then Mr. You was forced to perform slave labor, and he became so ill that he was sent to the hospital for a few months. In January 2006 prisoner Chen Xuejun beat Mr. You to the floor because he exchanged a few words with practitioner Mr. Zhang Guangli.

Zhang Guangli is a practitioner from Acheng City, Heilongjiang Province. He was <u>illegally arrested</u> on August 15, 2006, while distributing flyers in Xiaoling Township. On March 16, 2006, Mr. Zhang was sent to the training team in Hulan Prison. On March 17, 2006, prisoner He Yan beat practitioner Qi Fengchen. Mr. Zhang and practitioner Sun Yanhui said, "Don't beat others." Then they too received severe beatings at the hands of prisoners He Yan, Di Zigang and Yang Hongpo. Mr. Zhang's face was swollen from the beating, and he had black eyes and bruises all over his body. He reported the assault to officer Xu Ruye, but Xu refused to act. Later on Mr. Zhang refused to write a guarantee statement and was forced to stand for a month. During that time there was one week in which he was forced to stand 24 hours a day. The prison guard deprived him of sleep. Both of his legs were swollen from standing, he had scabies all over his body, and he was forbidden visitors. After five months of persecution Mr. Zhang was imprisoned in the 9th Ward of Hulan Prison.

Qi Fengchen is a practitioner from Acheng City, Heilongjiang Province. He was arrested in 2004 and sent to the training team in Hulan Prison on March 16, 2005 and prisoner He Yan beat him. That night he received another beating at the hands of prisoner Zhong Weinong. Mr. Qi refused to write a guarantee statement and was forced to stand for a month. His legs were swollen from standing. He went on a hunger strike in protest and was sent to the patient ward on August 11.

Li Guanghou is a practitioner from Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. He refused to write a guarantee statement and was forced to stand for a long period of time, deprived of sleep, and subjected to the torture method known as "push hands and legs." Those

who have been subjected to this torture method lose consciousness and walk unsteadily. In January 2006 Mr. Li was locked in a solitary confinement cell for one month and wasn't allowed to see visitors.

Wu Qingshun is a practitioner from Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. He refused to write a guarantee statement and was forced to stand for more than 40 days. He is still unable to walk and currently denied family visits. On August 11, 2006, Mr. Wu was sent to the patient ward. The training team tortured him at the orders of group leader Zhang Honglian and other corrections officers. They utilized the prisoners to torture practitioners. The "little white dragon" (a white, hard plastic tube) was used to lash practitioners and other prisoners in the training team.

Zhang Jian is a practitioner from Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. He was sent to the training team in Hulan Prison on March 2, 2005. At that time officers Xu Ruye and Zhao Jun ordered prisoners Ren Zhiqiang, He Yan, and Yang Hongpo to torture Mr. Zhang and practitioners Zhang Guangli, Qi Fengchen, and Zhang Xiaoping. On March 6 a prison guard ordered Mr. Zhang to write a guarantee statement, but he refused. The prison guard told other inmates to prevent Mr. Zhang from sleeping before 10 p.m. And to interrogate him all day long. On March 8 an officer ordered prisoner He Yan and other inmates to bring Mr. Zhang into a house, where they beat him severely. Then they dragged him out and forced him to stand for many long hours. Mr. Zhang's legs swelled and he was unable to walk. On March 10 the inmates were told to keep Mr. Zhang from sleeping for three or four days, and four inmates watched over him in shifts. Several practitioners went on a hunger strike to protest the persecution of Mr. Zhang. The guards separated them into different wards, and Mr. Zhang was sent to the 9th Ward on August 3, 2005. While performing forced labor Mr. Zhang refused to work overtime and received a brutal beating. A prison guard beat him and forced him to stand for many long hours.

Thirty-four-year-old Tang Jinghui is a practitioner from Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province. In April 2005 Mr. Tang was sentenced to three years for distributing <u>truthclarification</u> materials and sent to the training team in Hulan Prison, where he suffered inhuman torture and beatings and was forced to stand for 10 days. On January 14, 2006, Mr. Tang was sent to the 3rd Sub ward of the 9th Ward. On March 16, Mr. Tang and some other practitioners did the Falun Gong exercises and meditation in the dormitory at night. On March 17, the guards had a talk with him, but he practiced the exercises again that night. On March 18, on the orders of political instructor Zheng Hua, ward guard Long Feng and a group of four or five people took Mr. Tang to the office and beat him to the floor. They cursed him and kicked him. Mr. Tang's left leg was injured and he walked with a limp. His head was swollen and his teeth were loose, he was often dizzy and his head hurt. On the morning of March 19, Mr. Tang went on a hunger strike and refused to perform forced labor. Ward guard Nie Xianzhong ordered prisoner Zhang Fu to drag Mr. Tang by his arms across the floor for more than ten meters. Mr. Tang's pants were removed and the cement floor wore holes in his shoes, socks, and underwear.

Liu Yu is a practitioner from Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province. He was arrested in 2004 and then imprisoned in the training team at Hulan Prison. On June 23, 2004, Mr. Liu was sent to the 2nd Sub ward of the 9th Ward and forced to work overtime at night, which led to inflammation of his trachea and lungs. The ward guard ignored Mr. Liu's condition. They continued to subject Mr. Liu to forced labor even after he spit up blood. His health continued to deteriorate and he died in April 2005. One of his acquaintances said that Mr. Liu was healthy and strong when he was arrested and weighed about 198 pounds. Before his death, however, he was reduced to skin and bones and had a feeble grip. In the hospital ward he was diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis, which was listed as the cause of death.

The Forced Slavery in Liaoning Provincial Women's Prison

Over 500 Falun Gong practitioners are jailed in Liaoning Provincial Women's Prison. They are forced to do long periods of slave labor. Some do nine to ten months of forced labor in one year, and they are made to work seventeen to twenty hours per day. The prison only allowed prisoners detained there to rest for one day per year.

Practitioners who are detained there are in a very difficult situation. In order to monitor practitioners, the police assemble the people detained in the prison into groups of three. Two prisoners monitor one practitioner. The practitioner is not allowed to move around alone. The police also forbid practitioners from talking to each other, yet they turn a blind eye to ordinary criminals.

The police secretly order prisoners to bully practitioners who refuse to "transform," so the prisoners exert pressure on practitioners and use various means to give practitioners a hard time. One practitioner refused to "transform," so the police froze her bank account and forbade her from using money. The police also forbade her from seeing anyone, and no other prisoners were allowed to give her any food or daily necessities. She did not even have any toilet paper. In the end, the police stopped persecuting her, as they feared that she might really die.

There is another practitioner who is very firm in her belief in Falun Gong. The police however, provoked her family to not give her any money and to exert pressure on her both mentally and physically in attempts to force her to "transform." The practitioner went on a hunger strike to protest and the police stopped persecuting her fearing something may go wrong.

A small group of practitioners protested against working overtime. They stopped working when it was time to finish work. The police saw this and did not do anything because they disliked working overtime as well. On the second day, the head of the prison heard about it and became furious. He had a meeting with the prisoners and threatened them by not reducing their sentences. These prisoners have long been exploited and persecuted by the police. They also suffered the pain of overtime labor work. After working overtime for a period of time, their health deteriorated. Some became sick and vomited often. The prisoners said, "When we get out, we will expose the evilness we experienced here. We will go on the Internet and let the world's people know about the darkness of the wicked Communist Party and its brutality against the Chinese people."

In the prison, prisoners who are less kind will be more appreciated by the police. The police do not torture practitioners personally. They use these prisoners to beat practitioners. One prison used needles to pierce through a practitioner's fingernail, in order to force her to give up her practice.

In China's prisons, people can spend money to bail out prisoners, including for medical treatment. However, the prison does not allow practitioners to be bailed out for treatment. They are still forced to work fourteen hours per day. If they rest for a little while, the prisoners curse them.

The Brainwashing Center in Huanbao Guest House, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

For a long time now, the fourth and fifth floors in Dalian Huanbao Guest House have been what CCP personnel call the forced brainwashing center for the "<u>transformation</u>" of Falun Gong practitioners, and what the personnel there call "the school of ideological education." They dare not hang up a sign, fearful of being exposed. The building is located behind the Second Hospital affiliated with Dalian Medical College. This hospital has performed a large volume of organ transplant surgeries in recent years.

The first floor in the front is a legitimate hotel and restaurant, with a great deal of traffic day and night. The second and third floors are an inn, where tourists and business travelers stay. In the backyard, there is a small gate, which leads directly to the fourth and fifth floors. Falun Gong practitioners who are arrested are sent directly to the fourth floor office by the local police, as well as the public security personnel responsible for the streets and the community. The people staying on the second and third floors have no idea what happens on the fourth and fifth floors. At the spot where the fourth floor staircase turns, there was an iron gate installed, which is usually locked. Even former practitioners who have turned against Falun Gong and are working for the police cannot go out without permission.

The fourth floor office is equipped with a monitor. From the office, they can see all the prison cells clearly and the staff's every move in the hallway. Falun Gong practitioners are sent here to have a physical examination, including blood pressure readings. Every Falun Gong practitioner is sent to a single room on the fifth floor. (There is a curtain on the door to block the view.) In the reception room on the fifth floor, the entrance is also equipped with an iron shutter. There is always a person on duty at the entrance day and night to guard it. It is usually locked as well.

Each room only imprisons one Falun Gong practitioner watched by two or three people, monitored 24 hours a day, and not allowed to go out of the room at all. The main people responsible are the leader Li Li, directors surnamed Zhou, Liu, Yan Wei, Zhuang and Li. It is said that they are all public security section leaders or higher up officials, and are extremely hostile to Falun Gong. They are under the direct control of the city <u>610</u> <u>Office</u>. They go all out to try to force Falun Gong practitioners to write the "four statements" to give up Falun Gong. They also insult Falun Gong and Teacher, and attempt to force practitioners to turn in the names of other people who are still practicing Falun Gong.

The brainwashing center forces Falun Gong practitioners to watch videos and recordings slandering Falun Gong, and uses former practitioners that have turned against Falun Gong. One such former practitioner is Miao Chunyan, who has come up with all kinds of phony theories to try to confuse and drag down true practitioners.

Every morning, two of the people from each room report their progress to the leaders. As long as Falun Gong practitioners do not write the four statements, they are not released. If over time the practitioners still do not give in, they are physically abused, sent to prison, or sent to Masanjia Forced Labor Camp. Sometimes the practitioners are sent back to the brainwashing center to be tortured further.

Under the relentless oppression, many people who did not study the principle of Falun Gong well wrote the "four statements" to renounce Falun Gong. The Falun Gong practitioners who went on hunger strikes in protest were force-fed and had the feeding tube left in place for 24 hours. In order to prevent the tube from being removed, the practitioners' hands and feet were shackled.

After Falun Gong practitioners Wang Huiqing and Guo Zhaohua from Lushun were illegally imprisoned in the Lushun Detention Center for 15 days, they were sent to Huanbao Guest House for further persecution on the morning of June 7, 2006.

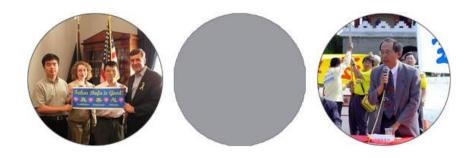


View of the building and its reinforced windows



The rooms where Falun Gong practitioners are detained are to the left of the front of the hotel

Voice of Justice



Canadian Prime Minister: Won't Sell Out on Human Rights in Exchange for Trade with China

The Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper expressed on November 15, 2006 that Canada won't "sell out" on human rights to promote trade and investment with China. The Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister pointed out the same day that Canada hopes that enhancing relations with China is not only to obtain benefits, and Canada will not back off on human rights. Harper's remarks came on Wednesday after the Chinese government abruptly cancelled a private meeting between Harper and Hu Jintao during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference (APEC) in Vietnam.

According to CTV.CA, Harper expressed on Wednesday before heading for Vietnam that he did not think that Canadians would want the government to sell out important Canadian values in exchange for economic benefits, even if this means the cancellation of the meeting with Hu Jintao.

Also according to the CTV.CA, Prime Minister Harper told reporters on the plane, "I think Canadians want us to promote our trade relations worldwide, and we will do that, but I don't think Canadians want us to sell out important Canadian values -- our belief in democracy, freedom, human rights."

Harper stated, "I don't think we have done something unusual. This only promotes Canadian values and interests." He said, "There's always a balance to these things."

The report said that Tory MPs were also among the most vocal critics of religious persecution in China -- in particular the treatment of members of the Falun Gong faith.

Irish Senator: Does Economic Gain Justify Torture and Oppression?

On November 23, 2006, Mr. David Kilgour was invited to speak to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Irish Parliament, and answer questions regarding the Chinese Communist Party's harvesting of organs from living Falun Gong practitioners. Mr. Kilgour was invited by Senator Joe O'Toole. Senator O'Toole published a press release about the CCP's organ harvesting. The following is the press release:

DOES ECONOMIC GAIN JUSTIFY TORTURE AND OPPRESSION?

SENATOR JOE O'TOOLE.

Wednesday 22nd November 2006

Ireland is turning a blind eye to the documented human rights abuses that are taking place in China. Every week, innocent Chinese citizens, members of the Falun Gong movement, a spiritual discipline practiced by over 100 million people throughout the world, are herded up and treated as prisoners; forced to work and undergo torture practices. No doubt we are attempting to ignore the atrocities that are taking place *so as not to jeopardize our trading affiliation with China*. How can we continue this economic relationship knowing that human rights violations are commonplace?

Although the international community is well aware of the information and evidence pointing towards the Chinese Communist Party's [CCP] actions, very little has been done to investigate or put an end to this. *The Western world seems to be running scared of China's massive role in the global trade market.* It is completely unacceptable that the rest of the world would stand by doing nothing, while being aware that a country is involved in perpetrating such violation of human rights and, continue to trade with them.

Throughout the past years, news reports have surfaced claiming that the CCP has routinely persecuted practitioners of Falun Gong. The reports charge that Falun Gong practitioners have regularly been rounded up by the Chinese government and sent to labor camps, detention centers, or prisons, throughout China. At these internment camps, Falun Gong practitioners are held illegally, forced to work and often tortured. *One such type of brutal torture is the removal of Falun Gong practitioners' organs, frequently, while still alive.* These organs are then offered for sale and are regularly delivered to order to organ transplant patients.

David Kilgour, a respected former Canadian Secretary of State has undertaken an independent investigation into all of these allegations. *Tomorrow (Thursday November* 23rd), on my invitation, Mr. David Kilgour, will make a presentation to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs on the findings of his investigation into the alleged

human rights violations against Falun Gong practitioners that have taken place in China.

David Kilgour investigated these allegations as a volunteer and he worked independently of any organization or government. Furthermore, it should be noted, that after the publication of this report, it was subsequently discussed at the EU-China Summit in Helsinki, where MEPs signed a letter to the European Union Commission expressing their concerns and urging the Commission to investigate further the report.

Often it is difficult to get first hand reports of these abuses. The lack of documentation of their arrests or transfers makes it difficult to decipher where they are being kept, if even still alive. This makes it difficult to investigate. However, one first hand account was from the wife a former surgeon. *The surgeon in a honest admission to his wife reported that he had removed the corneas of approximately 2000 Falun Gong practitioners.*

Mr. Kilgour has done us a favor by helping to bring greater world attention to these atrocities in China. The Irish Government must now press the European Union to have this abuse brought to an end immediately.

Florida, USA: Mayor of the City of Port Orange Issues Proclamation in Recognition of Falun Dafa's Many Benefits

On October 31, 2006, Mr. Alan Green, Mayor of the City of Port Orange, Florida, presented a proclamation to recognize the many benefits of Falun Dafa, and encouraged all citizens to honor the efforts of Falun Dafa in improving society.

Proclamation

City of Port Orange

Florida

Whereas, Falun Dafa is a traditional meditation system with an ancient Chinese heritage based on the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; and

Whereas, Falun Dafa emphasizes moral values and health improvements and leads sincere practitioners toward enlightenment; and

Whereas, Falun Dafa helped many people to turn away from alcohol, drugs, violence, and other bad habits and to pursue more meaningful lives; and

Whereas, Falun Dafa's contribution to humanity has been widely recognized and honored in the United States.

Now, Therefore, I Alan Green, Mayor of the City of Port Orange, Florida, do hereby present this proclamation to recognize the many benefits of

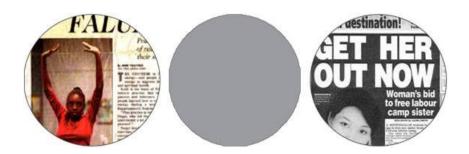
Falun Dafa

On behalf of the City Council, I encourage all citizens to honor the efforts of Falun Dafa in improving our society.

Alan Green, Mayor October 31, 2006



Media Reports and Opinions



Canadian Press: Chinese spy gets the boot

Canada has sent a Chinese diplomat packing for spying on Falun Gong practitioners while posted in Ottawa, says a newspaper report.

The government recently refused to extend the diplomatic visa of Wang Pengfei, a second secretary at the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa, according to the Epoch Times, which publishes in several countries and reports extensively on persecutions in China.

Wang, who worked as an education officer, left the country prior to Oct. 25, when his existing visa was to expire, according to the report.

It first appeared in the paper's Chinese-language edition, and was published in English in Canada on Thursday.

Wang is said to have been gathering information on Chinese-Canadian devotees of Falun Gong, an ancient meditative practice banned by Beijing, as well as inciting students to help him. China has branded Falun Gong [and persecuted it brutally since 1999].

The allegation came amid reports the Chinese government snubbed Canada by calling off a meeting between Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Chinese President Hu Jintao. An official said Thursday the meeting would go ahead after all.

Wang's name appeared on the roster of foreign diplomats in Canada published in September, but is not included in the most recent index, from November.

Sources told the Epoch Times that Wang believed his rejection was tied to his activities in Canada, which went beyond his prescribed duties as a diplomat.

A Foreign Affairs spokesman said Thursday the department could not discuss diplomats posted to Canada.

A media officer at the Chinese Embassy did not return calls Wednesday or Thursday. The embassy has denied spying on Falun Gong practitioners.

The Epoch Times is a private news media company with corporate offices in New York.

It states that it is an independent voice in news. Its English-language print edition is distributed weekly in Canada, often free of charge, and other major western countries.

The newspaper reports extensively on persecutions in China, especially of Falun Gong practitioners. On its website, it has a running tally on the number of people who have renounced the Chinese Communist party.

Irish Times: China to be questioned on organ harvesting

China's ambassador to Ireland is to be asked to appear before an Oireachtas committee to discuss claims that the Chinese authorities have been harvesting bodily organs from prisoners.

A report investigating alleged organ harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners in China was presented to the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs today.

Former Canadian secretary of state for the Asia Pacific region, David Kilgour, who cowrote the report with international human rights lawyer David Matas, addressed the committee today.

Mr. Kilgour told the committee that the perpetrators of these deeds, including the doctors involved, should face the International Criminal Court as quickly as possible.

"We have a new form of evil in the world," he said. "These practices make crimes against humanity as defined by the Treaty of Rome and the International Criminal Court look more like misdemeanors."

Chairman of the committee Dr Michael Woods said Mr. Kilgour's report "made for compelling reading".

He said that although the report didn't prove any of the allegations made, it did "raise serious questions which must be addressed".

Dr Woods called on the Chinese authorities to "allow an independent investigation to establish once and for all the veracity of these allegations".

The committee also heard from Dongxue Dai, a Falun Gong practitioner living in Ireland since 1996 and now an Irish citizen.

Ms Dai spoke of her own family's persecution in China and claimed many Falun Gong practioners are still illegally detained in labor camps in China and subjected to "severe torture". She said many Falun Gong practitioners are "in danger of being killed for their organs".

Ms Dai expressed her gratitude to the Irish Government for their assistance in helping two Falun Gong practitioners, one of whom, Mr. Liu Feng was present at the meeting, to return to Ireland after they were detained in labor camps in China.

The committee will now write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs to request that he raise the issue with his Chinese counterpart and also to ask that he raise the matter at the ongoing EU-China dialogue on human rights. In a statement this evening, the Committee said it would invite the Chinese ambassador to Ireland for a discussion on this issue "in the near future".

Inner-West Weekly (Australia): Fears for her mum

A 60-year-old Chinese woman, Xiao Yun Jiang, has been "kidnapped" by Chinese authorities because of her involvement in the Falun Gong movement, according to her Australian daughter and son-in-law.

Croydon's Phillip Law and wife Yan Xie said they believed she was being held in a "brainwashing" detention center.

This is the second time Ms Xie's mother has been arrested and taken to the center. In the first incident, the mother said she saw a man beaten to death because of his Falun Gong beliefs.

It is a story echoed by Ms Xie who was also taken to a similar facility five years ago when she was arrested for her Falun Gong beliefs.

While she was imprisoned, she says, she saw a woman being beaten to death for not renouncing the Falun Gong faith to Chinese authorities.

Ms Xie was later released with the help of federal MP John Murphy, who said he had been informed about Xiao Yun Jiang's case.

Mr. Murphy said he would investigate this latest case.

"I have a duty to my constituents and I'm happy to do it," Mr. Murphy said.

He said his first course of action would be to write to the Chinese Consul-General.

A spokesman for Mr. Murphy said that at the time Ms Xie had been taken to the detention center, an Australian visa application for her was being processed by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

It is not known if Ms Xie's mother has applied for an Australian visa, or if she was permitted to do so by Chinese authorities.

Mr. Law said his mother-in-law, who has trouble walking because of a car accident, was taken away by the authorities on November 9.

Since then, no one from her family has seen her, although a brother-in-law said he had a phone call from the prison.

"My wife's mother rang him and asked him to bring her some clothes because winter is starting soon," Mr. Law said.

"But when he got to the detention center, they wouldn't let him go in or give her the clothes."

Mr. Law said his mother-in-law knows, all too well, the dangers of being in a detention center, after her last stint inside one.

"One time they didn't let her sleep for four days and four nights," he said.

East & Bays Courier (New Zealand): Jailed and Tortured

Torture and persecution now have a face - a family of faces who live locally.

One face is that of grandmother-to-be Hanweng Zhang, who seldom smiles and is conscious of her false teeth when she does. The 50-year-old's real teeth were pried out of her mouth with a metal spoon.

Mrs. Zhang, a nurse, her daughter Yanchen He, 28, and son-in-law Ziwei Yang, 33, all practice Falun Gong, which is a form of moving meditation similar to t'ai chi.

It has five gentle exercises that energize the body and its practitioners pursue the goals of wisdom and enlightenment.

In their native China they were imprisoned in "re-education and labor camps," where they were beaten, tortured and subjected to brainwashing to "encourage" them to give up their beliefs.

In the [late] 1990s there were 70 million Falun Gong practitioners in China, 10 million more followers than the Chinese Communist Party had.

The then president Jiang Zemin banned Falun Gong in 1999 and labeled all practitioners criminals.

"We believe in truthfulness, compassion and forbearance," says Mrs. Zhang.

And for this, Mrs. Zhang spent two years and three months at the Henan Shibalihe Women's Forced Labor Camp suffering things most people would not dream possible.

Her stories involve degradation of many kinds.

She was stripped of all her clothing and made to sit in the snow before being beaten.

Her hands were tied high behind her back so tightly they turned black, while at the same time her head was tied to her feet.

She was made to stand like that until she collapsed, Mrs. Zhang says.

She can also recount being watched by male prison guards in the showers and in the toilet and being strapped to large boards with sticky tape and suffering electric shocks to sensitive parts of her body.

She lost her teeth when the Falun Gong practitioners adopted a hunger strike in protest of their treatment.

"They grabbed us all, shouting, closed our noses and forced the food into our mouths," she says.

She opens her mouth and lifts her bottom teeth to show they are false, one hand indicating how her teeth were gouged out with the force of a metal spoon held by her captors.

The family has spent six of the past seven years apart, living as fugitives with their every move tracked by police.

They are now in Glen Innes as refugees through the United Nations - all but one that is. Yanchen's father Sanpu is still in the Wan Qing Villa brainwashing center in Zheng Zhou City, Henan.

Information is scarce and the family live in dread of news - and no news.

"As each day passes my father is at risk of losing his life, like so many before him," says Yanchen who, along with Hangweng and Ziwei, is studying English at AUT University to better their prospects of a good job.

"The stories about organ harvesting there are true.

"He has spent four of the past seven years in jail or these camps. We don't know how much more he can take.

"I arrived here, free, in May and such a day I will never forget.

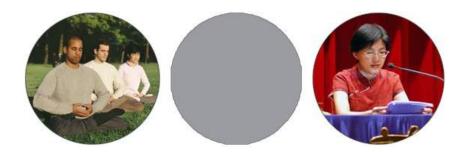
"The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the New Zealand government's help will remain ever precious to me."

Yanchen, who is nine months pregnant, says: "I only have one wish now and that is to have my father with us."

"The only way I see him now is when I sleep. He smiles at me but when I wake up I cry because it is just a dream.

"I want my father to know my baby."

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Falun Gong Saved a Whole Family

Yunyun (alias) had a pain in her leg after she got married in 2005. In June 2006, she was diagnosed with femoral head necrosis, and her whole family was shocked.

Yunyun's father-in-law died one year before she got married. Yunyun's mother-in-law wept every day because she felt that her life was too tragic; she had lost her mother when she was young, and lost her husband when she was middle-aged, and now her daughter-in-law was so ill! Their family had to spend several tens of thousands of <u>yuan</u> each year for treatment, but still there wasn't any guarantee that it would cure the disease.

According to doctors, Yunyun could very likely lose the ability to walk one day. The young couple was so sad and they even considered suicide. Yunyun's husband's aunt (her father-in-law's sister) Min (alias) learned of Yunyun's disease, and invited the young couple to her house. She told them about how miraculous Falun Gong was and that her severe ailments had all been cured; she was a new person, and she even learned how to drive a car.

Although her husband knew Ms. Min's story very well, Yunyun was still skeptical. She decided to follow the doctor's plan and get physical therapy in the hospital. After three months, the pain was getting worse. The doctor told Yunyun that she could lose the ability to walk at any time. Yunyun often woke up suddenly in the middle of the night and moved her leg to see if she could still walk. When she got up in the morning, she would feel like there was a mountain on top of her leg. She was so scared of the three inch-long injection needles, and the therapy was very painful to endure.

Finally, Yunyun started reading the book, "*Zhuan Falun*," that Ms. Min had given to her. She clearly felt the pain being reduced. At that time, her other relatives had found another therapist that specialized in treating femoral head necrosis, so she went to give a try. After each treatment, she felt such pain that she almost fainted. After that, she started learning the Falun Gong exercises from Ms. Min.

Miracles soon happened. In less than one month, Yunyun's leg stopped hurting, and she could walk up and down stairs without any problems. Yunyun said that once when she was sending forth righteous thoughts, she felt someone pull something from the top of her thigh, and she has not felt any pain since then.

Yunyun is so happy, and her mother-in-law and husband are overjoyed. They are telling everyone they know about how Falun Gong saved their family. Yunyun regrets that her enlightenment quality was so low, and she did not learn Falun Gong earlier. Their neighbors all witnessed her miraculous change, and they are all so happy for her. The miraculous curing effect of Falun Gong and the happy atmosphere in Yunyun's family helped people see the wickedness of the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners.

Glossary

Falun Gong (also called **Falun Dafa**) is an ancient form of *qigong*; the practice of refining the body and mind through special exercises and meditation. Like *tai chi, qigong* is a vital part of many people's lives in Asia; almost every Chinese park is brimming by the break of dawn with people practicing these arts.

Only a few years after its public introduction in 1992, Falun Dafa quickly grew to become the most popular form of *qigong* ever in Chinese history. The major reason for this is that Falun Dafa distinguishes itself from other *qigong* practices by emphasizing not only physical cultivation, but also cultivation of one's moral character in daily life according to higher principles taught by Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa's founder. The practice involves slow, gentle movements and meditation. It is easy to learn, enjoyable to practice, and free of charge. Its principles are based on Truth, Compassion, and Tolerance. Falun Gong is practiced by over 100 million people in 60 countries. The main works of Falun Gong are available in over 30 languages.

Zhuan Falun: This book comprises the principal teachings of Falun Dafa.

"April 25": This refers to the "sensitive" anniversary of April 25, 1999, on which date ten thousand Falun Gong practitioners peacefully gathered outside the Zhongnanhai compound (China's central government building) and successfully appealed for the release of forty-five practitioners who had been illegally arrested in Tianjin City.

Clarifying the Truth: Because of the persecution in China and the unrelenting hate campaign carried out by China's state-controlled media, Falun Gong practitioners have been actively "clarifying the truth" -- explaining to the public the facts about Falun Gong and exposing the persecution. Truth clarification activities include face-to-face conversations with people, posting notices and posters, handing out flyers, and hanging banners. Outside of China, where Falun Gong is freely practiced, practitioners further expose the persecution through anti-torture reenactments, art exhibits, Internet websites, books, magazines, newspapers, movies and letter writing. The goal of clarifying the truth is to help people understand Falun Gong, to dispel the lies of the communist regime in China and to raise public support to end the persecution. (Variations: "clarifying the truth", "truth clarifying", "truth-clarifying", "truth clarification", "truth-clarification", "clarifying the facts", "clarified the truth", and "clarified the facts")

Death Bed torture: A practitioner is tied to a bed with his hands handcuffed above his head to the bed rails, and his legs tied with thin nylon ropes. The rope is then tightly

wrapped around the practitioner's body and the bed, from his legs to his chest. The rope is wrapped so tightly that the practitioner has difficulty breathing and eventually loses consciousness.

The 610 Office is an agency specifically created to persecute Falun Gong, with absolute power over each level of administration in the Party and all other political and judiciary systems. It was established on June 10th hence it's name.

Illegally arrested: Contrary to what former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, who initiated the persecution, and the Chinese Communist Party would like the world to believe, practicing Falun Gong is NOT illegal in China. Although the Public Security Department issued an unconstitutional set of restraints on the practice at the onset of the persecution in 1999, no laws have been passed by the only legislative body in China, the People's Congress, banning Falun Gong or granting the police the authority to arrest Falun Gong practitioners for practicing the exercises or distributing flyers.

Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party is a series of essays published in late 2004 that reveal the true nature of the Communist Party. The *Nine Commentaries* have led millions of people to renounce their membership in the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). It is "A book that has shocked all Chinese around the world. A book that is disintegrating the Communist Party." (http://ninecommentaries.com)

"Reform or Transform": Implementation of brainwashing and torture in order to force a practitioner to renounce Falun Gong. (Variations: **"reform", "transform", "reformed", "reforming", "transformed", "transforming", and "transformation**")

Three Statements: Practitioners are coerced under brainwashing and torture to write a "Repentance Statement," "Guarantee Statement" or 'Dissociation Statement" as proof that they have given up their belief. In the statement, the practitioner is forced to admit remorse for practicing Falun Gong, promise to give up Falun Gong, and never again associate with other practitioners or go to Beijing to appeal for Falun Gong.

Yuan is the Chinese currency; 500 yuan is equal to the average monthly income of an urban worker in China.