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News and Events from Around the World



New York: During the 62nd UN Session, People from All Circles Urge Action to End CCP Atrocities

On September 28, dozens of human rights and religious groups rallied outside the United Nations Headquarters urging world leaders attending the 62nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and all people of conscience, to take joint action to end the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of Falun Gong and other religious groups. The rally also voiced its support for the Human Rights Torch Relay initiated by the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG) and urged the CCP to immediately release renowned human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng.



New York State Senator Ruben Diaz issued a proclamation for the Human Rights Torch Relay

"When China was selected to host the Olympic Games in June 2001, one condition was that the CCP improve human rights in China. However, since Beijing was selected, the human rights situation in China continues to deteriorate," Dr. Zhiyuan Wang, director of the World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG), said at the rally.

Dr. Wang said that the WOIPFG released a report on July 25 which stated that the appalling atrocities of organ harvesting from imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners is still happening in China. According to recordings of phone investigations posted online, an organ broker for the No. 307 Military Hospital in Beijing promised to provide kidneys within a week for a price of 200,000 <u>yuan</u> plus a 50,000-yuan broker fee. In addition, the broker promised to provide personal ID and health certificates of the Falun Gong practitioner "donors."

"At the beginning of this year, the CCP launched a national roundup of Falun Gong practitioners. Most recently, it arrested renowned human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng. In addition, it has been reported that during the Olympics the CCP will deny entry to many people that have been classified into 13 ['undesirable'] categories."

"From all this, we can see that human rights in China have not improved and the CCP continues to persecute Falun Gong practitioners and other innocent people. We must stop the CCP's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and we must stop the organ harvesting atrocities," Dr. Wang said.

At the rally, Ann Noonan, assistant to New York Senator Ruben Diaz, presented a proclamation honoring the Human Rights Torch Relay on behalf of the senator. In the proclamation, the senator commended the Falun Gong practitioners' effort to safeguard their basic rights and urged the CCP to end the persecution of Falun Gong and other religious groups.

Kirk Allison, director of the Program in Human Rights and Health at the University of Minnesota, and Clive Ansley and David Matas, renowned Canadian human rights lawyers, each wrote letters to the rally to condemn the organ harvesting atrocities and request that the international community perform independent investigations into these crimes. They also expressed their support for the Human Rights Torch Relay.

Many representatives from human rights groups, including Rolando Bini, director of Parents in Action, Zaw Win, a Burmese Democracy activist, and Thong Boulom, secretary of the Laos Democracy Union, spoke out at the rally urging the CCP stop the persecution of Falun Gong.

"Why do things happening in China matter to us?" Susan Prager, director of public relations for the Human Rights Torch Relay, challenged the audience. "Is there any relation between the recalled toys and tainted food and the persecution of human rights? They all originated from the same corrupted culture which pays no respect to life."

Reportedly, seven U.S. House representatives have initiated Resolution 610, which urges the U.S. government to boycott the Beijing Olympics if the CCP does not stop its human rights violations.

Washington, DC: Protesters at Chinese Embassy Demand the Release of Gao Zhisheng

A rally was held in front of the Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC at 6pm, on September 24, 2007, to protest the arrest of human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng. Organizers ask the world to be aware of this matter and to demand Gao's immediate release. Since Gao's letter to the United States Congress was published on September 21, the human rights violations and evidence provided in the letter have received wide attention.

Representative from Falun Dafa Association of Washington, DC, Dr. Lai Shantao, said that he had notified the State Department of United States that lawyer Gao had been arrested. The officials said they were inquiring on this matter.

Human rights lawyer Ms. Terri Marsh, the first lawyer to sue Jiang Zemin, the former Chinese dictator who launched the persecution of Falun Gong, spoke at the rally. "Gao has exposed the truth about the international crimes perpetrated by Jiang Zemin, Lou Gan, Zhou Yongkang and Liu Jing. He has provided lawyers and law-abiding people everywhere with evidence to support and prove they're guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. "

Ms. Marsh emphasized Gao's statement in the letter, "Judging by the definition of crimes of humanity and genocide given in the international laws, a large number of CCP officials meet all the criteria for both crimes, including Jiang Zemin, Luo Gan, Zhou Yongkang and Liu Jing. As for evidences, they are nothing but ample. So after all it's a question of whether the mainstream society around the world has the sense of responsibility and courage to honestly face these evidences. "

She said, "As lawyers ourselves, we add our voices to Gao's and ask the good people in the United States Senate and Congress to urge China to extend the rights guaranteed by the Chinese Constitution and the Declaration of Human Rights not only to Gao, but to also extend these rights and legal guarantors to all Chinese citizens."

The Human Rights Legal Foundation (HRLF), headquartered in Washington, issued a statement saying. "Jiang Zemin, Lou Gan and all others implicated in the illegal arrest, trial and sentence of Gao Zhisheng, rights advocates in China, and all other persons persecuted in China based upon their religious or moral beliefs are subject to criminal prosecution for their crimes under international law, Chinese law and the laws of most democratic nations around the world." "The HRLF has issued a global alert to locate them, and to have them extradited to stand trial for their crimes."

Facts of the Persecution



Ms. Liu Sheng from Daqing City Dies As a Result of Persecution

Ms. Liu Sheng was a Falun Gong practitioner from Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province. She was tortured to death in September 2007. She was skin and bones when she died, weighing a mere 66 lbs. She died after Ms. Jiang Bai was tortured to death on July 7, 2007 in police custody.





Ms. Liu Sheng was very healthy before she was Ms. Liu Sheng became critically ill because of tortured torture

Ms. Liu Sheng was a retired employee of the water supply company, which is part of the No.5 Daqing Oil Plant Management Bureau. Because she did not renounce Falun Gong, the police repeatedly arrested and imprisoned her, and her marriage suffered.

In June 2006, Ms. Liu was <u>clarifying the truth</u> about Falun Gong to people in Kaihuanghutun when someone reported her to the police. Policeman Li Wenzhong and his colleagues tried to arrest her, but Ms. Liu escaped successfully. A month later, a policeman named Dong and seven other officers from Honggang Police Branch broke into her home through the window and arrested her. She was sentenced to 18 months of forced labor. Within only 30 days, Ms. Liu coughed up blood and was unable to eat because of the cruel torture. After 30 days at the camp, Ms. Liu was released. She went into hiding to avoid further persecution.

Although Ms. Liu had left home, police goaded her husband's family into harassing her family. Her family members were even suspended from work and were living under tremendous pressure. Her husband divorced her. Another harmonious family was torn apart.

On July 5, 2007, Ms. Liu visited a fellow practitioner's home. The police had staked out the practitioner's home to catch her. She was arrested. The police stole her printer, paper, MP3 player, electronic books and about 500 <u>yuan</u>. The police took her to a police station in the Xingnan, Honggang District. Lin Shui, Li Jinrui, Wei Tao, and other police officers punched and kicked her repeatedly until she spit up blood and passed out. When she came to, the police resumed the beating. Her entire body was swollen and severely bruised. Her family asked to see her that evening, but the police refused. They were afraid her family would see the marks from where they had tortured her.

The next day, the police took her to the Harbin Drug Rehabilitation Center, which had been turned into a makeshift detention facility for practitioners. On the way there, Ms. Liu attempted to clarify the truth about Falun Gong to the police. Li Jinrui hit her face as soon as she opened her mouth. Ms. Liu lost hearing in her left ear.

A prison guard named Wei Tao refused to let Ms. Liu use the bathroom. She suffered severe pain in her lower abdomen. The center refused to keep her there because of her health condition. Three days later the police notified her family to pick her up but demanded 20,000 yuan ransom. The police finally agreed to release her when they saw that her family could not come up with the money. Ms. Liu's family could barely recognize her.

Because Ms. Liu was hiding from the police for a long time and because she was subjected to severe torture and abuse when she was arrested and imprisoned, she became critically ill. After she was released, she was unable to eat and threw up constantly. She was skin and bones. Her weight was only 66 lbs. She passed away at the age of 53 on September 11, 2007.

Mr. Qiao Zengyi of Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province Died as a Result of Torture

Mr. Qiao Zengyi was arrested at his home in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province on June 22, 2006. He was then detained at the Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp. During his detention, Mr. Qiao became seriously ill. Many times, his family requested to take him to the hospital, but the requests were refused by the guards. On July 11, 2007, the guards released Mr. Qiao when he was barely alive. On September 12, 2007, Mr. Qiao Zengyi passed away.



On the morning of June 22, 2006, Zhang Yue and Lin Bo (policemen from Bashan Police Station), Wang Limin (chief of the National Security Bureau of Nangang Police Department Precinct), Zhou (first name unknown, political director of the National Security Bureau of Nangang Police Department Precinct), Zou (first name unknown, chief of the Department of Armed Forces of Fendou Liaison Office), Zhang (first name unknown, director of the Neighborhood Office), and some other people surrounded Mr. Qiao's home. That afternoon, police picked the lock on the door and broke in. At approximately 4:20 p.m., they took Mr. Qiao to Bashan Police Station. At around 11:30 p.m., Mr. Qiao was taken to the detention center at Nangang Police Department Precinct. Several days later, when Mr. Qiao's son visited the detention center, the police told him that they were going to detain Mr. Qiao for several days.

Over two months later, the police notified Mr. Qiao's son that Mr. Qiao was sentenced to one and a half years in a forced labor camp. Mr. Qiao's son asked the chief of the National Security Bureau (also of the <u>610 Office</u>) of Nangang Police Department Precinct why his father was sent to a forced labor camp. The chief told him that Mr. Qiao "disturbed social stability." When Mr. Qiao's son asked how his father had disturbed social stability by staying at home, the chief didn't answer. Chief Wang Limin and political director Zhou of the National Security Bureau had organized the arrest and detention of many Falun Gong practitioners. Police officer Liu Kan of the National Security Bureau was in charge of Mr. Qiao's case throughout, from his arrest to his sentence.

On June 2, 2007, Mr. Qiao became seriously ill and was taken to the Second Municipal Hospital. On June 3, the police notified Mr. Qiao's family to go to the hospital to pay the bills. His family requested to give Mr. Qiao a full examination, but the request was turned down. Several days later, Mr. Qiao was taken back to the Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp.

On June 10, 2007, Mr. Qiao's family went to visit him. After seeing Mr. Qiao's poor health condition, they requested again to take Mr. Qiao to the hospital. Their request was turned down again.

On July 4, officials at the Changlinzi Forced Labor Camp told Mr. Qiao's family to bring some medicine to Mr. Qiao for his lung infection. Mr. Qiao was on the verge of death as a result of torture. His family asked to take Mr. Qiao to the hospital. The officials refused their request.

On July 9, Mr. Qiao's family asked the officials to take Mr. Qiao to the hospital. Their request was refused yet again.

On July 11, the officials finally agreed to have Mr. Qiao's family take him to the hospital. In the hospital, Mr. Qiao was diagnosed with secondary pulmonary tuberculosis with cavities in both lungs, fluid in his chest, and diabetes. Mr. Qiao's weight had dropped to 110 pounds (he weighed about 200 pounds before being detained at the labor camp). Mr. Qiao was transferred to the Chest Hospital. Mr. Qiao passed away at around 1:45 p.m. on September 12, 2007.

Ms. Zhen Haiyan Sent to Forced Labor Camp after Her Husband's Torture Death

At around 8 p.m. on May 31, 2007, Jiexi Police Station Chief De Nengshan (male), of Dayangshu Town, Oroqen Prefecture, Inner-Mongolia, led Morin Dawa Prefecture <u>610</u> <u>Office</u> head Zhang Shibin (male) and agents Liu Fuqing (male), Ao Liqiang (male), and Wang Baojuan (female) to arrest Dayangshu Town Falun Gong practitioners Mr. Yang Yuxin and his wife, Ms. Zhen Haiyan. The couple had been married for only one month. Zhang Shibin pointed a handgun at Mr. Yang Yuxin's head while four or five agents carried him to a vehicle. The agents ransacked the practitioners' home and took Mr. Yang and Ms. Zhen to the Morin Dawa Prefecture Detention Center.

On August 27, 2007, Mr. Yang Yuxin was tortured to death in police custody. One of the torture means used on him is called the "water bridge"; guards poured cold water over him from head to toe, bucket after bucket, until he lost consciousness. Zhang Shibin also ordered prisoners to stab Mr. Yang's feet with toothpicks, severely damaging his feet. Prisoners also beat Mr. Yang, causing his arms to become covered with bruises. Mr. Yang was wearing a short-sleeved shirt. Zhang Shibin ordered him to change to a long-sleeved shirt to cover the torture marks. Mr. Yang was very healthy, over 6 feet tall, and 200 pounds. However, after the torture, Mr. Yang's body was reduced to 90 pounds, he had open wounds under his neck, and his mouth that would not close.

After Mr. Yang had been tortured to death, on September 10, officers arrested Ms. Zhen for the second time. While they were carrying out the arrest, they said, "You appealed, didn't you? We are arresting you because you appealed."

Ms. Zhen Haiyan lost her husband and appeared very sick due to her mental and physical suffering. She was <u>illegally detained</u> in Morin Dawa Prefecture Detention Center, and then taken to Tumuji Forced Labor Camp. The police assumed that Ms. Zhen would sue them and exposed their crimes.

3074 Deaths Confirmed During the Past Eight Years of Persecution

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Jiang Zemin's regime have persecuted Falun Gong for eight years, ever since July 20, 1999. During this period, the genocidal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners has never let up. Huge numbers of Falun Gong practitioners who have persevered in their belief have been fired from their jobs, deprived of an education, compelled to leave their homes, and had their families torn apart. According to incomplete statistics, at least 6,000 Falun Gong practitioners have been illegally sentenced to prison, more than 100,000 practitioners sentenced to forced labor, and several thousand practitioners sent to psychiatric hospitals where they were injected with nerve-damaging drugs. Numerous practitioners have been and are still being tortured physically and mentally in brainwashing centers all over the country.

In the past eight years, frequent incidents of torture-induced disabilities and deaths of Falun Gong practitioners have happened in China. Despite the CCP's strict information blockade, the deaths of 3,074 Falun Gong practitioners as a result of persecution have been confirmed. Among these victims, 54.2% were female, and an average of 32 practitioners died every month. The deaths were distributed in 31 provinces, cities and autonomous districts.

These innocent Falun Gong practitioners came from all walks of life. Their ages range from 8 months to over 70 years. They died as a result of the inhuman and genocidal persecution of both the body and mind. The Communist regime has resorted to the most wicked and barbaric methods in the history of mankind to abuse Falun Gong practitioners. They use over 40 different torture methods, including long-term sleep deprivation, electric shocks with multiple high-voltage batons to the mouth, chest, underarms, breasts, and genital area, basement detention, water dungeon, handcuffing behind the back, hanging up by handcuffed hands behind the back, the <u>Tiger Bench</u>, Stretching Bed, sexual assaults, whipping with leather belts and copper wire, beating with metal bars, spiked rods and bamboo sticks, punitive force-feeding, force-feeding with hot pepper water, concentrated salt water and human feces through industrial plastic tubes, and injections with and forced ingestion of nerve-damaging drugs.

These deaths are only the tip of the iceberg. A great number of Falun Gong practitioners went missing after the CCP agents seized them unlawfully. It is suspected that they were secretly detained in the CCP's concentration camps, or had their organs removed while they were still alive; with their organs sold in the CCP's booming organ transplant industry. Their remains were cremated to destroy evidence, but the CCP tightly covers up these crimes.

A great number of Falun Gong practitioners who have died as a result of the persecution have left behind their children and elderly parents who, a lot of times, died soon afterwards from suffering such severe grief and hardship. Their young children

not only lost their parents, but also even suffered mistreatment from people in society whom the CCP had deceived about Falun Gong. Due to extreme anxiety and grief brought about by these conditions, some children suffered a mental collapse, some developed serious illnesses, and some even died prematurely.

The Communist regime has expended huge amounts of state finances during the past eight years to maintain the persecution that consists of only lies and violence. As recently as five years ago, a high-ranking officer of the Justice Department of Liaoning Province once said in a conference at the Masanjia Forced Labor Camp, Liaoning Province, "The financial resources used to deal with Falun Gong have exceeded the outlay for a war." Instead of putting such a great amount of national resources toward raising people's morals and fostering economic development, the Communist regime invested the money to hire people to monitor, detain, and torture cultivators of "Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance." This resulted in an immediate decline in society's morality and also was the cause of frequent natural and man-made catastrophes.

These crimes against humanity are still happening. As the 2008 Olympics draw near, the CCP is carrying out another round of special persecution, using the Olympics as a convenient excuse. As early as 2005, the CCP's Deputy Minister of the Public Security Liu Jing received an order to eliminate Falun Gong before the opening of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He issued an order to all police departments nationwide to intensify the persecution of Falun Gong. In March 2007, Minister of Public Security Zhou Yongkang issued an order to start a new, nationwide round of brutal persecution of Falun Gong. Since then, there have been massive arrests of many practitioners in many areas in China. Incidents of Falun Gong practitioners being disabled or dying as a result of the persecution continue to occur in China.

As of July 2007, it has been confirmed that thirteen Falun Gong practitioners died as a result of the persecution in China this year. The thirteen deaths as a result of torture occurred in the following eight provinces and cities: three in Liaoning Province and Jilin Province, two in Heilongjiang Province, one in Hubei Province, Shandong Province, Hunan Province, Gansu Province and Beijing.

People Awaken to the Truth



The Truth Spreads Widely; People in Mainland China Enthusiastically Quit the Chinese Communist Party

More than 26 million people have quit the Chinese Communist Party, the Communist Youth League and the Young Pioneers. The <u>Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party</u> is attracting an ever-increasing readership and is having a huge impact. More than 80,000 copies of the <u>Nine Commentaries</u> were distributed in one city in Shandong Province alone.

Police repent by staying away from CCP

Recently, an increasing number of Chinese police officers have expressed frustration at being used as tools and scapegoats by the Communist Party to persecute innocent people. Several of them publicly announced their withdrawal from the Party after they learned the truth about the persecution.

One police officer felt deep regret about having committed crimes against Falun Gong practitioners. After quitting CCP, he now posts flyers about the persecution in the streets to make up for his mistakes.

He said, "I did not sleep a wink last night. I wrote 'Truth, Compassion, Tolerance' and 'Falun Dafa is good' on paper and posted them on both sides of the street. I did it until 4:00 a.m. this morning, and I posted about 200 of them. My friend also wants to do it!"

All of this officer's colleagues in his office have quit the Party. Officer Li said, "I know Falun Gong practitioners are good people. In fact, high officials from behind the scenes control this large-scale persecution of Falun Gong practitioners."

Another officer who quit the Party said he was assigned to the police department after graduating from college, and he followed his superiors' orders in arresting Falun Gong practitioners. Now that he has learned the truth he will no longer follow the Party in doing harmful things. He said he would treat Falun Gong practitioners kindly from now on.

Another officer told a volunteer at the Global Service Center for Quitting the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) that all of the adults and children in his family have quit the Party, "Yes, my children have all quit the CCP; in fact, all of us have quit. Our children will not be sacrificed to the wolf."

Jia Li, a former veteran CCP member in Guizhou City said he knew from decades of painful experience that a person of conscience should no longer live under the Party's unscrupulous tyranny. He solemnly announced his withdrawal, in an effort to purify his soul and to completely sever his relationships with the Party.

A deputy police chief who persecuted Falun Gong had visited England and France where he received information on Falun Gong and about quitting the Party, after which he decided to quit the Party. After he returned to China, he received a phone call from a volunteer who told him he could ensure his safety only by quitting the Party. He agreed without hesitation.

Military servicemen quit the despotic Party

Recently, many active and former members of the military and armed police have quit the CCP, showing a growing trend of group withdrawals. Several military men and women posted a message on the Future China Forum to announce their withdrawal from the Party, and they swore to no longer serve as the CCP's killing machine. More than 10,000 clicks and replies were made to the post, most of them written by fellow servicemen.

Qinghua, a veteran said, "I joined the Party as a young man while serving in the military, with lofty aspirations. I witnessed the Party opening fire on civilians and students on June 4, 1989 (*the Tiananmen Square Massacre*). The bloodshed shocked and infuriated me. The CCP is now corrupt to the core, and I have stopped believing in it. The CCP's persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, followers of Truth-Compassion-Tolerance, and especially it's harvesting of organs from living humans, exposes its exceeding cruelty."

Ming Yang, a former soldier said he dislikes the widespread practice of bribery in the military. His friend was sent to brutally suppress people who the CCP called "violent rioters." In fact they were unarmed citizens appealing after suffering grave injustice. The soldiers were reluctant but dared not disobey orders. He knew many students were killed during the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre, but he was still shocked to hear that Falun Gong practitioners' organs are being harvested while they are still alive! He said, "The Party always sings the most pleasant tune while committing the most evil deeds. Yet, this level of atrocity still exceeds people's psychological limit. Those without conscience will receive justice from the heavens." He announced his withdrawal from the Party.

A veteran soldier who fought in the Sino-Vietnam War was issued a Second Class Merit Award, but he said with a heavy heart, "I was a company commander. Only 36 soldiers in my company survived, and I cannot express my feelings in words. Each dead soldier's family was given only 600 Yuan [about US \$75]! We were furious at the Party's disdain for our loyalty and sacrifice. I read the *Nine Commentaries*, and many parts of the book spoke to my heart, therefore I have decided to quit the Party and all of its organizations." A military commander witnessed the CCP's massacre of defenseless students and civilians in the Tiananmen Square Massacre. He could never free himself of the guilty feeling. He said although the CCP has always operated in a black box to cover up its crimes, there are still conscionable military officials who would reveal some facts, which allowed him a deeper understanding of the Party; he is therefore even more disgusted with the CCP.

He said he could listen to the *Sound of Hope* radio program and had read some reports on the Internet. He thought the reports on live organ harvesting were truthful and objective, as he had seen death row inmates being carved up within one minute after execution, and a crowd gathered and looked on from 10 feet away. It has become a common occurrence in China and is no longer news.

Three people, Cao Renyi, Jin Shuibin and Pu Yongzhe, left China and were shocked when they read *The Nine Commentaries* for the first time. They had never heard of the book in China and thus kept the book with them. The book opened their eyes, and they learned for the first time that the CCP has killed more than 80 million Chinese people over the past five decades, ran over students with tanks during the 1989 Massacre, and harvested living Falun Gong practitioners' organs since the year 2000, and sold the organs for huge profit.

The *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* has been translated into 32 languages and is being read in 35 countries. More and more people are awakening as *The Nine Commentaries* reach an ever-expanding audience. Indignation toward the Communist Party and empathy for the suppressed Chinese people forged a historic trend--the complete disintegration of CCP. More than 26 million people have quit the Party, and the number increases by 30,000 to 40,000 each day.

Voice of Justice



Renowned Chinese Attorney Gao Zhisheng Writes to U.S. Congress, Calling for Attention to the Human Rights Disasters in China

Renowned human rights lawyer Mr. Gao Zhisheng, known by some as "China's conscience," recently sent a 9-page letter with first hand information, statistics and evidence to the U.S. Congress, expressing his deep concerns over the Beijing Olympics. The letter stated that human rights in China have deteriorated even more as the Olympic Games have drawn near. In the letter, Mr. Gao talked about the persecution of Falun Gong in detail and called upon U.S. Congress to pay more attention to this human rights disaster.

Persecution of Falun Gong is a Human Rights Disaster

In the 9-page letter, Mr. Gao included detailed first hand information, statistics and evidence of the persecution of Falun Gong.

Mr. Gao stated, "Hundreds of thousands of practitioners have been sent to labor camps. Millions were illegally detained in the countless brainwashing camps established in every corner in China by the notorious <u>610 Office</u>, an agency founded to lead the persecution of Falun Gong. Such brainwashing camps require even simpler entrance procedures, while the methods used to 'educate' the practitioners are shockingly cruel. Tens of millions have been persecuted in various forms. A large number of children have been expelled from school only because their parents practice Falun Gong. Some of the children were left unattended or even homeless after their parents were arrested. (Since last August my daughter has met many such children who lingered at the gate of her school. The children, though homeless, came up to my daughter to express their condolence and support. Our hearts ached for these children.)"

"As for proof of this persecution, I'd like to recommend the investigative report I composed myself. The report recorded legally acceptable evidence that I collected as an attorney. One of the cases in the report involves 28-year-old Liu Boyang, a medical degree holder, and his mother, who were both Falun Gong practitioners. The mother and son were tortured to death less than ten days apart in the same building. The last nights before their deaths, the two could hear each other's painful cries during the torture. Before the cries died with them, the police never stopped torturing them."

He emphasized, "The eight year-long suppression of Falun Gong is so far the most longlasting and the most serious humanity disaster in China and in the world. This is why I am emphasizing it early in this letter."

Questions by Mr. Gao Zhisheng

In the letter, Mr. Gao Zhisheng asked:

"Are the eight year-long persecution of Falun Gong and the crimes against humanity committed by the Chinese Communist Party only problems for the victims? Or are they problems for mankind?

"Are the CCP's [Chinese Communist Party] genocide and crimes against humanity a threat only to the victims, or to the moral values the entire human society?

"Is mankind capable of dealing with such state-run crimes against humanity?"

The Tragedies of Human Rights Violations are Everywhere in China

Mr. Gao pointed out in the letter, "The CCP's continuous suppression of Christian family churches is comparable to the shocking persecution of Falun Gong." He also listed the evidence of brutal persecution of people's freedom and rights, the furious suppression of the rights defense movement, evil conduct of stealing people's private property, environmental disasters, an extremely unjust legal system, and other problems in China.

Mr. Gao said, "My dear ladies and gentlemen, writing this letter is a heavy thing. If these crimes only happened once or several times, I believe each one of you would be as angry as I am. In today's China, these inhuman tragedies have become a common situation that is happening all over the country. Many people have become used to it, and are indifferent. The reason the CCP can sustain its power is by purposely attacking our conscience with violence, and numbing our conscience with lies. It is eroding our virtue on a daily basis, to expand passive support from people's helpless minds. It lowered a portion of people's moral bottom line to defend its violence, so that its power is stabilized. Today, the CCP is expanding its moral corruption strategy to the whole world. If the Olympics are held by the CCP, it will mean the success of the CCP's global moral corruption."

The Fact That the Olympics Will be Held by the CCP Hurts My Heart and Conscience

Mr. Gao pointed out, "The Chinese communist regime treated the application and hosting of the Olympic Games exactly as an important political task. Everything related to the Olympics is regarded as a political issue. Liu Qi, China's key person in charge of these Olympics, himself said that it is a "supreme political task" to ensure that every need of the Olympic Games is met. This is a simple and commonly recognized fact in China."

"It is plain as day to all Chinese people that with successes in hosting the Olympic Games, the communist regime is trying to achieve two goals. First, it tries to prove to Chinese people that the world is still acknowledging the Party as a legal government despite all the tyranny and all the horrible crimes against humanity that the Party has committed during the past decades at a cost of at least 80 million Chinese lives. Second, it wants to prove to the world that the Party still has the power over China and still enjoys people's full support."

He said, "As a Chinese I cherish profound love for my homeland and our suffering people. I also long to see the day when the Olympic Games will be held in China. But when I remember the social environment of China, and how the Olympic Games will be used here, my conscience and sense of justice make my heart ache. As you know, today in China those who connect the Olympics with human rights are immediately hunted down by the communist regime and its gang as 'the enemies of the state', 'the sinners of the people', and 'the destroyers of social harmony'."

He emphasized, "We don't support or pretend to support the use of the Olympic Games as a political tool. Nor can we support or pretend to support the Olympic Games having no consideration for human conscience, justice and morality."

Politicians Support Mr. Gao Zhisheng

Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, David Kilgour, former Secretary of State for Canada, Asia Pacific and former Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons in Canada, and Edward McMillan-Scott, Vice-President of the European Parliament, supported Mr. Gao at the press conference.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen said, "There are few in the world more acutely aware of Beijing's severe shortcomings in the area of human rights than the famed human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Mr. Gao Zhisheng."

"The regime in Beijing, rather than seeing the approach of the Olympics as a time for greater openness, sees it as a mandate for further control and repression of the Chinese people."

She said, "I have joined my colleague, Mr. Rohrabacher, and others in the House in expressing our concerns over participation in the 'Genocide Olympics' by co-sponsoring House Resolution 610 which expresses 'the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Government should take immediate steps to boycott the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing in August 2008 unless the Chinese regime stops engaging in serious human rights abuses against its citizens.'"

Calling Upon President Bush

Mr. Gao called in his letter, "When I finished this letter, I heard that President Bush decided to join the Olympics next year. Pardon my manner here; I want to shout out, Mr. President, what are you doing? Have you looked at how President Reagan handled the 1988 Seoul Olympics? I want to remind my friends here as well. I hope my friends in Congress, both the Senate and the House, can establish merit for human civilization like during the 1988 Seoul Olympics."

He continued, "Those struggling in CCP prisons, those crying under torture, those roaming around to avoid mistreatment need your help. When you light a candle, when you dress up, holding your cocktail or drink, I hope you will think of those suffering people. May God bless America, may God give each person justice, responsibility, and firm determination. May the light of freedom shine upon China proper, letting evil have no place to hide, and may the mistreated no longer be in pain."

Canadian MP Working on Legislation to Stop Organ Harvesting in China

The Human Rights Torch Relay was initiated in Greece on August 9, 2007, and has since been relayed through many European countries. It has drawn worldwide attention. The writer recently interviewed one of the members of the North American Group of the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (CIPFG), Canadian Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj. Mr. Wrzesnewskyj is working on legislation to prevent the illegal organ harvesting trade in China.



Canadian Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj said that, like many other people of conscience, he works in his capacity as a Member of Parliament to stop the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) horrific crime of harvesting the organs of living Falun Gong practitioners: "I've begun working on draft legislation that would hopefully act as a template internationally, once it gets passed. I didn't say 'should it get passed,' since I'm optimistic that it will get passed. This will prevent this sort of transaction of organs harvested from unwilling participants ... It's pretty comprehensive legislation that I'm working on and, hopefully when our Parliament comes back in session, I'll be able to table this legislation."

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj pointed out that it is quite clear that the CCP absolutely did not keep its promise to fix its human rights record. He believes that there are many human rights abuses in China under communist rule, and one of most horrific of those is the issue of organ harvesting from Falun Gong practitioners. Mr. Wrzesnewskyj said that they (the CCP) may create a modern version of a village in Beijing for the 2008 Olympics, but the world is not fooled. There is a tremendous amount of evidence that has come out of China [pointing to human rights abuses]. No totalitarian regime is able to keep the lid on all information. "If Chinese authorities believe that they can suppress the truth on various issues from coming out, they're sorely mistaken."

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj said that no one can be unmoved when they read the report by David Matas and David Kilgour investigating allegations of the CCP's harvesting organs of imprisoned Falun Gong practitioners in China. What is happening in China echoes back to the Nazi regime. Any reasonable government would want to clarify the situation when facing such serious allegations, and it would want Mr. Matas and Mr. Kilgour to travel to China to show them that they are terribly wrong in their conclusions. But in fact, that is not the case. "If they're preventing that, what is the logical conclusion? It tends to reinforce the findings of the reports."

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj made it clear that the ideology of communism has been completely discredited. Internationally, it is a failed ideology of the 20th century. The greatest human cost in millions of lives occurred during a very bloody 20th century as a result of this ideology, when the largest number of people was unnecessarily killed in China under Mao. The second largest number of people killed was under Stalin in the Soviet Union, and the third was under the ideology of totalitarianism, which wasn't communism but fascism. Both of those ideologies have been discredited. "I can't imagine that large amount [of organ-harvesting] would have happened without the authorities at the top."

Mr. Wrzesnewskyj would love to see the human rights torch that symbolizes human dignity arrive in Beijing at the same time as the Olympic torch.

Media Reports and Opinions



Minnesota Daily (USA): Falun Gong Practitioners March to Raise Awareness

Falun Gong practitioners and supporters from around the country marched through the East Bank Friday afternoon to raise community awareness of alleged organ harvesting by the Chinese government.

Falun Gong, also known as Falun Dafa, is a spiritual practice that was outlawed by the Chinese government in 1999. Translated as a "practice of the wheel of law," Falun Gong is a discipline of meditation and physical exercise that [follows the universal principle of Truth-Compassion-Tolerance]. According to a detailed report written by international human rights lawyer David Matas and former Canadian Secretary of State David Kilgour, the Chinese government has been targeting Falun Gong practitioners for execution and involuntary organ removal.

Wattana Bo, a postal worker from Washington, D.C., came to Minneapolis to attend the march. The purpose of the demonstration was to bring the issue to people's attention, Bo said. "What's going on there is so bad and wrong," university student marcher Benjamen Grinberg said, "We hope to spark people's consciences a bit."

The march began at the Carlson School of Management shortly after 3 p.m. and ended at the Alumni Center. Marchers bolstered signs and handed out brochures that spoke out against Communist China and illustrated the amount of money that China was allegedly getting for selling organs.

Cheng Wan, a former University student and Falun Gong practitioner, was among the marchers.

Wan said that the persecution of Falun Gong in China has prevented him from returning to his home in Shashi, China. "The Chinese Communist Party tries to control everything," Wan said. "Even your mind." Kirk Allison, a program director at the University, spoke at a rally following the march.

Allison said he is not a practitioner of Falun Gong but recognizes organ harvesting as a "fundamental human rights issue."

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Some of the marchers held a Falun Gong conference Friday evening in Minneapolis after the rally. Falun Gong advocates would not disclose the location of the conference due to past instances where people have tried to "sabotage" them. "Every time we try to plan an event, people try to stop it," marcher Nick Malec, a journalism senior and practitioner of Falun Gong, said. Malec said the march was not driven by political objectives beyond eliminating the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. "We are being persecuted by the Communist Chinese Party," Malec said. "We are trying to raise awareness of that kind of evil."

Turkey's Burasi Canakkale: Falun Gong Stands Rock Solid in Face of Inhuman Persecution

On August 15-18, 2007, *Burasi Canakkale*, a large newspaper in northwestern Turkey, published a series of articles authored by well-known reporter Ali Can Altun. The articles were entitled, "Falun Gong: Standing Rock Solid in Face of Inhuman Torture (Parts I and II)," "Persecution Continues in Concentration Camps," and "Report on Evidence of the Persecution." These articles systematically laid out what Falun Gong is about, the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) brutal persecution, and the CCP's atrocities of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners.

The article went straight to the point from the beginning, "Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong), is a cultivation method which brings peace to one's heart, health to one's body, and wisdom to one's mind. Seven years after its introduction to the public in 1992, the practice was persecuted by the totalitarian Chinese Communist regime. Hundreds of thousands of practitioners were abducted and taken to concentration camps where they were tortured, and many even disappeared."

The article continued, "So far Falun Gong is the only practice in the world that truly cultivates both mind and body. The practice follows the principles of the universe. Five easy exercises are taught absolutely free of charge. After its introduction to the general public by Mr. Li Hongzhi in 1992, Falun Gong quickly gained popularity. By 1999 there were nearly 100 million people practicing in mainland China.

"To date Falun Gong is practiced in nearly eighty countries and regions, winning over two thousand seven hundred awards from various governments and organizations. Falun Gong's founder has been nominated four times for the Nobel Peace prize."

The article also cited concrete data showing Falun Gong's amazing health benefits, "According to the Chinese regime's official statistics collected prior to the persecution, on twelve thousand practitioners, 93.4% of Falun Gong practitioners had various illnesses prior to practicing. Through practicing Falun Gong, the overall rate of health improvement was as high as 99.1%, with 58.5% complete recovery and 80.3% obvious improvement. In addition, 96.5% of the practitioners felt their mental well-being improved significantly." The article then exposed the CCP's brutal persecution and its atrocities of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners with almost two and a half pages of writing illustrated with multiple photos: "More and more people took up the practice, as it benefited both mind and body. According to statistics, in 1999 nearly 100 million people in China practiced Falun Gong, which far outnumbered CCP members, causing the CCP to panic. On July 20, 1999, out of personal jealousy, the then CCP dictator Jiang Zemin manipulated the entire state apparatus to launch a massive campaign of propaganda, lies and unprecedented brutality against millions of Falun Gong practitioners." "Executing genocidal policies of 'ruin their reputations, bankrupt

them financially and annihilate them physically,' the CCP's persecution is the most atrocious in the history of mankind. To date hundreds of thousands of practitioners are detained, over one hundred thousand have been sent to labor camps, at least six thousand have received prison sentences, and thousands have been sent to mental hospitals and injected with nerve-damaging drugs. According to incomplete statistics, confirmed via non-governmental venues, three thousand and eighty Falun Gong practitioners have died during the 8-year persecution, since July 1999." The article continued, "In March 2006 the incident of organ harvesting from living Falun Gong practitioners at Sujiatun concentration camp came to light and shocked the world. In secret concentration camps, large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners are kept as living banks of unwilling human organ donors to be killed atrociously on demand when their organs are required by the CCP to fetch extortionate prices. Their bodies are then cremated to eliminate the evidence." "In July 2006, after four months of independent investigation, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific, David Kilgour, and a famous international human rights lawyer, David Matas, released a report entitled, Report into Allegations of Organ Harvesting of Falun Gong Practitioners in China, confirming that there has been and continues today to be largescale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners."

"The most horrible thing about organ harvesting is that it is done while practitioners, who are all unwilling donors, are still alive. The bodies of those with organs stolen are cremated directly to eliminate the evidence. The Chinese Communist regime is behind the practice and pockets the profits made from the illegal trade of these organs. The crimes committed by the CCP are more brutal than that of the Nazis."

In the end the article called out, "In face of such brutal killings on earth, those who still have conscience and a sense of justice - what are you waiting for? Let's step forward bravely to stop the inhuman brutality together."

Falun Gong Practitioners' Personal Experiences



Malignant Tumor Disappears After Practicing Falun Gong for Two Months

Xiaoming, a villager from Daling Township of Yushu City, Jilin Province, had a malignant growth in his chest. He spent ten thousand <u>yuan</u> on medical expenses, to no avail. However, the malicious growth disappeared after he practiced Falun Gong for only two months. He also became healthier in other ways. News of this incident spread far and wide in the village.

Beginning in August 2006, Xiaoming always broke out in a cold sweat during the night, had a fever and felt weak. An examination at the Yushu City Hospital could not yield a diagnosis for his illness, so he went to larger hospitals in Harbin, Jilin and Beijing for checkups. He was eventually diagnosed with a ten-centimeter-wide malignant growth in his chest across the diaphragm.

As the position of the growth was very close to an artery, performing surgery would be dangerous. Thus, the only option would be chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Chemotherapy drugs are strong, and even healthy flesh exposed to radiation would burn. The chemotherapy would be administered in twelve sessions, each lasting fourteen days.

After undergoing three sessions of chemotherapy, the malignant growth did shrink. Following the eighth session, it had shrunk to 1.5 cm. It was only the size of a finger joint, and Xiaoming and his family saw much hope. They thought he would recover after the twelve sessions were completed. But an exam at the conclusion of the chemotherapy cycle revealed the presence of the malignant growth, which had once again increased in size to 4.5 cm. The doctors were stupefied. They could not explain it. By then the family had already spent ten thousand yuan for medical expenses. The doctors had no other means besides chemotherapy and radiation to treat this patient. Chemotherapy had already severely weakened Xiaoming. His mother saw that there was no hope of a cure for her son and cried sadly. The doctor decided to let Xiaoming go home to rest for one month before continuing with the chemotherapy.

One day, a neighbor visited Xiaoming. She explained the truth about Falun Gong to him and told him of the miraculous healing effects of Falun Gong. Xiaoming was deceived by the slanderous lies and propaganda of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). He found it difficult to accept what the neighbor told him. This neighbor, however, came to speak to him many times. Xiaoming also had a relative who practiced Falun Gong. This relative also came to tell him the truth about Falun Gong. Xiaoming was eventually able to gain a certain level of understanding about Falun Gong.

Xiaoming started to practice Falun Gong in July 2007. He wanted to see if it could heal his illness. It was really miraculous! The first time he started to practice the exercises,

although he was extremely weak, he was able to finish the first four sets of exercises. At that moment he felt energized. Very soon he could start to eat rice. One month later, a CT scan showed that his cancerous growth had shrunk to the width of a finger joint. Xiaoming knew that Master was taking care of him, and his confidence in Falun Gong grew. After practicing for another month, he went for another checkup. The malignant growth had disappeared; only a scar was left where the growth used to be. Now there was obvious improvement in his health. He was more energetic and stronger.

His story made his relatives, friends and fellow villagers see the miraculous healing effects of Falun Gong. They no longer believed the lies and slanderous propaganda that the CCP spread about Falun Gong.

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.

Collaborators: Former practitioners who have turned against Falun Gong under brainwashing and torture. They are then made to assist in brainwashing and torturing practitioners.

Sensitive Dates: National holidays or political meetings, or dates that hold significance to Falun Dafa; the authorities are afraid that practitioners will publicly appeal on these dates.

Tiger Bench Torture: Prisoners are forced to sit on a small iron bench that is approximately 20 cm (6 inches) tall with their knees tied together. With their hands tied behind their backs or sometimes placed on their knees, they are forced to sit straight up and look straight ahead without movement for long periods of time.

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