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US Lawmakers Blame Beijing for Falun Gong Attack in New York

(Clearwisdom.net) An AFP report June 5 discussed the recent attacks on Falun Gong practitioners in New York. Below are excerpts from the article:

"Two US lawmakers accused the Chinese government Thursday of instigating attacks on practitioners of the Falun Gong spiritual group in New York and called on Washington to lodge a protest with Beijing."

Falun Gong practitioners were attacked last month in Flushing, in the New York City borough of Queens, when they were passing out fliers urging people to join the 36 million who have quit the Chinese Communist Party.

"Six people were arrested -- three charged with assault and others with disorderly conduct, the *New York Times* reported over the weekend, quoting local police."

The practitioners "circulated what they said was a recording of a telephone conversation in Mandarin between an investigator working on their behalf and a high-ranking official in the Chinese Consulate in NY in which the official was heard approving of the scuffles in Flushing."

"Republican lawmakers Tom Tancredo and Dana Rohrabacher charged Thursday that the Chinese government were behind the attacks and called on President George W. Bush's administration to lodge a protest with Beijing and seek an immediate explanation.



On June 5, 2008, Representatives Tom Tancredo (R-CO) (right) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) (middle) attended a Forum on the Flushing Incident in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington D.C.

"The government of the United States should investigate this and, if I am accurate in my assumption about the cause, should lodge a protest to the government of China, and take a strong action as possible, including the request for the removal of the offending parties," Tancredo, the representative from Colorado, told a forum on Capitol Hill.

"Judy Chen, 48, a Chinese-American mother of two sons serving in Iraq with the US military, said she was among those assaulted. 'Am I in China or America?' asked Chen, who said she emigrated to the United States after her family members were victimized during the Cultural Revolution.

"The two lawmakers said the attacks on the Falun Gong practitioners were a clear violation of the right of religious freedom in the United States.

"We may not be able to help the people of China directly but we can help the people who live here directly," Rohrabacher said, adding that the US Congress would push the authorities to get to the bottom of the issue."

Introduction to Falun Dafa

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



About Clearwisdom

Clearwisdom.net is the most authoritative source of information about the practice of Falun Gong and about the persecution of Falun Gong in China, reporting timely news and events happening inside China as well as from the more than 70 countries around the world where Falun Gong is practiced. Clearwisdom responsibly publishes the experiences and understandings of practitioners themselves, who submit the majority of the articles.



Divine Land Marching Band



Chief Minister of Malacca (center) comes to learn about Falun Gong



Falun Dafa Dragon Boat Women's Team receives an award

Malacca, Malaysia: Practitioners Enter Two Teams in Local Dragon Boat Championship

(Clearwisdom.net) The 25th annual Malacca Dragon Boat Championship was held on the Malacca River on June 1, 2008. Local Falun Gong practitioners entered women's and men's teams to participate in this traditional cultural event. The Singapore and the Malaysia divisions of the Falun Dafa Divine Land Marching Band came together to perform. To add to the festival atmosphere of the race, practitioners from Singapore also brought a waist drum group to entertain the crowds.

Chief Minister of Malacca Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam hosted the opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m..The organizing committee invited the waist drum group to perform on the main stage. The chief minister then threw *zongzi*, a popular food, into the river as part of the traditional ritual to open the dragon boat race.

During the dragon boat race, practitioners held banners, displayed photo boards and gave out materials to provide the local people with an opportunity to learn about Falun Gong and the persecution of Falun Gong in China. Many people, after learning the facts, signed the "Million Signatures Campaign" to call for an immediate end to the Chinese Communist Party's persecution of Falun Gong. The Chief Minister of Malacca also came to learn about Falun Gong and picked up informational materials about the practice.

At the award ceremony, president of the organizing committee Huang Shudang issued a Spirit Award to the Kuala Lumpur Falun Dafa Dragon Boat Team (women's team) to express appreciation for the team's continuous participation and support for the dragon boat races since 2002. Mr. Huang Shudang said in an interview, "I'm grateful to Falun Dafa for sending a women's team to participate in the race every year."

Please Help Rescue My Daughter

(Clearwisdom.net) My daughter, Ma Duo, has been held in Jiamusi Detention Center in Heilongjiang Province for more than five months for practicing Falun Gong. I do not know if she has been sentenced yet.

My daughter was about to leave for work around 6:00 a.m. on February 13, 2007. As she opened the door, several police officers barged into our home (my daughter quickly continued on to her workplace). They ransacked our home, confiscating my computer and other personal belongings. Three officers dragged me to their car and took me to the Changhong Police Station. Then they went to Ma Duo's place of employment to arrest her. She has since been held in Jiamusi Detention Center. I was released because of my poor health, a result of being tortured after a prior arrest.

I used to have many diseases including insufficient blood supply to the brain, a gastric ulcer, rheumatism, neurosis, and gynecological problems. I took various medicines every day. In November 1995, a colleague told me about the miraculous effect of Falun Gong on a person's health and sent me tapes of Master Li's speeches. Since then I regained health. I study the teachings and do the exercises every day. I stick to the principle of Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance and always think of others first whenever I do anything. Now I worry very much about my daughter. I hereby appeal to all people of good will: "Please help rescue my daughter, Ma Duo, and bring her home."

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