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Ms. Liu Xia Brutally Tortured at Masanjia Forced Labor Camp

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Ms. Liu Xia was a teacher in Dalian City, in the northeastern part of Shandong Province of China. Ms. Liu has been imprisoned for eight out of the ten years that the Communist regime has been persecuting Falun Gong. She has been held at Masanjia Women's Forced Labor Camp in Shenyang City since September 2008, where she has suffered inhuman torture. Masanjia Forced Labor Camp is a central location for the Communist regime to persecute and brainwash Falun Gong practitioners in an attempt to force them to renounce their belief. The following photographs are re-enactments that illustrate the tortures suffered by practitioners at Masanjia.

Backward Handcuffing



The practitioner's hands are handcuffed behind his back, with one hand over the shoulder and one hand up from the back. In a few minutes the practitioner cannot move his arms, and it feels as if the joints are dislocated. The handcuffs are so tight that they cut into the flesh, making the victim's arms swell and lose sensation.

Hung on Heating Pipes

The practitioner's hands are handcuffed and he is hung onto heating pipes. There are two iron clips located 5'10" up on the pipes. When the practitioner is hung up like this, the handcuffs cut into the flesh. Some practitioners' arms are eventually disabled from this torture.



Spread Eagle Position



The practitioner's arms are pulled apart to the extreme and tied to two sides of a bed frame. The practitioner's toes barely touch the floor. His body is in the shape of a "spread eagle." Then the guards beat and shock the practitioner with electric batons. Practitioners are often hung up and tortured like this for several days.

Hanging Up in the Air

A practitioner's arms are tied up and pulled upward to the extreme, and then he is hung up with his hands behind his back from the side-rails of an upper bunk bed. His feet cannot touch the floor. After being tortured like this for a long time, the victim's arms become disabled.



Long-term Fixed Squatting



Practitioners are handcuffed to the side rails of a metal bed, with their backs and bottoms forcibly squeezed underneath the bed. Some practitioners' backs are permanently injured as a result. This torture lasts from a few hours to as long as ten days. This is the most commonly used persecution method at Masanjia.

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.

I Recovered My Eyesight after Practicing Falun Gong for Only Six Days

(Clearwisdom.net) In May of 2007, my eye disease suddenly worsened. I had had this disease since I was little. In the past, I had taken medicine and seen many well-known experts, but my condition never improved. I could not watch TV for over 20 minutes without my eyes hurting. Now, my eyes hurt so much that I could not open them.

One of my relatives who practices Falun Gong said to me, "Falun Gong is a cultivation practice of mind and body. It is miraculous. You should give it a try." As a last resort, I started practicing Falun Gong. On the sixth day, my eyes no longer hurt. My eyes did not hurt even after I watched TV for three and a half hours straight. I thought to myself, if my eyes allow me to read, I will certainly read the book *Zhuan Falun* well (*Zhuan Falun* comprises the principle teachings of Falun Gong). Several days later, when I tried to read the book, I could really see the words clearly (because of my eye disease, I had not read for many years) and I no longer needed magnification. For the first time, I clearly saw the blue sky, green grass, and the colors of the clothes people were wearing. I could even see the pattern of the tile in the bathroom. Words could not express how amazed and excited I was. I opened the book *Zhuan Falun*, and, facing Master Li's picture, I thanked him in my heart.

Belgium: Falun Gong at the Sfinks International Music Festival

(Clearwisdom.net) The Sfinks Festival (World Music Festival) was held from July 24 to July 26, in Boechout, Belgium. Falun Gong practitioners took part in this year's festival, to introduce the practice to the festival visitors.



Practitioners demonstrate the Falun Gong exercises

The practitioners set up a tent with display boards telling about the worldwide spread of Falun Gong and the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) persecution of the practice. In the tent, Falun Gong books and other materials were displayed amid beautiful hand-made paper lotus flowers.

After watching the exercise demonstration, a woman told a practitioner that she liked Falun Gong very much. When she found out that there were books for sale, she bought a copy of *Zhuan Falun*. A man who had visited the festival the day before came back again the next day just to buy some Falun Gong books. He told the practitioners that he wished to learn the meditation.



Festival visitors learn about Falun Gong

Another man said to a practitioner after reading the display boards, "[Reading about] the CCP's organ harvesting of practitioners made me cry. I know what is happening in China and how brutal the persecution is. I have been wondering what I can do to help Falun Gong and help end the persecution."

When he saw the postcards with the message, "Freedom Belongs to Falun Gong," he asked for a dozen postcards. He said he would mail them to Belgian elected leaders and give them an opportunity to learn about the persecution and to provide help to end it.

Louis Band, a Swiss singer from Columbia, asked a lot about the persecution. He said, "I know how the Cuban communist party persecutes Cubans. That is why I know how the CCP persecutes Falun Gong." He expressed his best wishes for Falun Gong practitioners to succeed in bringing about an end to the persecution.

A young Tibetan, Zelang, and his friends, were visiting Belgium from mainland China. After watching the exercise demonstration, Zelang asked, "Are you paid for doing this?" He found it hard to believe that many of the informational materials were handmade and were donated by practitioners. He said, "What I heard in China about Falun Gong is completely different. It looks like the information in China is not true." He then commented that when he saw the practitioners doing the sitting meditation, he was struck by how peaceful they looked.

Another gentleman wanted to buy the *Nine Commentaries on the Communist Party* after reading through the informational boards. This book exposes the crimes of the CCP, including its brutal persecution of Falun Gong. A Russian woman bought the *Nine Commentaries* and said that she wanted to know more about the persecution.

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