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United Nations: A Large Number of Falun Gong Practitioners Died in Police Custody

(**Clearwisdom.net**) In his 2009 U.N. World Report, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Philip Alston, dedicated a significant section of the report to address the death of Falun Gong practitioners in police custody across China.



UN Special Rapporteur Mr. Philip Alston at a UN news conference

The Special Rapporteur called on the Chinese government to cooperate with a "thorough, prompt and impartial investigation of all suspected cases of extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions, including cases where complaints by relatives or other reliable reports suggest unnatural death in the above circumstances." Mr. Alston emphasized that such deaths are against the principles of international law. Further, the government bears responsibility for deaths in custody that result from torture, neglect, or the use of force, and also for fear of death in custody due to the life-threatening conditions of detention.

In the 449-page report, the Special Rapporteur issued a review of over 100 UN member states. The section on China took up 30 pages, with 6 pages alone discussing Falun Gong practitioners' deaths in police custody. The report is the most thorough examination of deaths caused by arbitrary torture since Mr. Alston began his term as the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

Also in the report, Mr. Alston included descriptions of various large scale human rights abuses that he investigated in China. Of the 20 individual cases that he took up during his reporting period of 2008 and 2009, 16 were deaths resulting from the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners. The report also mentioned the massacres in Tibet and the Xinjiang region.

In his 2009 report, Mr. Alston listed a summary of the 16 Falun Gong practitioners' death accounts. He stressed, "Though they had different experiences, all of their deaths were connected to the harm they suffered under the direct supervision of law enforcement officers." Mr. Alston appealed to the Chinese government, "... to ensure the right to freedom of religion or belief in accordance with the principles set forth in the 1981 Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination based on Religion or Belief and article 18 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights."

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.

The Persecution of Mr. Gu Huaibing from Chengdu



Gu Huaibing, with his family

(Clearwisdom.net) Falun Gong practitioner Mr. Gu Huaibing works in a company in the Chengdu Computer Building. On the evening of July 21, 2009, he was arrested by officers from the Tiaosanta Police Station while he was at work. He was taken to a detention center the next day.

On August 5 and 6, 2009, the director of the Domestic Security Division refused to allow Mr. Gu's lawyer to meet with Mr. Gu. His two lawyers lodged a complaint about the director with the Chengdu Procuratorate (the Chinese state organ responsible for legal supervision). Meanwhile, around ten of Mr. Gu's relatives and friends demanded his release.

As a result of the complaints and the appeal, by the end of August, Mr. Gu's lawyer finally was able to meet with him for the first time, under the watchful eye of case officer Xie Hongqing.

Just recently in a private conversation, Mr. Gu told his lawyer that he was being severely persecuted. He described to his lawyer how two weeks following his arrest, on August 4, he and another Falun Gong practitioner, Liao Jianfu were taken to a location somewhere in Cuqiao. He was detained behind a building.

The first day there, Mr. Gu was tied to a metal window frame. The "investigating officer" poured water on him and jabbed him with a stick to keep him awake. On the second day, Mr. Gu was tied to the window again and punched in the chest. He was told that the beating was "compliments of" the national dictatorship department. The whole ordeal lasted four days, from August 4 through August 7, 2009. His lawyer came on two of the days, but was turned away. Mr. Gu said that he was taken to this isolated location to extract a "confession" by means of torture, because they don't usually beat people in a detention center. He stated that all of his so-called "confessions" were made under torture.

I Started a New Life after Finding Falun Dafa

(Clearwisdom.net) I am a Falun Gong practitioner from Qingdao City, Shandong Province, China. In the winter of 1996, my life was about to reach its end when I was fortunate to get to know Falun Gong. After learning Falun Gong, I started a completely new life.

I had always been frail and suffered from various diseases, such as rheumatic heart disease, inflammation of the gall bladder and kidneys, anemia, migraine, postoperative intestinal adhesions and arthritis. Because there were many times that I could not walk, I only had a fourth-grade education. I had visited all the hospitals in Qingdao City and several big hospitals outside the city, exhausting traditional Chinese medicine, Western medicine, surgeries, and alternative medicine. I had spent vast amounts of money to no avail.

One day in October 1996, I went to my community clinic to get an intravenous injection. When I passed by the park near my residence building, I noticed people practicing some exercises. As I walked close to them, I felt comfortable. I said to an older woman doing the exercises that I wanted to do them too. She gave me a copy of *Zhuan Falun* (the principle text of Falun Gong) and I joined the group and began to study Falun Gong.

From then on I practiced the exercises and read the book every day and my health gradually recovered. I did not need to rely on drugs any more. My complexion became rosy and healthy. My lips were not black and purple any more. I could catch my breath while walking. The protein level in my urine went way down. My joint function also returned to normal and I could start doing household chores. I truly had a feeling of relief from discomfort and disease. Half a year later, I went to the hospital to see my primary doctor who had been treating me for years. He was amazed when he saw how improved I was. I told him that it was Falun Gong that saved me. A year later, all my ailments disappeared completely and I became a truly healthy person.