

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Falun Dafa Practitioner Mr. Xie Wutang Dies after Ten Years of Persecution



**(Clearwisdom.net)** Mr. Xie Wutang, 71, was a Falun Gong practitioner who lived in Changsha City, Hunan Province. He was imprisoned and tortured in Wuling Prison. As a result of ongoing torture and abuse, Mr. Xie's health deteriorated severely. Despite this, prison officials did not release Mr. Xie until he was in critical condition. He died on April 12, 2011.

*Mr. Xie Wutang*

The police arrested Xie Wutang on October 8, 2000, when he was talking to people about the persecution in Yongzhou

City. An officer punched him in the jaw, loosening his teeth. They released Mr. Xie after "fining" him 10,000 yuan (\$1,540 USD; 1,000 yuan is the average monthly salary of an urban worker in China).

On July 14, 2007, Mr. Xie was arrested by policemen from the Domestic Security Division of the Tianxin District. He was sentenced to a five-year prison term by the Tianxin District Court. Mr. Xie was held and tortured in one facility after another. He was finally transferred to Wuling Prison in Changde City.

While in the Changsha City Detention Center, Xie Wutang suffered severe torture and had to undergo emergency resuscitation. His health quickly deteriorated, but the prison did not release him, nor did they allow him to receive the medical treatment he needed. Mr. Xie was taken to the Hunan Province Second Dispatch Center even though he did not meet the physical standards for admission.

Mr. Xie's children were not allowed not see him in prison and he was not allowed to write to his family. Xie was taken to Wuling Prison in February 2008. His family asked that he be released on medical parole, so that he could receive treatment. The prison authorities tried to force him to give up his practice of Falun Dafa as a condition for release. Mr. Xie refused. By February 2009, Mr. Xie's health had worsened. On January 29, 2010, when his family was finally able to visit him, Mr. Xie was walking with a cane. He told his wife that he had been having difficulty walking and urinating for several months.

By February 24, 2010, Mr. Xie was in critical condition. He was sent to the No. 5 Changde City Hospital for emergency treatment. The hospital issued a Notice of Terminal Illness to his family. The following day, Mr. Xie's family rushed to the hospital. The doctor said that his hypertension was at a very dangerous level and that he had heart disease, gastrointestinal diseases, and chronic kidney dysfunction. Mr. Xie's family saw that his whole body was bloated. He was hooked up to oxygen tubes and a heart monitor. He had IVs in both arms, and a catheter. Even though he was unable to move, his ankle was still shackled to the bed at night by the police.

On March 1, 2010, Mr. Xie was transferred to the No. 1 Xiangyafu Hospital of Changsha City with two policemen monitoring him. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Later, the cancer spread and the doctor said that surgery would no longer help. Mr. Xie was allowed out on medical parole only when he was near death. He died at 4:35 a.m. on April 12, 2011.

#### 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 100 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.



*Falun Dafa Day celebration in New York*

## New York: Practitioners Celebrate World Falun Dafa Day

**(Clearwisdom.net)** In celebration of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual World Falun Dafa Day, the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Falun Dafa's public introduction and founder Mr. Li Hongzhi's birthday, close to one thousand Falun Gong practitioners gathered on Union Square in Manhattan on May 13, 2011.

Practitioners of different ethnic backgrounds and ages did the Falun Gong exercises together in the morning. After the exercises, they gathered for a group photo and wished Master Li a happy birthday together. Colorful balloons, flags and banners adorned Union Square.

The Divine Land Marching Band started off the celebration in the afternoon. Falun Dafa practitioners shared their gratitude and joy with various performances, including lion dancing, folk dances, songs, and exercise demonstrations.

New York State Assembly Member Mr. Eric Stevenson issued a proclamation to Falun Gong practitioners and shouted "Falun Dafa is great" in Chinese at the beginning and the end of his speech during the celebration. Mr. Stevenson expressed his strong support for Falun Gong. He hoped that President Obama would take action to help stop the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

On May 3, 2011, the New York State Senate passed Legislative Resolution No. 1450, recognizing May 2011 as World Falun Dafa Month. On May 10, New York State Assembly Member Eric Stevenson read the proclamation at the assembly, commending Falun Dafa for its positive contributions to the State of New York, and announced May as Falun Dafa Month. On May 11, the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey issued a Joint Legislative Resolution acknowledging World Falun Dafa Day and commending Falun Dafa practitioners for their commitment and dedication to this advanced cultivation system.



*New York State Assembly Member Eric Stevenson shows his support for Falun Gong*

## International Transplant Experts Call for Stopping China's Forced Organ Harvesting

**(Clearwisdom.net)** China's forced organ harvesting is an inescapable responsibility for the global transplant community, including transplant patients, voiced a panel of experts in Philadelphia on May 1. Held alongside the 2011 American Transplant Congress, the panel discussion, titled *Global Transplant Community at Medical Crossroads*, saw a hotel ballroom full of participants.

Dr. Eric Goldberg, senior medical director of ICON, pointed out that the low cost of developing clinical trials in China—roughly 15 percent of that in the US—makes it very appealing to the pharmaceutical companies that try to develop drugs with a limited budget, adding that China offers the extra benefit of speeding up the drug development process by having a large number of patients and fewer regulations.



*A panel of experts discusses the problem of forced organ harvesting in China; from left to right: spokesperson Dr. Damon Noto of Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting, Dr. Gabriel Danovitch, Dr. Erping Zhang, Dr. Arthur Caplan, Dr. Eric Goldberg, and Lawyer Mr. David Matas.*

Human rights lawyer David Matas singled out the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche as an example. According to Matas, in the years 2002-2006 there were 41,500 transplant operations for which the Chinese regime could not provide a source. It is believed that detained Falun Gong practitioners are the most likely source for these organs. Roche's response, as Mr. Matas showed in his slide, was "Roche is not in charge of the supply of organs..."

Mr. Matas reported a watch list of multinational pharmaceutical companies that have conducted clinical trials on organ transplant anti-rejection drugs in China, including Wyeth (now part of Pfizer), Novartis, Roche, and Astella. These trials were performed on patients who received organs harvested in China.

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