

# Clearwisdom Review

## An Update on Falun Dafa Worldwide

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### Twenty-three Deaths of Falun Dafa Practitioners Under Persecution in China Confirmed in April 2006



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(Clearwisdom.net) In April 2006, 23 cases of Dafa practitioners in Mainland China dying from the persecution were confirmed. Among them are eleven female practitioners, 48% of the total; nine of the 23 practitioners, 39% of the total who died, were over 55 years old. The youngest was Ms. Du Juan, a 29-year-old doctor from Chongqing City who died on April 14, 2006. Sixteen of the 23 deaths occurred between January 2006 and April 2006. Five practitioners died in April 2006. Minghui/Clearwisdom website statistics have confirmed at least 53 deaths of Falun Gong practitioners in Mainland China between January 2006 and April 2006.

Since Jiang Zemin's group and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) began persecuting Falun Gong on July 20, 1999, the deaths of 2,876 Falun Gong practitioners have been verified through civil channels, yet this is only the tip of the iceberg of deaths resulting from persecution. Recently, it has been exposed that agents from the CCP have harvested organs from living Falun Gong practitioners at labor camps, prisons, concentration camps and hospitals, and then cremated the bodies to destroy the evidence. Due to the information blockade and the CCP's cover-up, we have so far been unable to verify or confirm the number or names of practitioners who had their organs harvested.

During nearly seven years of persecution, staff at detention centers, labor camps, prisons, 610 Office locations, hospitals and other locations of persecution have carried out brutal mental and physical torture against Falun Gong practitioners. This has taken place under the Jiang group's policy of "beating to death is counted as suicide" and a series of other genocidal policies.

#### Introduction to Falun Dafa

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a practice for benefiting physical health and elevating the mind. 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.

## Falun Gong Practitioners Invited to Participate in Strawberry Festival Parade, Receive Five Awards

(Clearwisdom.net) On the afternoon of May 20, 2006, one of the largest parades in the Eastern US -- the Strawberry Festival Grand Feature Parade -- was held in Buckhannon, West Virginia. First-class bands and performance groups from across America were invited to participate in the celebration activities. The Falun Gong entry was invited as the only Asian group, and received five awards from the parade.



This was the first year that Falun Gong practitioners participated in the parade. The practitioners' float was very popular, and won three awards: Grand Feature Parade 1<sup>st</sup> Place Professional Float, Grand Feature Parade Strawberry Teen's Choice Float and Grand Feature Parade WV Strawberry Festival President's Choice. The waist drum troupe won the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Grand Feature Parade Marching Unit, Musical entry, and the Divine Land Marching Band won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Grand Feature Parade Marching Unit, Musical entry.

## A Teacher in Taiwan: My Life Has Been Prolonged by the Miracle of Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) Four years ago, I experienced a critical moment in my life. At that time, I got a cold when I was more than five months pregnant. I had not thought that the cold virus would unexpectedly get into my heart and cause heart inflammation. But it did, which created a rare disease - "pericardium membrane inflammation."

The doctor told me that this was a rare disease, that there was no medicine that would help, and that the heart function would slowly fail. According to former cases, a patient with this illness would live for only one year unless he/she underwent an operation, but the risk of surgery was high and the side effects after the surgery would last for the remainder of one's life. One would then have lifelong illnesses, and would have to follow many strict guidelines.

Just when I became very pained and weak, both physically and mentally, a colleague told me that I should try to practice Falun Gong. After I started practicing Falun Gong three years ago, my physical health improved. My mind became peaceful, healthy, and positive. My life was prolonged like a miracle. Several months later, the cardiology doctor told me that I was the first patient that he had heard of whose body functions were gradually restored without undergoing surgery.

## The Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong

(Clearwisdom.net) Since the inhuman atrocities were exposed about the Chinese Communist Party's harvesting organs from living Falun Gong practitioners and cremation of their bodies to destroy the evidence, concerned people have taken action. On April 4, 2006, the Falun Dafa Association and the Minghui/Clearwisdom website co-founded the Coalition to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong. Leads are being collected from a variety of sources throughout society, who may have some knowledge of these atrocities. We hope that people with information can continue to help us expose the brutalities against Falun Gong practitioners taking place in labor camps, prisons and hospitals in various parts of China, so that together we can end this persecution.

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