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University Student Lu Zhen Beaten to Death

(Clearwisdom.net) Mr. Lu Zhen was a student in the International Finance Department at Chongqing University. Because he practiced Falun Gong, he was persecuted by the Chinese Communist Party and was jailed in the Shandong Province Prison. On June 20, 2009, Guard Chen Yan ordered six inmates to beat Mr. Lu. On June 21, Lu Zhen died as a result of the beating. He was only 33 years old.

Lu Zhen's family was told that he died of a sudden heart attack. Yet there is no history of heart disease in his family, and Mr. Lu was in excellent health before being imprisoned. His family members requested an autopsy. The autopsy showed that Mr. Lu suffered severe physical trauma prior to his death. A lot of blood was found in his chest. Although there was no scarring on the skin of his buttocks and thighs, the muscle under the skin was necrotic – a condition consistent with being beaten with rubber batons.



Mr. Lu Zhen

Lu Zhen was from Xirulai Village, Shandong Province. He was a student in good standing at Chongqing University. In May 2000, Lu was expelled from the university because he was a Falun Gong practitioner. In June 2000, he went to Beijing to protest and was arrested. At the Xishanping Forced Labor Camp, Mr. Lu was tortured. He sustained injuries to his head, and his face was disfigured.

After Lu Zhen was released, the local 610 Office [an agency specifically charged with persecuting Falun Gong] directed the village to call out his name on the loudspeaker every day and urged the villagers to not have any contact with him. His family was under great pressure, and Mr. Lu was forced to leave home.

In December 2004, Mr. Lu was sentenced to 11 years and was sent to Shandong Prison. Guard Li Wei ordered criminal inmates to torture Falun Gong practitioners. Because Mr. Lu refused to give up his belief, Li ordered the prisoners to force him to maintain a squatting position with both hands over his head from 5 a.m. until 2 or 3 a.m. the next morning. If he moved, he would be beaten. The prisoners monitored Mr. Lu around the clock.

After being subjected to physical and mental torture for a month, Lu Zhen was forced, against his conscience, to sign a statement renouncing Falun Dafa. In the second half of 2005, Mr. Lu declared the statement void and resumed his practice of Falun Gong. He was sent to the strict discipline room for intensified torture. The last time he was seen, he was so worn-out that he could not keep his eyes open.

In 2007, Mr. Lu was transferred to a special section of the prison, where four to twenty guards took turns torturing him. Mr. Lu was beaten and made to sit on a small stool for a long time. In February 2009, he was reported for passing on Falun Dafa materials. He was punished by being made to sit on a narrow stool with his knees against a wall. Sometimes, the guards would shine a powerful light in his eyes. On June 21, 2009, Mr. Lu Zhen was beaten to death.

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.

Former Mayor: "Tonight I'm changed and I owe it to all of you, thank you!"

(Clearwisdom.net) After seeing Shen Yun's performance at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, Sepi Richardson, a Council member for the City of Brisbane and former mayor of Brisbane, California, wished to tell the Shen Yun performers, "Tonight I'm changed and I owe it to all of you, thank you!"



Councilwoman Sepi Richardson

Ms. Richardson had attended last season's performance twice. She shared her feeling that Shen Yun performances are good for parents to bring their kids to, noting that they truly teach the meaning of life, and teach us to not be so much into ourselves, because there is something bigger out there. "We are not teaching our kids as much as we would like to about spirituality, about the heritage that we have, the background that we have," she said.

"It's fascinating," Ms. Richardson continued. "There is a saying that we have, 'in order to have the lamp burning you need to put oil in it.' What all of you are doing is putting oil in the lamp to keep the lamp burning by passing on these spiritual messages, beautiful dances, beautiful customs, beautiful ancestral meaning of life to our future generations. It's remarkable." Ms. Richardson felt that the entire production team did a wonderful job. "I feel like I'm leaving with a lamp," she said.

Ms. Richardson would like to tell everyone, "Get off the couch, and participate in reviving and continuing this beautiful heritage." She thinks that all Chinese people should be very proud of their classical heritage and feels that Chinese people should come out to see the New York-based Shen Yun company for themselves. "I guarantee, when you leave this program, you are not the same person who came! I'm very grateful for tonight's performance; it was beautiful."

San Francisco Audiences Highly Praise Shen Yun



Mr. Summers, dancer and musician, was enthusiastic about the Shen Yun performance.

(Clearwisdom.net) Shen Yun Performing Arts performed at San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House on the evening of January 6. Mr. Summers, a dancer, musician, songwriter, and choreographer, saw the New York-based Shen Yun for the first time. "It's just dynamite, really good...uplifting. I think this kind of show is going to have an effect all over the world. The way in which this show is done is so artistic and wonderful. It connects to the music," said Mr. Summers.

Summers was greatly impressed with the unique sound of the full orchestra playing a combination of Eastern and Western instruments. "The orchestra is fantastic. Sometimes it's really sad and deep, but still uplifting."

Mr. McCarthy, a retired university professor, and his wife could not say enough after seeing the show. "[The show is] the finest performance that I have seen. Everything gave a message -- conveyed a message through it and it was lovely," said Mr. McCarthy. "Nobody can afford not to see this show!"

Ailments that Persisted for Years Vanish in 20 Days

(Clearwisdom.net) I started practicing Falun Dafa in 1997. My husband suffered from diabetes, nephropathy, and prostatitis. In the fall of 2009, he was attacked by prostatitis and couldn't urinate. We visited a doctor three times but the treatment did not work. On the fourth time, I asked my husband to try practicing Falun Gong. He agreed and decided not to go to the hospital.

Each morning, my husband did the exercises with me. During the first exercise, when Master Li says "Stretch" on the recording, he did it, and then he suddenly could urinate. I was so excited that tears flowed from my eyes.

My husband continued to do the exercises. Twenty days later, he threw out all of his medicines and made up his mind to just do the exercises and study the teachings of Falun Gong. His nephropathy and prostatitis have disappeared. My husband is healthy and can now urinate normally.